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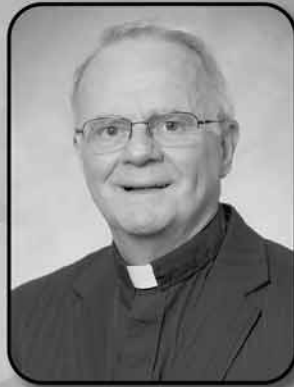
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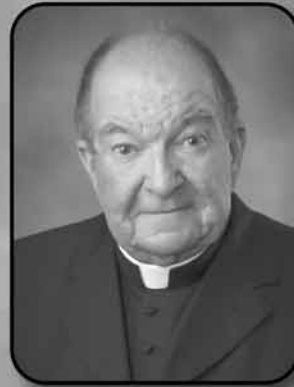
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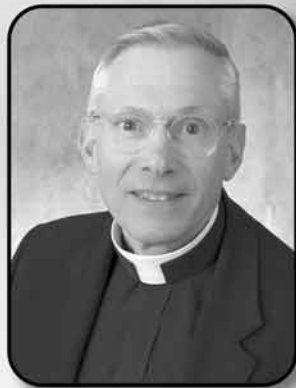
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your years of service.*

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August 8, 2025

Dear Jubilarians,

In July I celebrated the 25th anniversary Mass of a couple whose wedding I had in 2001 and at the same time I stayed with a couple whom I had prepared for marriage in that same year, who look forward now to their 25th anniversary in September. What a pleasure it was to be with couples who have good marriages and continue to grow in faith and love! How grateful their children and I are for the many blessings God has bestowed on them.

Some of us were not called to the married state but to serve God as celibate diocesan priests or religious priests or sisters. We remember anniversaries, too, because they are milestones on the pilgrimage of our service to God and His people. I congratulate you as you observe a significant anniversary this year. I trust that you have many reasons to thank God for His blessings to you and those He gave through you to His people.

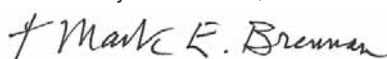
It always cheers my heart when

people in a parish I am visiting tell me how much they appreciate their priest or tell me about retired priests whom they fondly remember or a religious sister who had a strong impact on their lives. While we do not have our own spouses and children to thank us, we do have many spiritual brothers and sisters who are grateful for how we have helped them know and love God. In our different vocations we help one another live by the values of God's Kingdom until we reach its goal in heaven.

If you are still in active service, keep it up, refreshed and renewed every day in prayer and through the Eucharist. If you are retired, keep praying for God's people and for this lowly Bishop. That is an effective and welcome form of service.

May God keep you in His care and bless you with good health, strength and joy!

Sincerely in Christ,



+Mark E. Brennan
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

Dear Jubilarians,

As the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, I write to you with a heart overflowing in thanksgiving. Today we pause, with deep reverence and joy, to honor the sacred gift of your vocation and to give thanks for the countless ways your lives have borne witness to the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

In a world so often in need of hope, your years of faithful service have been a steady and radiant light. Through seasons of harvest and hardship, through quiet acts of kindness and bold proclamations of truth, you have lived your "yes" to God with courage, humility, and enduring love. Thank you—for all the moments seen and unseen, for the hours spent in prayer, in service, in counsel, and in sacrificial love.

The words of the Prophet Isaiah speak so beautifully of your ministry:

"The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them." (Isaiah 50:4)

Indeed, through your words, your hands, your hearts, and your very presence, you have lifted the weary, anointed the brokenhearted, and strengthened the Church. You have walked with the people of God in the valleys and on the mountaintops, always pointing the way to Christ.

On behalf of the clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, I offer you our sincerest congratulations and deepest gratitude. Your lives of ministry are a testament to God's enduring faithfulness and a blessing to all who have had the grace to walk with you.

May the Lord, who called you and has walked beside you every step of the way, now bless you abundantly. May He renew your strength, deepen your joy, and surround you with the love and prayers of those you have so generously served.

With abiding gratitude for your vocation and steadfast witness, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Sebastian E. Devasya, V.E.

Episcopal Vicar for Clergy

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
It is with great joy that we welcome the time to celebrate our Jubilarians. Jubilee time means stepping back and remembering the highlights of your years of ministerial service, giving thanks for all the blessings, and acknowledging God's handiwork through your ministry! Your faithful-

ness and your promises reflect God's unconditional love. We appreciate your service in our Diocese in West Virginia and hope that each one of you can find time and space to celebrate this milestone well, even as you journey on!

Sister Martha Gomez, RGS
Delegate for Consecrated Life

IN GRATITUDE

OF OUR CLERGY & RELIGIOUS IN WEST VIRGINIA

**FOR YOUR YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY TO
THE PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE OF
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ARE WITH YOU AS YOU CELEBRATE YOUR
JUBILEE ANNIVERSARIES.**



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55th Anniversary, Father Patsy J. Iaquinta

Father Patsy J. Iaquinta, a native of Clarksburg, celebrates 55 years of priesthood this year. He attended the University of Notre Dame and is a 1964 graduate of St. Charles College.

In 1966, he received a Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, where he also completed his theological studies in 1970. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Joseph H. Hodges at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg on May 2, 1970.

Father Iaquinta's first assignment was at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Parkersburg from 1970 to 1974. He then served as associate pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Moundsville from 1974 to 1976. He was also temporary chaplain at St. Joseph Motherhouse in Wheeling in 1976. Later in that year, he was appointed associate pastor of St. Theresa Parish in Morgantown. He was appointed associate pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Westover in 1977 and then as pastor in 1979.

Father Iaquinta was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Bluefield in 1990. In 1993, he took on the additional responsibilities as dean of the Bluefield Deanery. He then served as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Fairmont from 2004 until his retirement from active ministry in 2009.

**Congratulations***Fr. Patsy Iaquinta***on your 55th Jubilee!**

**Our former Pastor who lovingly served
our parish for 14 Years!**

Sacred Heart Parish, Bluefield

**Happy Anniversary,
Jubilarians of 2025**

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Congratulations Father Mat!

