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THE CATHOLIC Spirit

Silver Rose Traveling through West Virginia

By Colleen Rowan

The Silver Rose Pilgrimage, advancing the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, has two more stops in the diocese this weekend. Sponsored by the West Virginia Knights of Columbus State Council, local councils are hosting the Silver Rose at their parishes gathering Knights and parishioners to pray for respect for life and for the spiritual renewal of the pilgrimage's participating countries — the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

St. John University Parish in Morgantown and Council 8288 will host the Silver Rose today, Friday, Aug. 7, at 4:30 p.m. at the church. The next day, Saturday, Aug. 8, St. Luke the

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Courtesy photo

Knights of Columbus are pictured with the Silver Rose at St. Matthew Parish in Ravenswood.

Pope Encourages Catholics to Deepen Prayer through Liturgy of the Hours

By Josephine Peterson, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Returning to his weekly general audiences after a monthlong summer break, Pope Leo XIV urged Catholics to embrace the Liturgy of the Hours more fully in their daily lives, saying the church's public prayer is an antidote to a world shaped by technology, consumerism and an efficiency-driven mindset.

"Every week and every day, the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours are the breath of the life of the Church, which makes the Holy Spirit circulate through her Body," he said Aug. 5.

Because of Rome's summer heat, the pope held

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Obituary—Father Charles Eugene McGinnis, Jr.

Father Charles Eugene McGinnis, Jr., died Aug. 5, 2026, at Wheeling Hospital in Wheeling, W.Va., at the age of 60. He was born July 26, 1966, to Sandra K. (Turvey) and Charles E. McGinnis, Sr. He attended St. Vincent de Paul Parish School, Central Catholic High School, and Wheeling Park High School, all in Wheeling. He studied at Australia Catholic University in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, in 1988, and graduated from West Liberty State College with a bachelor's degree in 1990. He completed his theological studies at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pa., where he received a Master of Divinity in 2006.

Father McGinnis was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 2006, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling and then served in his first assignment as associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarksburg, W.Va., until 2008. He was associate pastor at St. Alphonsus Parish in Wheeling from 2008 to 2009, and administrator of Good Shepherd Parish in Glenville, W.Va., from 2009 to 2013. He was appointed administrator of Sacred Heart and St. Peter Claver Parishes in Huntington, W.Va., in 2013 and then as pastor from 2016 to 2018. During that time, he was also chaplain of St. Joseph Central Catholic High School in Huntington. He served as pastor of St. John Parish in St. Marys, W.Va., and Christ Our Hope Mission in Harrisville, W.Va., from 2018 to 2021; and St. Sebastian Parish in Kingwood, and the Missions of St. Zita in Masontown and St. Edward of the Confessor in Terra Alta in 2022.

Father McGinnis was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus, Third Degree. He retired from active ministry in 2024.

He is survived by his sisters, Missi (Ron) Magers and Cheri (Randy) Taggart. He also leaves behind his nieces Jordan Matthews (Brandon Smigel), Morgan Magers (Brian Dabrawsky), and Zoey Taggart; his nephews Matthew Stachura and Chase Taggart; and his great-nieces Brynlee Smigel, Paytyn Stachura, Caydy Stachura, and Reagyn Stachura. He is also survived by a close friend, Linda Zima.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Altmeyer Funeral Home, Elm Grove (154 Kruger St., Wheeling) from 5-7 p.m. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. with Father Douglas Sutton as celebrant and Father Gary Naegele as the homilist.

The Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church (2240 Marshall Ave., Wheeling) with Bishop Emeritus Mark E. Brennan as presider and Father Chris Turner as homilist. A luncheon will follow the funeral Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Marist Center.

Burial will take place at a later time.

The Catholic Spirit's Print Schedule for 2026

There are 10 print editions in 2026. Below are the names of the issues and the publishing dates. Please note, the publishing dates may or may not be on feast days. Digital issues are published every Friday, delivered by e-mail to subscribers, and posted on thecatholicspiritwv.org.

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Silver Rose...

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Evangelist Parish in Cheat Lake and Council 16530 will host the Silver Rose at 5 p.m. at the church. On Sunday, the Knights will hand the Silver Rose to Knights of Columbus from Pennsylvania who will take the pilgrimage to parishes in the Keystone State.

