



# DEACON'S BEACON

A Newsletter for the Permanent Deacons of the  
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

September 2022

## Deacon's On-going Formation Weekend Schedule:

October 14 - 16, 2022 *Priestsfield Pastoral Center*

February 3 - 5, 2023 St. John XXIII Pastoral Center

May 19 - 21, 2023 St. John XXIII Pastoral Center

August 4 - 6, 2023 St. John XXIII Pastoral Center

The Church and Understanding LBGT Issues

Working with the tribunals on Annulments.

Singing what Deacons Sing

Retreat for Deacons and Wives, and

Candidate and Wives together



**Deacon James R. Kelly**, 85, of Vienna, beloved husband for 58 years of the late Mary Jane Kelly and a deacon for 43 years, ended his earthly life and began eternal life on August 31, 2022. Born January 1, 1937, to the late Thomas and Mary Kelly in Pittsburgh, PA, Jim graduated from Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh and earned his degree in chemical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. After basic training in the Army, he was assigned as a research engineer with the U.S. Bureau of Mines.

In 1962, he and Mary Jane moved to Parkersburg where they raised their five children and Jim worked for 35+ years as a chemical engineer for Borg-Warner Chemicals (later G.E. Plastics). He became a process specialist and a problem solver for the company's plants worldwide, traveling to Australia, Japan, Scotland, the Netherlands, Canada, and Mexico. On April 1, 1979, Jim was ordained a deacon in the first class of permanent deacons for the Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston by Bishop Joseph Hodges at St. Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling. Assigned to St. Michael Church, Vienna, for most of his ministry, Deacon Jim preached and assisted at Mass, taught youth and adults, counseled couples, presided at baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and visited the elderly and sick. He later earned a masters in applied theology from Wheeling Jesuit University. A voracious reader and passionate about biblical studies, family will remember "Pappaw" for his love of family gatherings. He loved to cook for a multitude, specializing in chili, fudge, and Irish soda bread.

He is survived by his five children, Deacon James W. (Leah) of Pickerington, OH, David of Belpre, Mary Catherine (Mark) Sheppard of Charlotte, NC, Gerard (Sherri) of Vienna, and Arthur of Vienna, twelve grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, brother William, and sister-in-law Charlotte McGervey.

Preceded in death by his wife, parents, brother and sister-in-law Thomas and Mary Ann Kelly, brothers-in-law Arthur and Edward McGervey, and sister-in-law June McGervey.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, 11:00 am at St. Michael Catholic Church, 55th Street and Grand Central Avenue, Vienna. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Leavitt Funeral Home, 403 7th Street, Parkersburg, concluding with a prayer service at 7:30 pm.

<https://www.leavittfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Deacon-James-R-Kelly?obId=25786146#/obituaryInfo>

### Reflections on the Deacons'/Candidates'/Wives Retreat Bishop Mark E. Brennan

It was a real joy to spend a weekend with our deacons and their wives, along with our deacon candidates and their wives, in early August of this year at the beautiful St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. I am not an experienced retreat master but I gave it my best shot and I hope it was of some spiritual and practical benefit to those who attended.

Retreats are held so that we can advance – advance in our relationship with God and with our neighbor. The deepening of faith should always lead in some way to a deeper and broader love. The talks, the liturgies, the time spent in private prayer and the beauty of the surroundings can all contribute to a fruitful retreat experience. I trust that some combination of the above provided new spiritual energy for those who participated in the retreat. A consistent prayer life and spiritual direction can help you maintain the gains of your retreat.

I was pleased to see the friendships formed between the deacons and the candidates and likewise between the wives of both groups. Those friendships will help the ordained and their spouses as the years roll on. There is much you all can learn from one another and much support each of you is capable of giving to another deacon and his family. Not all deacons and their wives could be present with us but all were included in our prayers and Masses.

Your unity as deacons is based on a shared faith and fraternal love that animate your response to Christ's call to serve your brothers and sisters in his name. Faith in God ensures that your service is not mere do-goodism. Fraternal love, radiating from Christ's love for you, as spokes radiate from a wheel's hub, ensures that your service contributes to the mission of other deacons and of all pastoral ministers in the Church, even when you do it alone, just as your praying of the Liturgy of the Hours joins you mystically to all people in the world who pray it.