*We are grateful for your ministry of almost 30 years in
Shepherdstown and pray for you as you celebrate your
50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. All our best!*



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50th Anniversary, Father Larry W. Dorsch

Wheeling native Father Larry W. Dorsch is celebrating his 50th anniversary of priesthood. He is a graduate of St. Joseph Preparatory Seminary in Vienna. He received a Bachelor of Arts in psychology at Wheeling College and a Master of Theology at the University of Notre Dame.

He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Joseph H. Hodges at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling on April 19, 1975. His first assignment was associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarksburg from 1975 to 1978 and then at St. Theresa Parish in Morgantown from 1978 to 1980. He was appointed administrator of Good Shepherd Parish in Glenville in 1980. That same year he was appointed administrator of St. Stephen Parish in Ona and then Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Huntington as associate pastor. In 1983, he was appointed administrator of Christ in the Hills Parish in Hamlin. In 1990, Father Dorsch was appointed pastor of Holy Family Parish

in Beech Bottom and served as a consultant in Diocesan Communications. He was rector of the cathedral from 1994 to 2005, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Wheeling from 1994 to 1995, and as pastor of St. Joan of Ark Parish in Wheeling for a time in 1995. He was also pastor of Wheeling Catholic Elementary School from 2002 to 2005.

Father Dorsch became pastor of St. Paul Parish in Weirton in 2005 and served there for 13 years until his retirement from active ministry in 2018.

During his priesthood, he received a Master of Arts in communication studies in 1990 from Marshall University in Huntington and an honorary doctorate from Wheeling Jesuit University in 2000. He was the founding president of Hopeful City and a member of the national board of directors for the Gamaliel Foundation in Chicago.



50th Anniversary, Father T. Mathew Rowgh

Father T. Mathew Rowgh is a native of Weston and is celebrating his 50th anniversary of priesthood. He is a graduate of St. Joseph Preparatory Seminary in Vienna and Wheeling College, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in sociology in 1971. He received his Master of Divinity from St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore in 1974 and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Joseph H. Hodges on April 19, 1975, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. Father Rowgh served at St. Anthony Parish in Follansbee as associate pastor from 1975 to 1977, St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley as associate pastor and later as pastor from 1977 to 1979. He served on the advisory committee for the "The Catholic Spirit" in 1980 and as temporary administrator at St. John Parish in Mullins for in 1981. He was pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Princeton from 1981 to 1993, dean of the Bluefield Deanery from 1987 to 1983, and pastor of St. Andrew Mission in Union from 1992 to 1993.

Father Rowgh spent the next 27 years as pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Shepherdstown, from 1993 to his retirement from active ministry in 2020. He served as a part-time chaplain for the Martinsburg VA Medical Center from 2015 to 2020 and chaplain at Shepherd University from 2018 to 2020. In 2022, Father Rowgh came out of retirement to serve as temporary administrator at St. Agnes.





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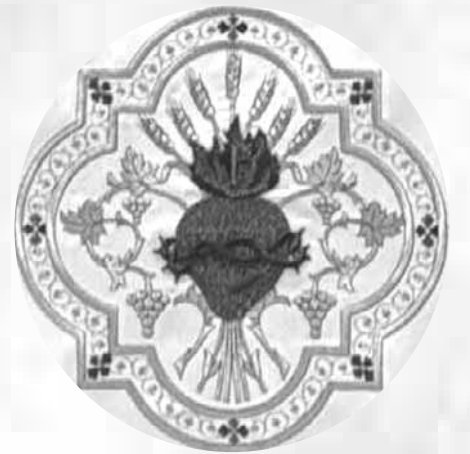
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Happy 50th Anniversary

Father Mathew Rowgh

Our former Pastor
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Happy 50th Anniversary of Priesthood,

Father Larry W. Dorsch



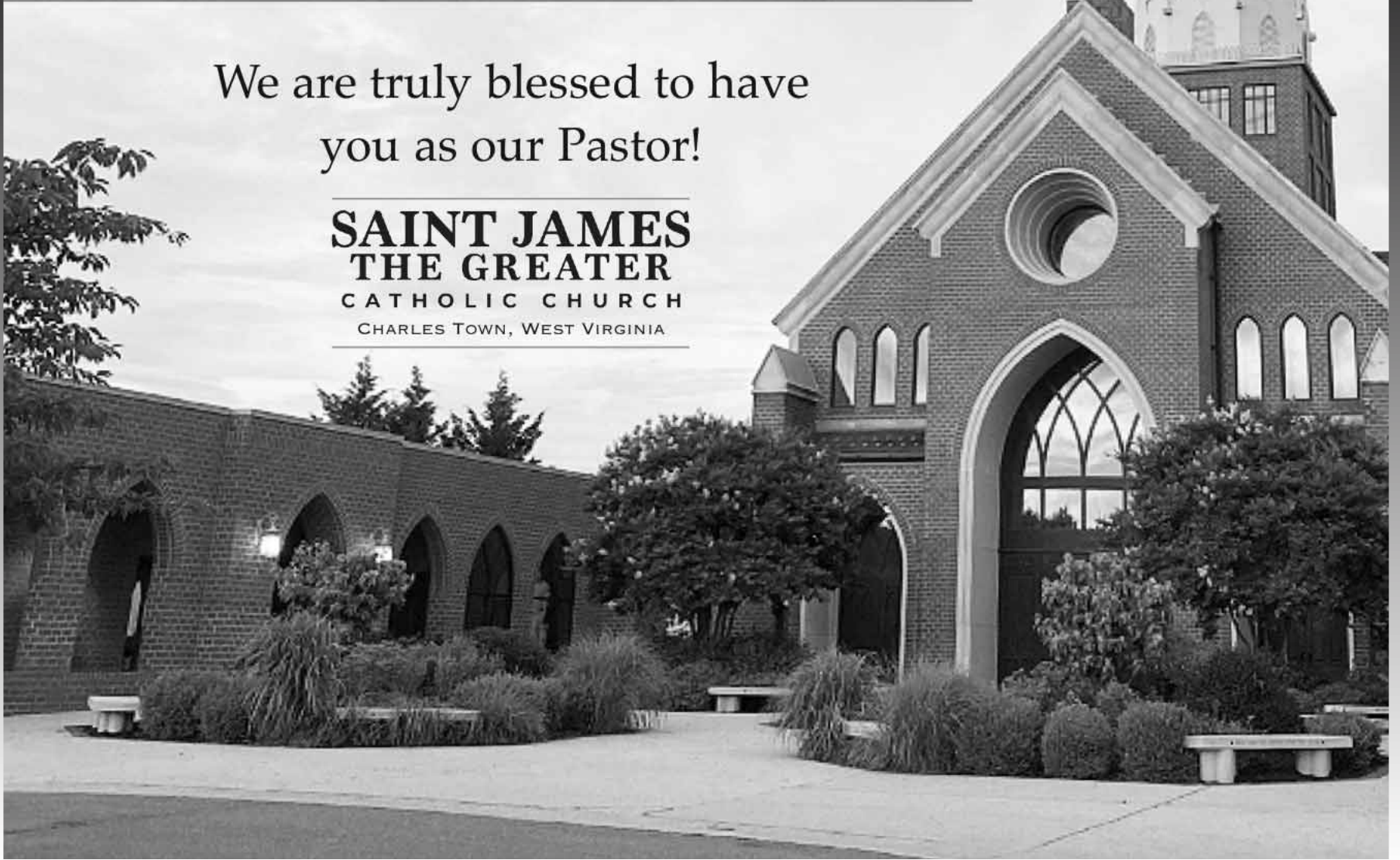
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*May God reward him and
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Happy 25th Anniversary, Father Grassi!