West Virginia is on the fourth of eight routes of the pilgrimage which began in Ontario, Canada, in February, moves through the United States, and ends in Mexico. The Silver Rose arrived in the Mountain State on July 12 and has made stops at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, Sacred Heart Parish in Bluefield, St. Matthew Parish in Ravenswood, St. Anthony Parish in Fairmont, St. Bernadette Parish in Hedgesville, Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Oak Hill, and Our Lady of Peace Parish in Wheeling.

The visits of the Silver Rose are rosary-centered occasions for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Knights's website states.

Anticipating its arrival in West Virgina, Brian Gordon, state deputy of the West Virginia Knights of Columbus State Council, told The Catholic Spirit: "The Silver Rose is offered to the people of West Virginia by the Knights of Columbus as a sign of hope. This pilgrimage is our way of sharing the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promoting respect for life."

Courtesy photos

At right, the Silver Rose and an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe are shown at Our Lady of Peace Church in Wheeling during a prayer gathering. Below, the Silver Rose is shown at Our Lady of Peace. The church was one of nine West Virginia parishes that hosted or will host the Silver Rose with a local Knights of Columbus council.

Pope...

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the audience inside instead of St. Peter's Square; however, this time it was held in St. Peter's Basilica rather than in the Paul VI Hall. As he processed to the altar, he stopped to shake hands with attendees and bless babies and rosaries.

Continuing his series on the documents of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Leo reflected on 'Sacrosanctum Concilium,' the Constitution on the liturgy. He said "it is the Holy Spirit who teaches us to pray," and that Christians unite themselves with Christ in offering praise and thanksgiving to God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Bound to the Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Hours sanctifies the rhythm of the day, the pope said, beginning with morning prayer, continuing at midday and evening, and ending with night prayer as the faithful entrust themselves to God's peace.

"Each hour is an act of hope," he said.

The Liturgy of the Hours is the church's official daily prayer, consisting of psalms, Scripture readings, hymns and prayers recited at designated times throughout the day. Pope Leo said the tradition of prayer is "no longer passed on" even in many Christian families, even though prayer is a "fundamental dimension of our humanity."

In societies "dominated by an efficiency-driven and consumerist mindset," prayer can seem "pointless and trivial," the pope said. In a world "where science and technology claim to provide all the answers," he added, prayer may appear to be a form of escapism.

"Brothers and sisters, may we find the spiritual nourishment necessary on our earthly pilgrimage by joining with the whole Church in her liturgical prayer as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," the pope said in his greeting to English-speaking pilgrims.

"Far from avoiding the world and its needs, all prayer, especially in the entire liturgy, is the essential dimension of our humanity," he added.

The pope's encouragement comes after the Vatican approved a new English-language edition of the Liturgy of the Hours in November 2025. After 13 years, the U.S. bishops produced a translation that more closely reflects the original Latin texts. The first volume is expected to be released ahead of Lent 2027.

In his greeting to French-speaking pilgrims, Pope Leo encouraged those on summer vacation to deepen their interior life by spending more time with the Lord in prayer. Even leisure and rest, he said, "belong to him" and "can be sanctified by his presence."