As the fall schedule of activities consumes your time and attention, may the God who called you strengthen you with every good gift of faith and love so that you may be icons of His mercy and goodness in your families, parishes, workplaces and communities.

Our next Deacons' Gathering will be at Priestfield (Eastern Panhandle). This will be held on Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> through Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Call Deacon Doug Breiding's work number at 242-0460 to reserve a room. Do not panic it is Mount Calvary Cemetery's phone number, just leave a message. Call Soon!

From the desk of Bernadette M. Kime, D. Min.,  
Director of the Office of Worship and Sacraments

## Eucharistic Revival: What is this all about?

“Revival”, huh? Doesn’t sound like a “Catholic” word? The image that comes to mind is often a gathering of other Christian denominations with singing, energetic preaching, calling on the Holy Spirit with fervor, sometimes even held outdoors under a tent.

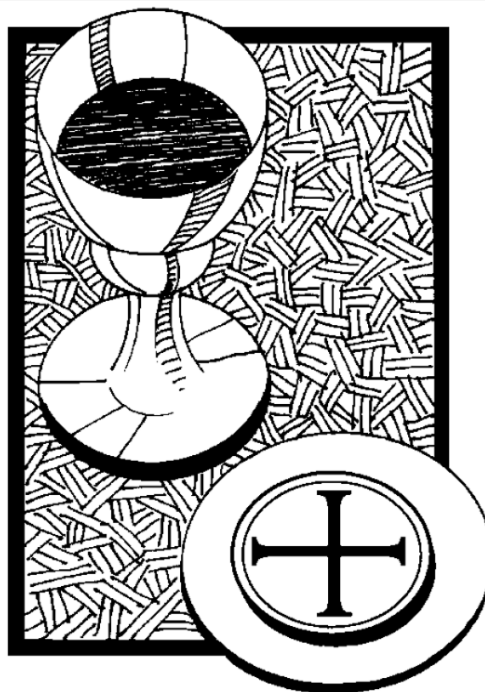
Yet, the United States Catholic Bishops are calling all Catholics to a three-year Eucharistic Revival. Looking up the definition of the word “revival” are some interesting definitions that can help us understand what we are being called to. “An improvement in the condition or strength of something, the reawaking of religious fervor, a restoration of life or consciousness”. As we have probably heard by now, so many Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist we celebrate and partake at every Mass is the real presence of Jesus Christ. Not a representation, but actually the “body, blood, soul and divinity” of the Son of God.

Therefore, the Bishops are calling us within the next three years to revive our love, appreciation, and belief in the power of the Eucharist. How do we do this? Various ways.

During this first year, the Diocese is sponsoring several events that focus on the Eucharist. See the Catholic Spirit, FaithinWV bulletin, social media, etc. and invite your friends and family to come and join us. Also, the USCCB has put out a lot of helpful resources that can be found at <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

Beginning on June 11, 2023, the second year of the Revival is the Parish year, where parishes will be asked to initiate activities, etc. that focus on “reviving” our belief in the Eucharist. We encourage you to start thinking now about how your parish might become involved in the Revival.

The culmination will be on July 17-24, 2024, with a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. After that event, we will all be sent out to bring this message of the power of the Eucharist to everyone we encounter. Just like at the end of every Eucharist, we are called “to go in peace, glorifying the Lord by our lives.”  
Do not let this time of revival pass you by!



## FDLC PRESENTS LITURGICAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Please join us this fall for a variety of FREE webinars offered by the Federation.

The Revised Order of Christian Initiation of Adults  
(see page 15 for more information)

English: Wednesdays at 1:00 PM (Eastern)

<https://fdlc.org/2022/07/ocia-webinars/>

Spanish: Thursdays at 7:30 PM (Eastern)

<https://fdlc.org/2022/07/rica-serie-de-seminarios-web-espanol/>



**"May God Grant You Pardon and Peace"**

a webinar on the Revised Order of Penance featuring  
Father Andrew Menke of the Secretariat for Divine Worship  
and Father Rob Spaulding of the Diocese of Cheyenne.