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25th Anniversary, Very Rev. Timothy J. Grassi, V.F.

Very Rev. Timothy J. Grassi, V.F., is celebrating 25 years of priesthood. He currently serves as pastor of St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town and St. Peter Chapel in Harpers Ferry, as vicar forane of the Martinsburg Vicariate, and chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Mother Teresa Council #12036 at St. James.



1997. At Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., he received his Master of Divinity in theology in May, 2000.

Father Grassi was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Bernard W. Schmitt at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling on June 3, 2000. He served as associate pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish until 2003 when he was appointed associate rector of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, where he served for one year. He was then appointed pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Thomas and Our Lady of Mercy Mission in Parsons in 2004 and served there for 17 years. He also was chaplain to Knights of Columbus Council #2010.

Father Grassi is originally from Endicott, N.Y. At Broome Community College in Binghamton, N.Y., he received an Associate of Applied Science in electrical engineering technology in May, 1981. At the State University of New York at Binghamton, he received a Bachelor of Science in industrial technology in December, 1988. He attended St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Fla. from 1994 to 1995 and then Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio, where he received his master's in philosophy in August, 1997, and his master's in theology in September,

In 2021, Father Grassi was appointed to his current positions in the Eastern Panhandle. He also served as chaplain to Shepherd University in Shepherdstown from 2023 to 2025.

*Wishing our Chaplain and Pastor,
Father Timothy Grassi,
a happy 25th Anniversary
of Priesthood!*



**Knights of Columbus,
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Happy Anniversary
Father Grassi!

Praying for you, our beloved pastor, as you celebrate 25 years of Priesthood.



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*Happy 25th Anniversary
of Priesthood*

Father Grassi

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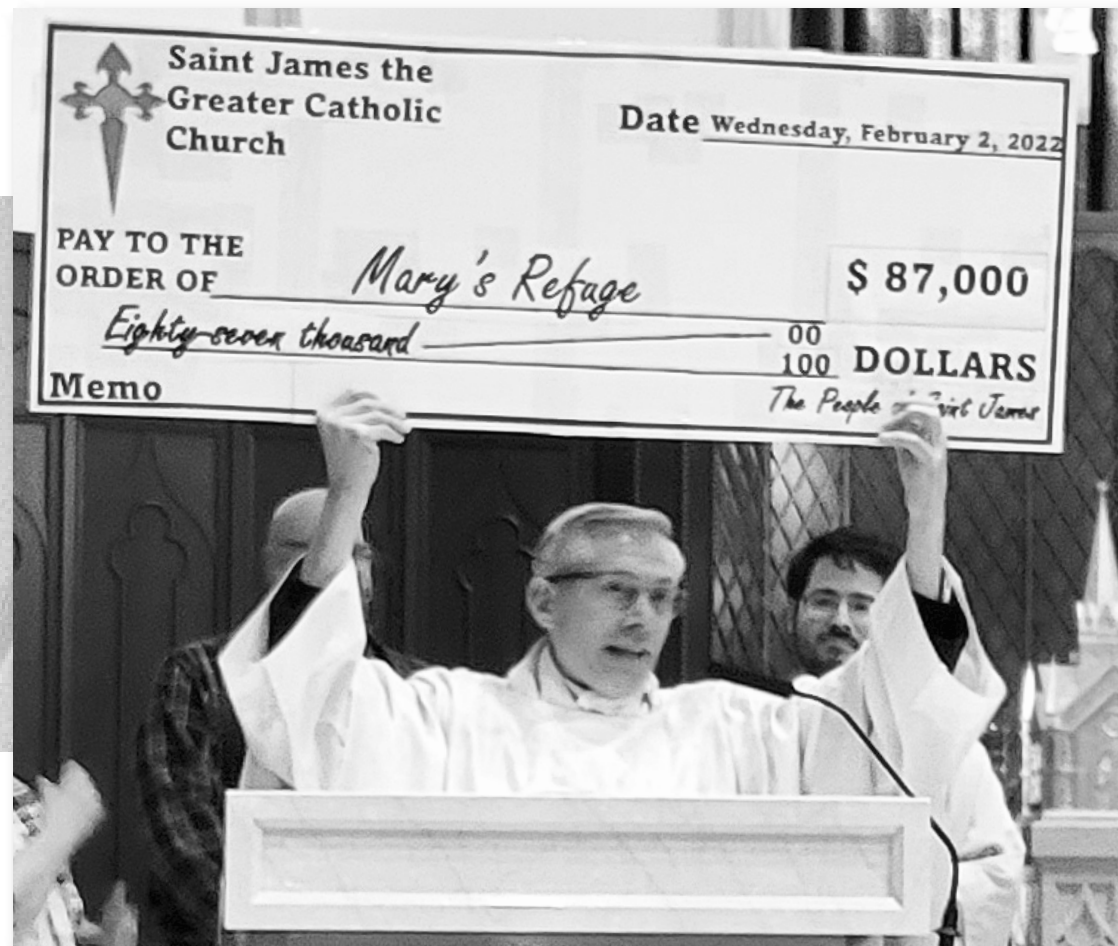
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Father Timothy J. Grassi