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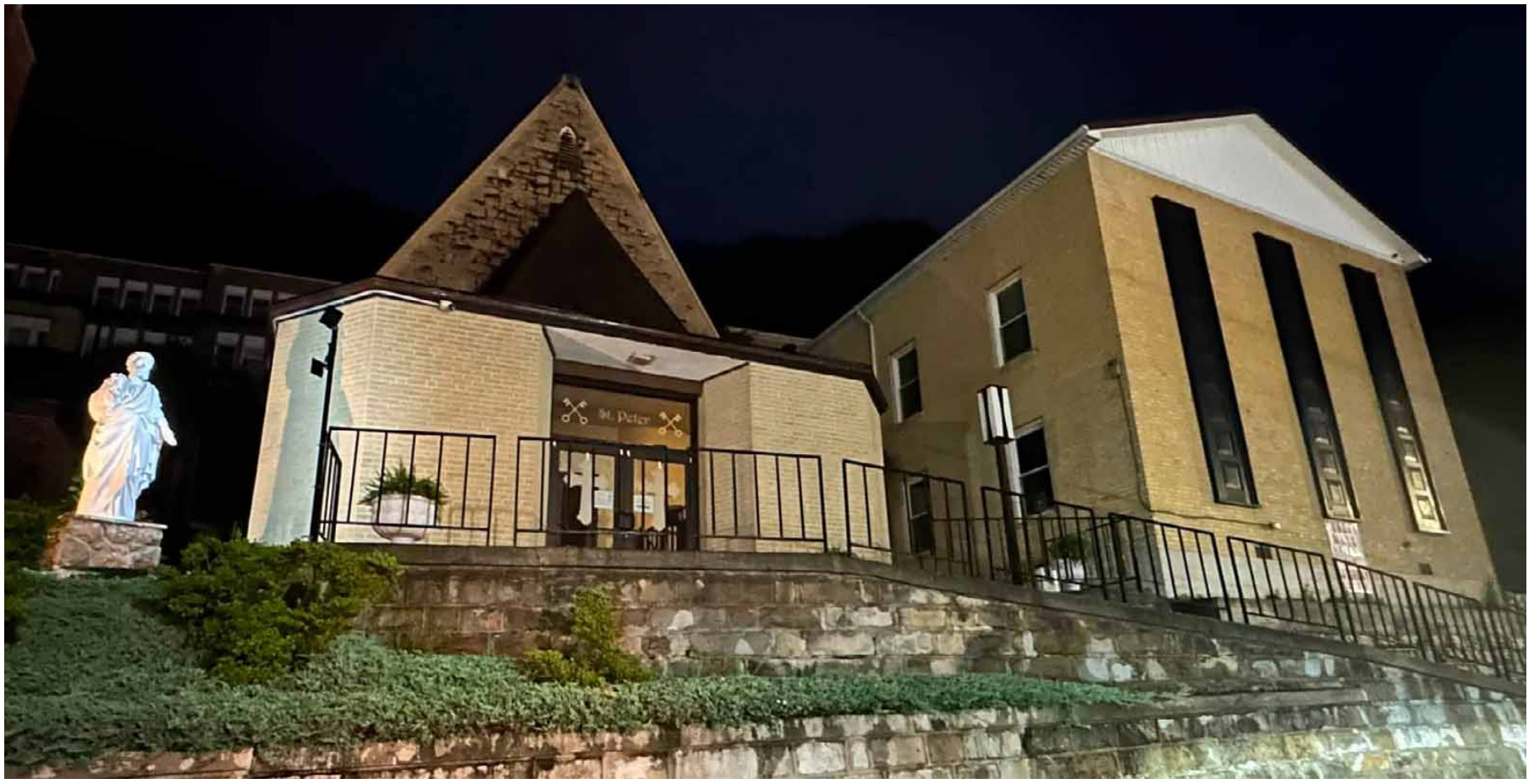

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A statue of St. Peter shines by newly-installed, solar-powered lights on the grounds of St. Peter Church in Welch. In an Aug. 3 post on Facebook, parish officials said the statue was recently painted. "Gratitude and appreciation to the help and service of Gregory Roope and Cameron Godfrey," parish officials said in the post.