Tuesday, October 25 1:00 PM

<https://fdlc.org/2022/07/may-god-grant-you-pardon-and-peace-webinar-on-the-revised-order-of-penance/>



**Deacon John Yaquinta writes . . .**

*The current class of 20 candidates, are starting their 3rd year of formation this month. Their ordination date has been set for June 7, 2024. The location of the ordination has not been decided at this time.*

*A call for applications for a new class of permanent deacons will be sent out in January of 2023. They will begin a year of discernment in September of 2023 followed by four years of study, with an ordination date of 2028.*



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

<https://fdlc.org/ociawebinars/>

ENGLISH	SPANISH	TOPIC	SPEAKERS IN ENGLISH	SPEAKERS IN SPANISH
Wednesday	Thursday			
Aug 31	Sept 1	Vision of the OCIA	Lesia Truxaw	Fr. Victor Reyes
Sept 7	Sept 8	History of Initiation / USA edition	Rita A. Thiron	Fr. Pedro Lopez
Sept 14	Sept 15	Preaching for the Rites	Fr. Michael Connors, CSC	Fr. Richard Vega
Sept 21	Sept 22	Canonical Issues in OCIA Process	Msgr. Michael Ibach, JCL	Fr. Jesús Mariscal, JCL
Sept 28	Sept 29	Discernment	Fr. Tom Ranzino Sr. Donna Steffen, SC	Dcn. Modesto Cordero Sr. Rosanne Belpedio, CSJ
Oct 12	Oct 13	Music for the Rites	Dr. Steven Janco	Dr. Dolores Martinez
Oct 19	Oct 20	OCIA as Adapted for Children	Sr. Sandy DeMasi, SSJ	Rose Hernandez
Oct 26	Oct 27	The Revised National Statutes	Fr. Michael Ibach, JCL	Fr. Jesús Mariscal, JCL
Nov 2	Nov 3	Role of the Bishop in OCIA	Fr. Jim Bessert	Fr. Michael Lewis
Nov 9	Nov 10	Initiating Community: Roles and Proper Ministers	Dr. Donna Eschenauer	Dr. Ximena DeBroeck
Nov 16	Nov 17	Period of Evangelization/ Pre-Catechumenate	Victoria Tufano	Nelly Lorenzo
Dec 7	Dec 8 *	About the Rite of Entrance	Dr. Patricia Hughes	Dr. Dolores Martinez and Fr. Carlos Velasquez
Dec 14	Dec 15	Catechumenate Period/ Catechesis	Todd Williamson	Dr. Ximena DeBroeck
Jan 4	Jan 5	About the Rites of Sending/ Election	Laura Bertone	Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller and Dr. Dolores Martinez
Jan 11	Jan 12	Period of Purification & Enlightenment, Scrutinies	Fr. Jan Michael Joncas	Fr. Pedro Lopez
Jan 18	Jan 19	Handing on Rites/Rites of Immediate Preparation	Fr. Paul Turner	Fr. Paul Turner
Jan 25	Jan 26	Initiation Rites	Fr. Robert Kennedy	Fr. Richard Vega
Feb 1	Feb 2	Initiation in Exceptional Circum.	Dr. Eileen Jaramillo, JCL Dr. Carmel Ann Sperti	Nelly Lorenzo
Feb 8	Feb 9	Rites for the Baptized	Fr. Ron Oakham, O Carm.	Fr. Tim Piasecki
Feb 15	Feb 16	Period of Mystagogy	Fr. J. Marcus McFadin	Rose Hernandez

LIVE ON WEDNESDAYS at 1:00 PM ET & THURSDAYS at 7:30 PM ET

Remember: You must be registered to watch the archived versions.

# YEAR 2022 THE DEACONS HAVE CELEBRATED . . .

## **48 years of Ordination:**

Deacon Ray Shaw III (October 18, 1974)

## **47 years of Ordination:**

Deacon George Doerr (December 26, 1975)

## **43 years of Ordination:**

Deacon Gerald B. Goetemann (April 1, 1979)

## **41 years of Ordination:**

Deacon Truman A. Lipscomb (May 30, 1981)

Deacon George Showalter (May 24, 1981)

## **40 years of Ordination:**

Deacon Bill Strange (May 15, 1982)

## **39 years of Ordination:**

Deacon Robert B. Lilly (June 12, 1983)

Deacon John F. Maher (June 12, 1983)

Deacon Joseph J. Prentiss (June 12, 1983)

Deacon Paul J. Smith ( June 12, 1983)