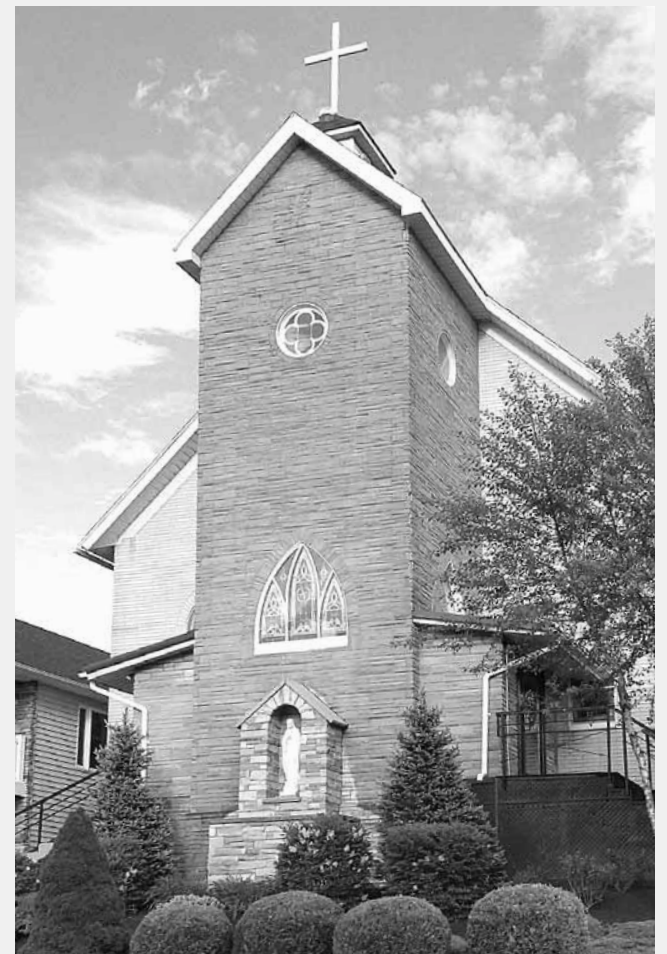
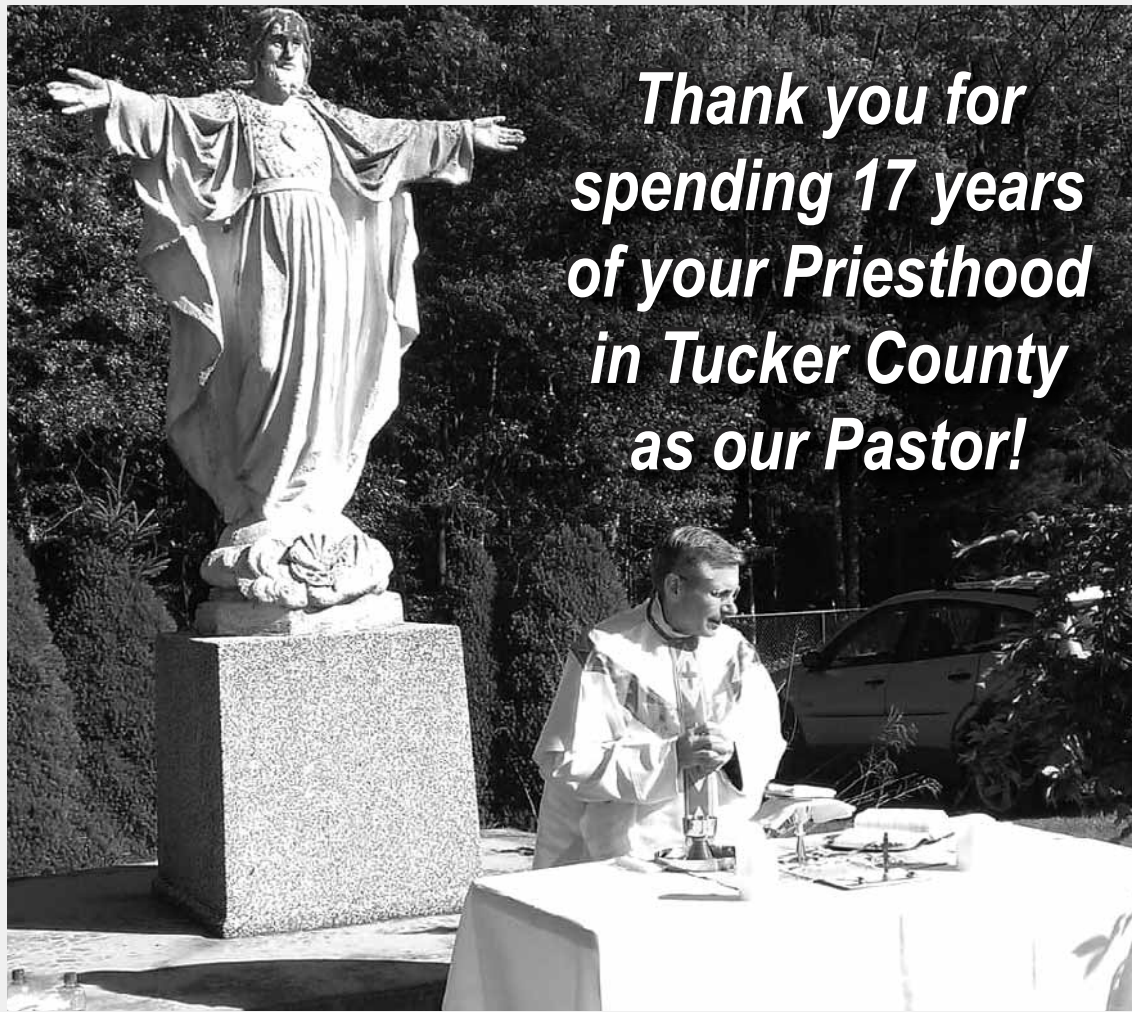


Happy 25th Anniversary of Ordination!