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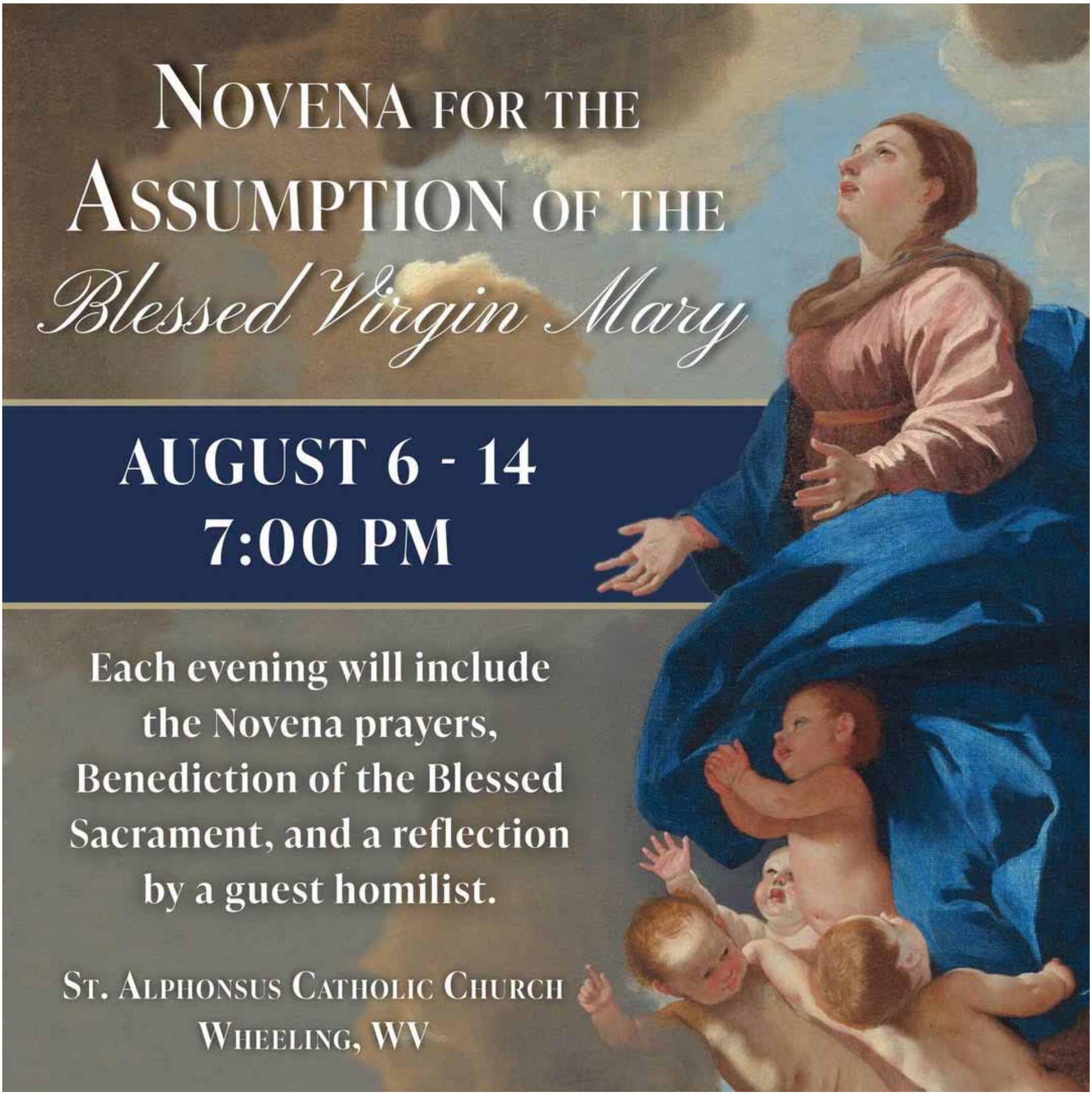
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Hidden for Centuries: How Newly Identified St. Augustine Sermons Were Found

By Katarzyna Szalajko

WARSAW, Poland (OSV News) — Two previously unknown sermons by St. Augustine have been identified in a 12th-century manuscript preserved in Poland, giving scholars a rare new window into the mind of one of Christianity's greatest theologians more than 1,600 years after he preached them.

The discovery was made in a 12th-century manuscript preserved at the diocesan library in Pelplin in northern Poland after nearly two years of research by scholars from Germany and Austria. The sermons, to be published in a critical edition by the end of 2026, address Saul's encounter with the Medium of Endor in the Book of Samuel.

The manuscript had long been catalogued in the library's collection, but no one had studied it in depth before the recent collaboration with scholars from Germany and Austria, Father Jan Walkusz, director of the diocesan library in Pelplin, told OSV News.

"Only the recent research by scholars from Bad Doberan, Würzburg and Vienna showed that the manuscript contains two previously unknown sermons by the Bishop of Hippo," the priest said.

How the careful academic research started

The story began with a phone call.

"In 2024 I was approached by Paul Nebauer from Bad Doberan ... who had found a medieval manuscript with sermons attributed to Augustine in the diocesan library of Pelplin," Christian Tornau, a Latin scholar and professor at Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, told OSV News.

"He asked me for help with the identification and translation of the texts," the professor said.

Nebauer, a member of the Bad Doberan Monastery Association, has spent years tracing medieval manuscripts from the former Cistercian abbey. Its library was destroyed during the Thirty Years' War in the 17th century.

During research visits to Pelplin in 2024 and 2025, Nebauer identified six manuscripts that clearly originated from Bad Doberan. One volume immediately drew his attention.

"At first, the brief table of contents offered little insight into the content," Nebauer told OSV News. "It was only the keywords 'Phytonissa' and 'Resuscitatio Samuelis' that drew my attention to the biblical story of the Witch (Medium) of Endor."

In the first Book of Samuel, chapter 28, King Saul consults a medium who summons the prophet Samuel before his final battle with the Philistines. The episode has long challenged Christian interpreters because it appears to show a medium exercising power over one of God's prophets.

OSV News photo/Public Domain, Los Angeles County Museum of Art

This is a 17th-century painting of St. Augustine by artist Philippe de Champaigne. The saint lived in the years A.D. 354-430 and is considered a Church father and doctor of the Church.

Nebauer "found the text very unusual — words like that from St. Augustine?" he recalled. Recognizing that the manuscript required expert analysis, he contacted Tornau. The 12th-century manuscript was copied at Bad Doberan, possibly from a now-lost manuscript at Amelungsborn Abbey.

Two new sermons never before identified

Father Walkusz said the manuscript reached Pelplin through the Cistercian monks. When monks from Bad Doberan established a daughter abbey in Pelplin in the 13th century, "it was customary for Cistercians to equip the new community with the necessary liturgical and theological books," he told OSV News. "That is how this volume containing St. Augustine's sermons, together with other manuscripts from Bad Doberan, came to Pelplin."

Of the six sermons preserved in the manuscript, four were already known to scholars, while two had never been identified.

"We were fascinated, of course, by the idea of having found new sermons of Augustine," Tornau told OSV News, "but soon turned skeptical because at some places the sermons did not seem to read like Augustine." The team, joined by scholars Dorothea Weber and Clemens Weidmann of Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum — Corpus of Latin Ecclesiastical Writings in English, or CSEL, in Vienna — spent nearly two years transcribing and analyzing the texts, including during a 2025 summer school with about 20 specialists.

"Our final verdict that they are indeed authentic is the result of continuous philological work over almost two years," Tornau said.

The scholars based their conclusion on liturgical, linguistic and theological evidence pointing consistently to St. Augustine's authorship. Clemens Weidmann of CSEL, who also worked on the edition, said the manuscript's attribution to St. Augustine was only the starting point. "This alone, however, is not enough to prove Augustine's authorship because many inauthentic sermons are attributed in manuscripts to him falsely," he told OSV News.

"As the preacher is thus indistinguishable from Augustine, we found it methodically safe to accept Augustine's authorship rather than to invent an anonymous 'pupil' or 'follower,'" Tornau told OSV News. "No disciple, no author of later times would have been so familiar with Augustine's style and thinking to compile an 'Augustinian sermon' by putting together so many stylistic features found across his writings," Weidmann told OSV News.

Cultural and religious riches of the Pelplin collection

Father Walkusz said that the discovery also highlights the significance of the Pelplin collection itself. "The discovery of these sermons proves beyond doubt that the carefully preserved collections in Pelplin conceal enormous cultural and religious riches, accessible to researchers from around the world," he told OSV News.

"New discoveries of works from Late Antiquity are always a sensation," Weber, a retired professor and longtime Augustine scholar with CSEL, told OSV News. The newly identified sermons also offer an unusually personal glimpse of St. Augustine as a preacher, she emphasized.

"It is extremely fascinating to see how Augustine explained to the congregation why he did not have a chance to prepare for the Bible passage he was supposed to preach on," Weber told OSV News. "He initially tried to buy some time to organize his thoughts, and yet, despite improvising, he achieved his typical stylistic brilliance and a clear structure in his complex argumentation," she said.

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Sermons...

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The sermons focus on one of the most debated episodes in the Old Testament. According to Tornau, ancient Christian interpreters generally proposed two explanations for Saul's encounter with Samuel. Either God permitted the prophet to appear despite the medium's actions, or Saul was deceived by an evil spirit impersonating Samuel. Rather than insisting that only one interpretation is correct, St. Augustine carefully considers both.