Thank you for your support, your leadership in the Martinsburg Vicariate
as Vicar Forane, and your Vocation in Christ's Holy Priesthood.

Ad Multos Annos!

Congratulations Father Grassi on Your 25th Jubilee



25th Anniversary, Father Godwin G. Olugbami

Father Godwin G. Olugbami will celebrate his 25th anniversary of priesthood this month. Since 2022, he has served as the director of Pastoral Care at WVU Medicine Thomas Health System in Charleston.



the Diocese of Ilorin from 2000 to 2007, parish priest at All Saints Church in Epe-Opin from 2006 to 2007, and chaplain of Marian Village for senior citizens in Homer Glen, Ill., from 2007 to 2009. At the Institute for Psychological Services in Virginia, he received a Master of Science in clinical psychology in 2011.

Father Olugbami came to West Virginia in 2011 and was appointed associate pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Charleston where he served for two years. He was chaplain at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington from 2013 to 2016 and priest in residence at St. Agnes Parish in Charleston in 2022. He was appointed to his current position in Charleston in 2022.

Father Olugbami is originally from Enugu State, Nigeria. He is a 1996 graduate of the University of Ibadan in Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy. He received a Master of Theology at Ss. Peter and Paul Seminary, Ibadan, in 2000, and was ordained to priesthood for the Diocese of Ilorin on Aug. 15, 2000, by Bishop Ayo-Maria Aloyebi, OP.

Father Olugbami was chancellor of

25th Anniversary, Father Paul D. Yuenger

Father Paul D. Yuenger is celebrating 25 years of priesthood. He has an Associate in Arts from Broward Junior College in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., (1975), a Bachelor of Arts from Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio, (1988), and a Master of Arts from the University of South Florida in Tampa (1991). He received a Master of Divinity from Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Mass. (2000), and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Bernard W. Schmitt on June 3, 2000.

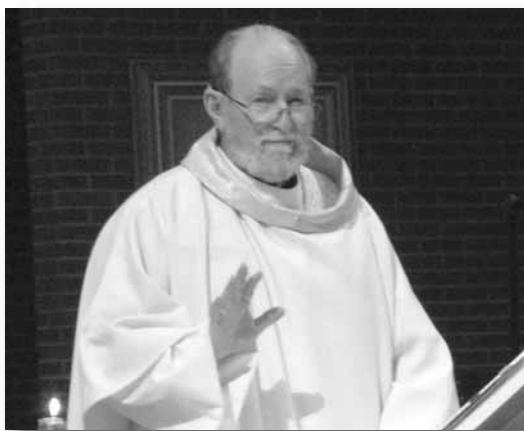


2002 to 2006, and Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Oak Hill from 2006 to 2013. He was appointed to a three-year term on the Presbyteral Council in 2007.

Father Yuenger spent more than eight years as pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Huntington from 2013 to 2021. During this time he was chaplain to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #784 from 2014 to 2015 and pastor of St. Stephen Parish in Ona from 2015 to 2016.

Father Yuenger retired from active ministry in July of 2021. Two years later, he was appointed a member of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Priests Health and Retirement Association Board of Trustees and will serve in that role until 2026.

Wishing you all the best, Father Paul, as you celebrate 25 years of Priesthood!



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*Our Lady of Fatima Parish,
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Our Prayers and Congratulations to our Pastor,

Father Jojan Joseph, CST,

as he celebrates his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Thank you for shepherding our Parish!

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55th Anniversary, Father James B. McCafferty, SM

Marist Father James B. McCafferty, SM, will celebrate his 55th anniversary of priesthood next month. He is from Cleveland, Ohio, and was ordained to the priesthood for the Marist Fathers by Bishop William M. Cosgrove on Sept. 12, 1970, at Holy Name Church in Cleveland.



Family Parish in Richwood from 1971 to 1975. At St. John Parish in Summersville, he was administrator from 1975 to 1977 and then pastor from 1977 to 1980.

The Marists then transferred him to Louisiana where he was assistant at St. Julian Eymard Church in New Orleans from 1980 to 1983. He returned to West Virginia to serve as pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Coalton from 1983 to 1996 and then as pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Buckhannon from 1996 to 2006. After a sabbatical in 2007, he became pastor of Mater Dolorosa Parish in Paden City, Holy Rosary Parish in Sistersville, and St. Lawrence Mission in Middlebourne where he served until 2014 when he retired from active ministry.

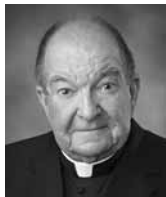
Father McCafferty now resides in Wheeling.

He is a graduate of St. Joseph's Betendorf, Iowa (1963), The Catholic University of America in Washington (1966), and Marist College and St. Paul's College in Washington (1966-1970). He also did advanced studies at The American University in Washington.

Father McCafferty's first assignment after ordination was as dean of students and teacher at St. Mary's Manor, Pennel, Pa., from 1970 to 1971. He was associate pastor of Holy

50th Anniversary, Father Paul Morrissey, SM

Father Paul Morrissey, SM, has celebrated his 50th anniversary of priesthood. He is originally from Mount Holly, N.J. He attended St. Mary's Manor, Pennel, Pa., from 1959-63; Marist Seminary, Washington, from 1963-65; Washington Theological Coalition, and Washington, from 1971-72.



turgical Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, 1975; a Licentiate in Sacred Liturgy, The Pontifical Liturgical Institute of Saint Anselm, Rome, 1980.

Father Morrissey has served in the following roles: St. James Church, Falls Church, Va., Deacon Program, 1974-75; Holy Rosary Church, Buckhannon, 1975-77; Collegio Internazionale Marista (Rome), Studies, 1977-79; Marist Center, Washington, executive secretary, 1979-1982; superior of community, 1980-1982; St. Pius X, promoter of T.O.M., 1982-1984; St. Louis Church, Saint Paul, Minn., administrator, 1985, pastor, 1988-2016; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Tampa, Fla., superior of community, 2016-2023.

His novitiate was at Colinwood, Rhinebeck, N.Y., Sept. 12, 1966; Holy Name of Mary, Algiers, and Marist Novitiate, New Orleans, July-August, 1971. His First Profession was at Marist College, Washington, Sept. 12, 1971. His ordination to the priesthood was at St. James Church, Falls Church, Va., June 26, 1975.

Father Morrissey has a Bachelor of Arts in speech, John Carroll University, Cleveland, 1969; a Master of Arts, communication (Speech Arts), American University, 1973; a Master of Arts in Li-

Father Morrissey has retired from active ministry and resides in Wheeling.

25th Anniversary, Father Jojan Joseph, CST

Father Jojan Joseph, CST, is celebrating his 25th anniversary of priesthood. He is the pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish and Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Oak Hill and chaplain to the Knights of Columbus Council #16224. He has served in those roles for the last three years.



Father Joseph was ordained to the priesthood on December 28, 2000, for the Little Flower Congregation in Kerala, India. He graduated from Union Christian in Aluva in 1997 and the Pontifical Athenaeum, Jnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy and Theology at Pune, India, in 2000. He received his doctorate in psychology at De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines, in 2014.

In India, he served as interim priest at St. Anthony's Church in 2001, principal of Lisieux College from 2001 to 2004, superior at Lisieux Ashram from 2007 to 2009, associate pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish from 2010 to 2014, director of Navajyothi College from 2014 to 2015, and principal of Little Flower School in 2015.

Father Joseph came to West Virginia in June of 2016 to serve as associate pastor of Assumption Parish in Keyser. He was then appointed administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Fairmont in 2017 and a year later was appointed chaplain to Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of St. Joan of Arc #341. He was then appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Fairmont in 2021. He served there for one year before moving on to Oak Hill in 2022.

Father Joseph was also elected to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Presbyteral Council in 2023.

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and

Fr. James McCafferty, SM (55 years)

on their ordination anniversaries.

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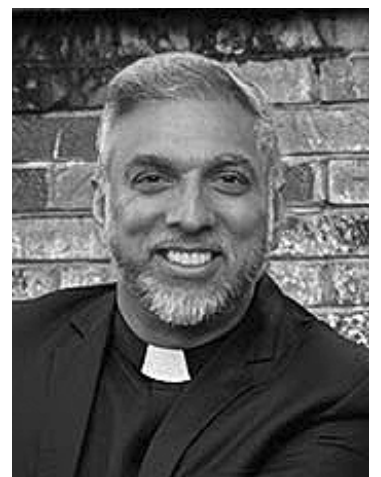
May the spirit of Mary be with you!



Congratulations on 25 Years of Priesthood!

Rev. Jojan Joseph CST

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HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY TO OUR PASTOR, FATHER JOJAN JOSEPH, CST



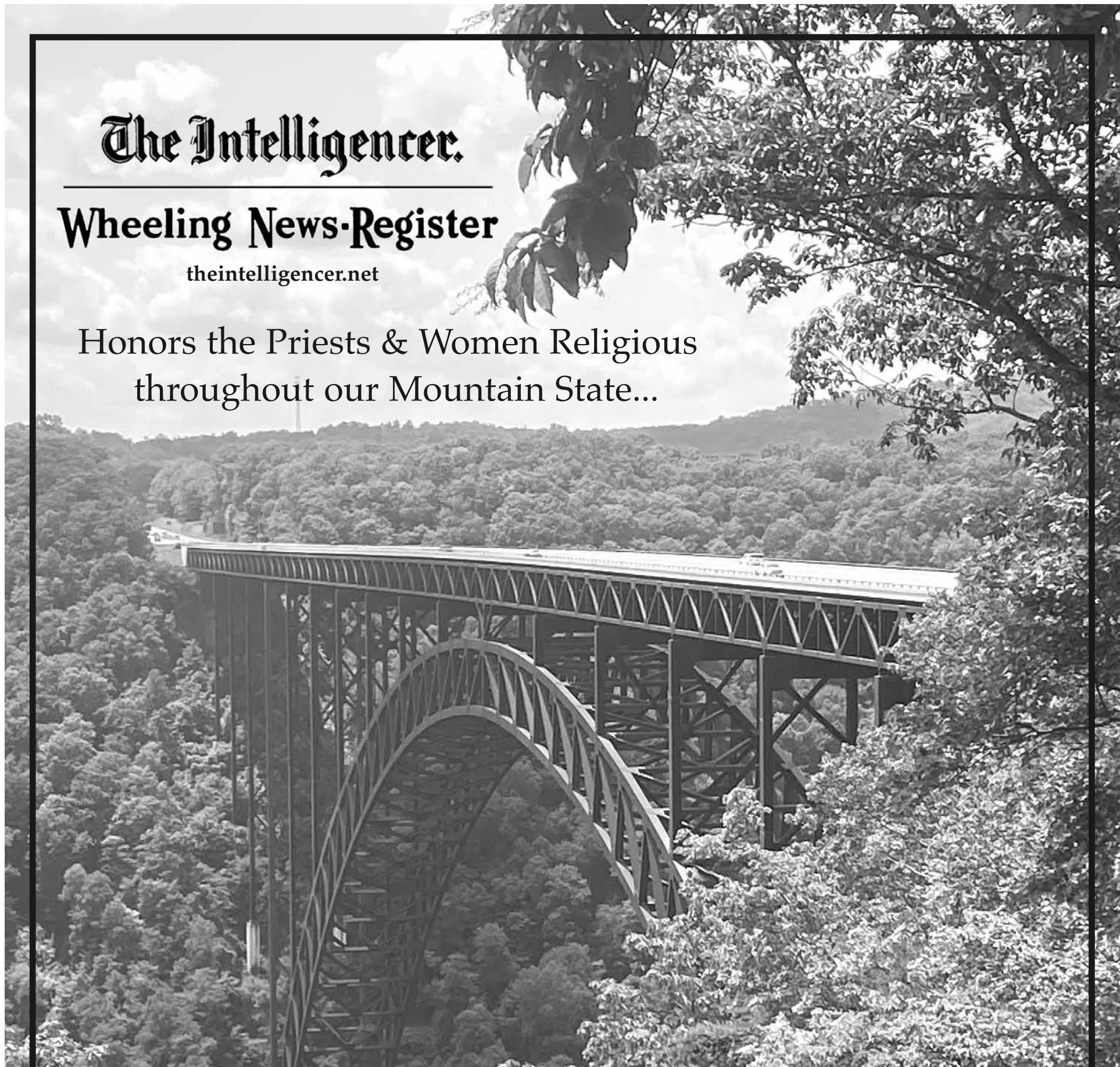
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75th Anniversary