What St. Augustine discusses in the sermons

"In the new sermons, Augustine discusses both options with pros and cons and concludes that they are both acceptable because neither is against Christian faith," Tornau told OSV News.

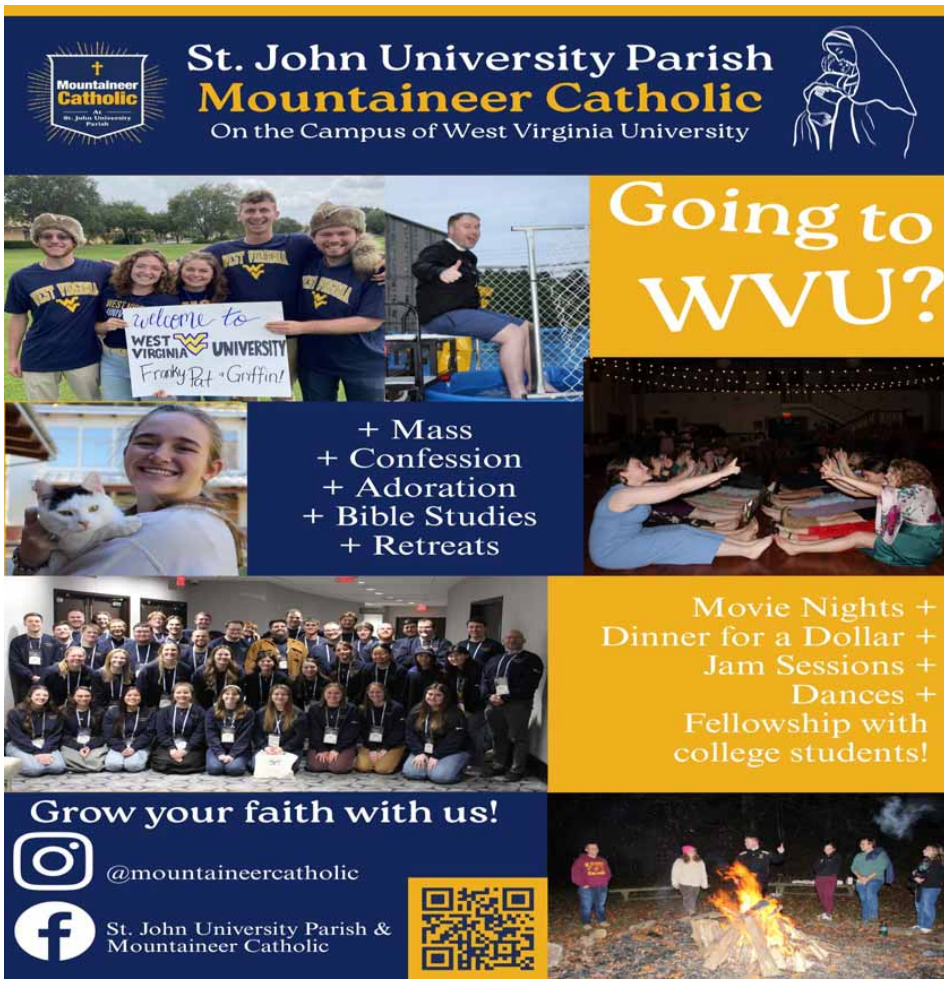
"This openness for divergent interpretations of scripture is characteristic of Augustine in general."

Weber said that approach distinguishes St. Augustine from many other early Christian writers. "Augustine aims not at prescribing a single 'correct' interpretation, but rather at exploring the range of possible interpretations that remain within the framework of the doctrine of the Church," she said. "There are not many of Augustine's sermons that take such a systematic approach to an exegetical problem and thus demand a high level of intellectual engagement from the audience."

Nebauer believes that openness is precisely what makes the newly discovered sermons relevant today. "The subject of the 'Witch of Endor' poses a challenge for belief in God," he told OSV News. "However, St. Augustine resolves the issue very elegantly."

"He presents several possible interpretations, refrains from making a final judgment, and allows his listeners to draw their own conclusions." The researchers say the most surprising theological insight appears near the end of the newly identified texts. "The most remarkable element of the new sermons is the idea that Saul after hearing Samuel's prophecy may have repented and been redeemed," Tornau told OSV News.