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75th Anniversary, Sister Joan Hartlaub, CSJ

Sister Joan Hartlaub (formerly Sister Marcella), a native of Cincinnati, entered the Congregation of St. Joseph in Cincinnati in 1950. She graduated from Our Lady of Cincinnati College with a B.S. in education and has an M.S. in theology from the University of Notre Dame. Sister Joan taught for 15 years in Catholic elementary schools in the Cincinnati area and served ten years as campus minister at Sinclair College in Dayton, Ohio, and Auraria Campus in Denver, Colorado. She then served as associate director of Campus Ministry for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. She was a member of the General Council of the founding community of Medaille for four years and ministered in guidance and development at McNicholas High School in Cincinnati. Sister Joan is currently retired and resides at the congregation's center in Wheeling where she stays active volunteering within the Wheeling Center and in prayer ministry.

**75th Anniversary, Sister Mary Alice McMaster, CSJ**

Sister Mary Alice McMaster (formerly Sister Rita Catherine) entered the Congregation of St. Joseph in Wheeling on August 22, 1950. She has served the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston most of her religious life through child-care, healthcare, and parish ministries. She retired from St. Vincent de Paul Parish in 2010. After her retirement she continued to volunteer at the parish. Sister Mary Alice currently resides at Mount St. Joseph in Wheeling where she continues to send cards and stays connected with friends. She volunteers in center outreach projects, participates in group spiritual direction and in a variety of other center activities. Sister Mary Alice also stays active in prayer ministry.

**75th Anniversary, Sister Eva Marie Schlag, CSJ**

Sister Eva Marie Schlag entered the Congregation of St. Joseph in Wheeling in 1950. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Duquesne University and master's degree in administration from St. John University of Cleveland. She taught in parochial schools in Clarksburg, Fairmont, Weston, Huntington, and Wheeling. She also served as principal in Clarksburg and Wheeling and provided clerical services at Central Catholic High School in Wheeling. Sister Eva Marie is currently retired and resides at Mount St. Joseph in Wheeling where she stays active volunteering and in prayer ministry.

**65th Anniversary, Sister Barbara Kupchak, CSJ**

Sister Barbara Kupchak (formerly Sister Pauline) entered the Congregation of St. Joseph in Wheeling in 1960. She earned a diploma in nursing from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1966. She practiced nursing at St. Francis Hospital in Charleston and St. Mary's Hospital in Clarksburg. In 1969, she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Loyola University in Chicago, and in 1974, earned a Master's Degree in psychiatric-mental health nursing from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. She returned to Wheeling to work as a counselor/therapist for children at Catholic Charities. After four years, she was invited to teach in the nursing education program at Wheeling Jesuit College. She received her Ph.D. in psych/mental health nursing with a focus in geriatrics in 1987 from the University of Texas in Austin. In 1985, while still a student in the Ph.D. program, Sister Barb was invited to teach at West Virginia University's master's in nursing program where she helped create a master's program for family nurse practitioners. She taught for a semester as a visiting professor of nursing at Zhejhaing University, Hangzhou, China. In 1998, she was invited to present workshops and teach a course in rural health nursing at the Royal College of Nursing, Melbourne, Australia. At WVU, Sister Barbara was a distinguished practitioner of nursing and made a fellow in the National Academies of Practice. After 30 years, she retired from WVU as a professor emeritus. Sister Barb currently resides at Mount St. Joseph in Wheeling where she stays active in prayer ministry and volunteer work.

**65th Anniversary, Sister Marguerite O'Brien, CSJ**

Sister Marguerite O'Brien entered the Congregation of St. Joseph in Wheeling in 1960. Her formal education includes masters degrees in clinical chemistry from The Ohio State University and in liturgy from Notre Dame University. Her earliest ministry was as a science teacher in Huntington. She then entered the health care field as a medical technologist and as director of medical technology programs at Fairmont State College and Wheeling Jesuit University where she was also a resident counselor for many years.



In 1989, she embraced leadership responsibilities for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wheeling and later served on the Leadership Team for the Congregation of St. Joseph from 2007-2018. From 2017-2018, she also served as Interim CEO of the congregation's senior living company, CSJ Initiatives. Currently, Sister Marguerite enjoys congregational committee work and volunteer ministry.

"My life in community is so blessed," said Sister Marguerite. "How can I begin to thank our loving God for all the opportunities that I have experienced. It has been such a privilege to share life and dreams with such a loving and dedicated group of women."

Congratulations

to our Jubilarians and all those in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston who are celebrating this year. We thank you for sharing your lives and ministry with the people of West Virginia.



75th Jubilee
Sister Joan Hartlaub, CSJ



75th Jubilee
Sister Mary Alice McMaster, CSJ



75th Jubilee
Sister Eva Marie Schlag, CSJ



65th Jubilee
Sister Barbara Kupchak, CSJ



65th Jubilee
Sister Marguerite O'Brien, CSJ



60th Jubilee
Sister Molly Bauer, CSJ



60th Jubilee
Sister Rose Ann Hefner, CSJ

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To view biographies of all our sisters celebrating Jubilees this year, visit us at CSJoseph.org/jubilarians

60th Anniversary, Sister Molly Bauer, CSJ

Sister Molly Bauer (formerly Sister Helen Marie) entered the Congregation of St. Joseph in Wheeling on Sept. 8, 1965, from her home parish of St. Joseph Cathedral in Wheeling. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from West Liberty State College in 1973, and a master's degree in pastoral ministry from the University of Dayton in 1990. She taught at Blessed Sacrament School in South Charleston in 1968, St. Patrick School in Weston, from 1973-1978, Blessed Trinity School in Wheeling from 1978-1981, and St. Agnes Grade School in Charleston from 1981-1983. Sister Molly served as a pastoral minister at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Thomas, St. Veronica Mission in Davis, and Our Lady of Mercy Mission in Parsons from 1983-1988; in a work study program in Atlanta from 1988-1990; and at All Saints Parish in Bridgeport, from 1990-1991. She served as a pastoral associate at St. Michael's Mission in Burnsville from 1991-1992 and at St. Andrew Mission in Union, St. John's in Sweet Springs, St. Peter's in Peterstown, St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Ronceverte, and St. Louis King of France Mission in Lewisburg from 2000-2004. She helped initiate the Monroe County Coalition for Children and Families and Court-Appointed Special Advocates for abused and neglected children in Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties. In 2004, Sister Molly became program director of the Health Ministry Initiative of the Sisters Health Foundation in Parkersburg; she was senior program officer in 2013 until her retirement in 2023. She currently resides in Vienna and is a member of St. Margaret Mary Parish where she serves as lector. She leads a weekly Centering Prayer group, is active with the Parkersburg area CSJ Associates, and is a board member of Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action. She is also chair of the Congregational Gift Committee and a member of the Congregational Integral Ecology Working Group.

**60th Anniversary, Sister Rose Ann Hefner, CSJ**

Sister Rose Ann Hefner entered the Congregation of St. Joseph in Wheeling on Sept. 8, 1965, from her home parish of St. Catherine of Siena in Ronceverte. She attended Lewisburg Elementary School and Lewisburg High School, graduating in 1965. She earned a bachelor's degree from Wheeling College in 1971, and a master's degree in pastoral counseling from Loyola College of Baltimore. Sister Rose Ann taught at St. Vincent de Paul School in Wheeling in 1971. She then felt called to pastoral and prison ministry and served as a pastoral minister at St. Patrick Parish in Hinton and the Federal Correctional Institution for Women in Alderson from 1972-1981. She then served as director of a prison project of the West Virginia Council of Churches at the State Prison for Women in Pence Springs. In 1982, she began a four-year term in pastoral ministry serving the Outreach Mission in East Kermit. In 1989, she became a pastoral minister at St. John Parish in Harrisville, where she served until 1996. During that time, she also worked as the director and the co-director of the Wheeling SWSJ Associate Program. She then served as a pastoral counselor at Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center in Charleston for over 20 years. In 2010, Sister Rosie began serving the congregation as a candidate mentor on the Formation Team for five years, and then as assistant novitiate director for several years. In 2020 she began working with the American Friends Service Committee as a restorative justice practitioner.



Currently, Sister Rose Ann resides in Charleston, where she works as a spiritual director and is involved with several justice initiatives including serving on the board of the newly formed West Virginia Restorative Justice Project.

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70th Anniversary, Sister Karen Lester, SAC

Sister Karen was born in Morgantown and in 1952 she joined the Pallottine Missionary Sisters in Huntington where she pronounced her First Vows on August 15, 1955, and her Final Vows on August 15, 1961. Sister Karen received her bachelor's degree in physics from The Catholic University of America on June 5, 1960. She spent 65 years of ministry in Laurel, Md., as math teacher and private tutor at St. Vincent Pallotti High School. Growing up with three brothers, she was bound to become an avid sports enthusiast on many levels. She was coach, spectator and "cheerleader" of the school's various boys' and girls' teams. She was instrumental in the expansion of the sports programs and soon became the director of Athletics. Students, parents and faculty loved and respected Sister Karen. She retired in 2024.



On May 6, 2025, she moved to the Pallottine Sisters' Infirmary in Huntington where she continues her apostolate of prayer with the other sisters. Everyone enjoys Sister Karen's contagious smile.

65th Anniversary, Sister Francesca Lewis, SAC

Sister Francesca Lewis was born in Dremmen, Germany. Sister's education was an international one; attended elementary school in Germany, high school in England, having her undergraduate and graduate education in Washington, D.C., and St. Louis, Mo., respectively. Sister Francesca's undergraduate degree is in elementary education and her graduate degree is religion and education.



Sister entered the Pallottine Missionary Sisters, at their motherhouse in Limburg, Germany, making her First Vows in 1960. After First Vows sister ministered in Bensberg, Germany, at Vinzenz Pallotti Hospital, until she was sent to America in 1963, where she made her Final Vows in 1966. Her desire was to go to Africa as a missionary, however God had other plans for her. She ministered in education in Maryland, Missouri and West Virginia. While in St. Louis, sister held several positions, superior, teacher and novice director.

At the current time, Sister is the vice provincial of the Province Leadership Team. Sister Francesca retired from the position of vice president of Mission Integration at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon in 2023. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of St. Joseph's Hospital, and Pallottine Foundation of Buckhannon and Huntington. In November 2024, she moved to St. Mary's Convent in Huntington.

Sister Francesca's hobbies are art and photography. Her motto is "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."



70th Anniversary
Sister Karen Lester, SAC

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