"It is indicative of Augustine's independence of mind and his willingness to think of everyone, even those who appear most evil, as capable of salvation through the grace of God," Tornau told OSV News. "This combines intellectual honesty and episcopal humility in a remarkable and very Augustinian way."



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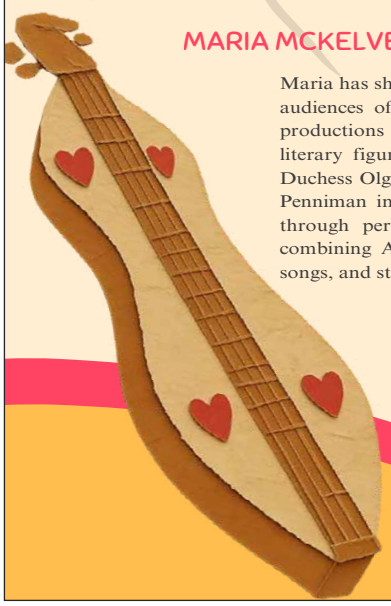

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The grandfather had recently lost his job and spent more than a month in the hospital, where he underwent a major surgery. His spouse had also lost her income earlier in the year and was still searching for work. Living with them is their granddaughter, who cares full-time for her infant son. Born months early, he depends on specialized medical equipment and constant attention.

Without gas service, the family would have had no heat, no hot water, and no way to cook. The situation was becoming urgent.

At a critical moment, a gas company representative encouraged the family to reach out to Catholic Charities West Virginia. Through the Romney office, support came together quickly. Funding from a special assistance program, a grant from Potomac Highlands United Way, and a contribution from a local community partner made it possible to keep their gas service connected.

For this family, it meant more than restored service. It meant stability during a difficult time and the ability to safely care for one another at home.

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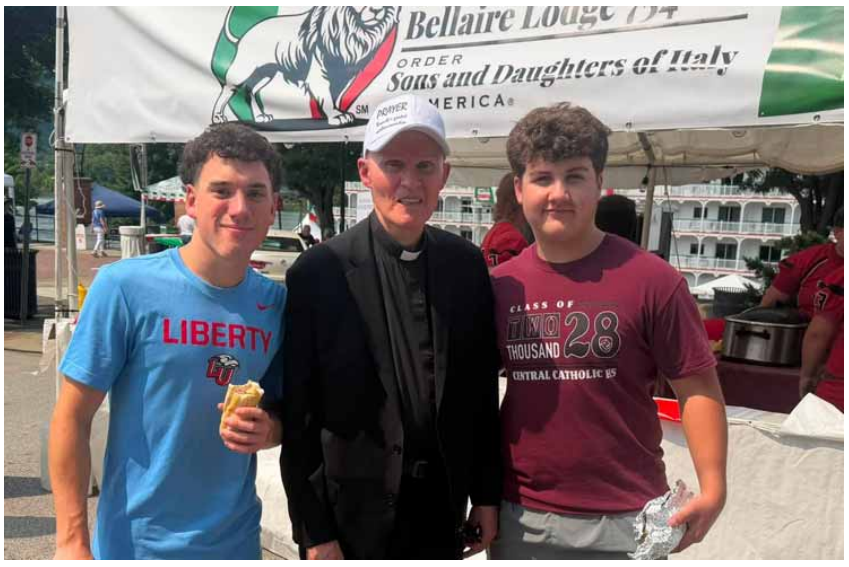

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Bishop Emeritus Mark Brennan celebrated Mass at the Italian Festival at Heritage Port in Wheeling and then bought lunch for his altar servers — Levi Rine and Luca Benson.

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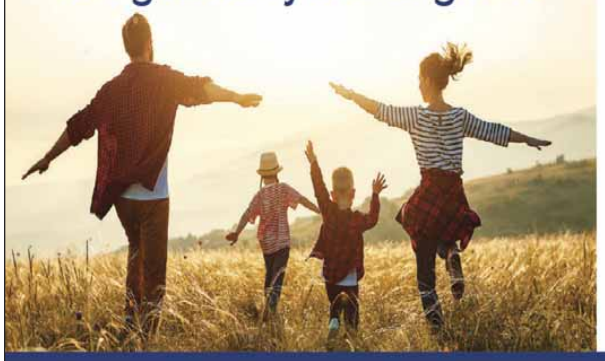

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