## **38 years of Ordination:**

Deacon Larry Hammel (May 19, 1984)

## **37 years of Ordination:**

Deacon John J. Hanna (August 17, 1985)

Deacon Albert L. Iafrate (August 24, 1985)

## **35 years of Ordination:**

Deacon John Divita (December 11, 1987)

## **34 years of Ordination:**

Deacon Russell J. Grant (November 5, 1988)

Deacon David Wuletich (November 5, 1988)

Deacon John Ziolkowski (November 5, 1988)

## **27 years of Ordination:**

Deacon Thom Trunzo (August 27, 1995)

## **21 years of Ordination:**

Deacon William Bronzi (Diocese of Rockford, IL 2001)

Deacon Doug Deem (October 10, 2001)

Deacon Rod Fagert (October 10, 2001)

## **20 years of Ordination:**

Deacon Robert (Bob) Bittner (May 11, 2002)

## **18 years of Ordination:**

Deacon Doug Breiding (October 2, 2004)

Deacon Dave Galvin (October 2, 2004)

Deacon Todd Garland (October 2, 2004)

Deacon Raymond Godwin (October 2, 2004)

Deacon Don Hammond (October 2, 2004)

Deacon Tony Maciorowski (October 2, 2004)

Deacon Dennis Nesser (October 2, 2004)

Deacon Steve Olenchock (October 2, 2004)

Deacon Mike Prestera (October 2, 2004)

Deacon Chuck Quigley (October 2, 2004)

Deacon John Sarraga (October 2, 2004)

Deacon George Smoulder (October 2, 2004)

Deacon Rue Thompson, Jr. (October 2, 2004)

Deacon John Windett (October 2, 2004)

## **17 years of Ordination:**

Deacon David Lester (October 9, 2005)

## **6 year of Ordination:**

Deacon Brian Crim (May 7, 2016)

Deacon Harry Evans (May 7, 2016)

Deacon Robert Holliday (May 7, 2016)

Deacon Peter Minogue (May 7, 2016)

Deacon James Munuhe (May 7, 2016)

Deacon Helgi Nelson (May 7, 2016)

Deacon Vince Olenick (May 7, 2016)

Deacon Luis Pagano (May 7, 2016)

Deacon Marcus Pressl (May 7, 2016)

Deacon Tom Soper (May 7, 2016)

Deacon Steve Wharton (May 7, 2016)

Deacon John Yaquinta (May 7, 2016)



*Deacons that have gone before us . . .*

**Deacon Louis Belldina**

Born: March 19, 1948  
Ordained: May 24, 1981  
Died: July 16, 2020

**Deacon Paul H. Bischof, Jr.**

Born: April 24, 1930  
Ordained: November 7, 1986  
Died: December 27, 2003

**Rev. Dr. Lawrence J. Cerroni**

Born: Mar. 29, 1926  
Ordained:  
Died: May 31, 1983

**Deacon John F. Ceslovník**

Born: December 10, 1957  
Ordained: October 2, 2004  
Died: August 12, 2019

**Deacon Henry F. Higgs**

Born: February 19, 1922  
Ordained: April 11, 1979  
Died: February 16, 2005

**Deacon James R Kelly**

Born: January 1, 1937  
Ordained: April 1, 1979  
Died: August 31, 2022

**Deacon Gary Lane**

Born: March 10, 1952  
Ordained: October 2, 2004  
Died: November 6, 2013

**Deacon John J. Lynch**

Born: July 7, 1933  
Ordained: August 17, 2019  
Died: September 23, 2019

**Deacon Richard W. Mankowski**

Born: September 25, 1935  
Ordained: August 24, 1985  
Died: December 22, 2014

**Deacon John Moses**

Born: September 12, 1923  
Ordained: November 17, 1987  
Died: August 24, 2005

**Deacon Edwin T. Mullavey**

Born: November 25, 1930  
Ordained: May 24, 1981  
Died: September 20, 1999

**Deacon Anthony P. Santilli**

Born: November 16, 1932  
Ordained: June 12, 1983  
Died: January 26, 2005

**Rev. Dr. John A. Shultz**

Born: June 04, 1921  
Ordained: June 12, 1983  
Died: July 16, 2011

**Deacon Paul J. Smith**

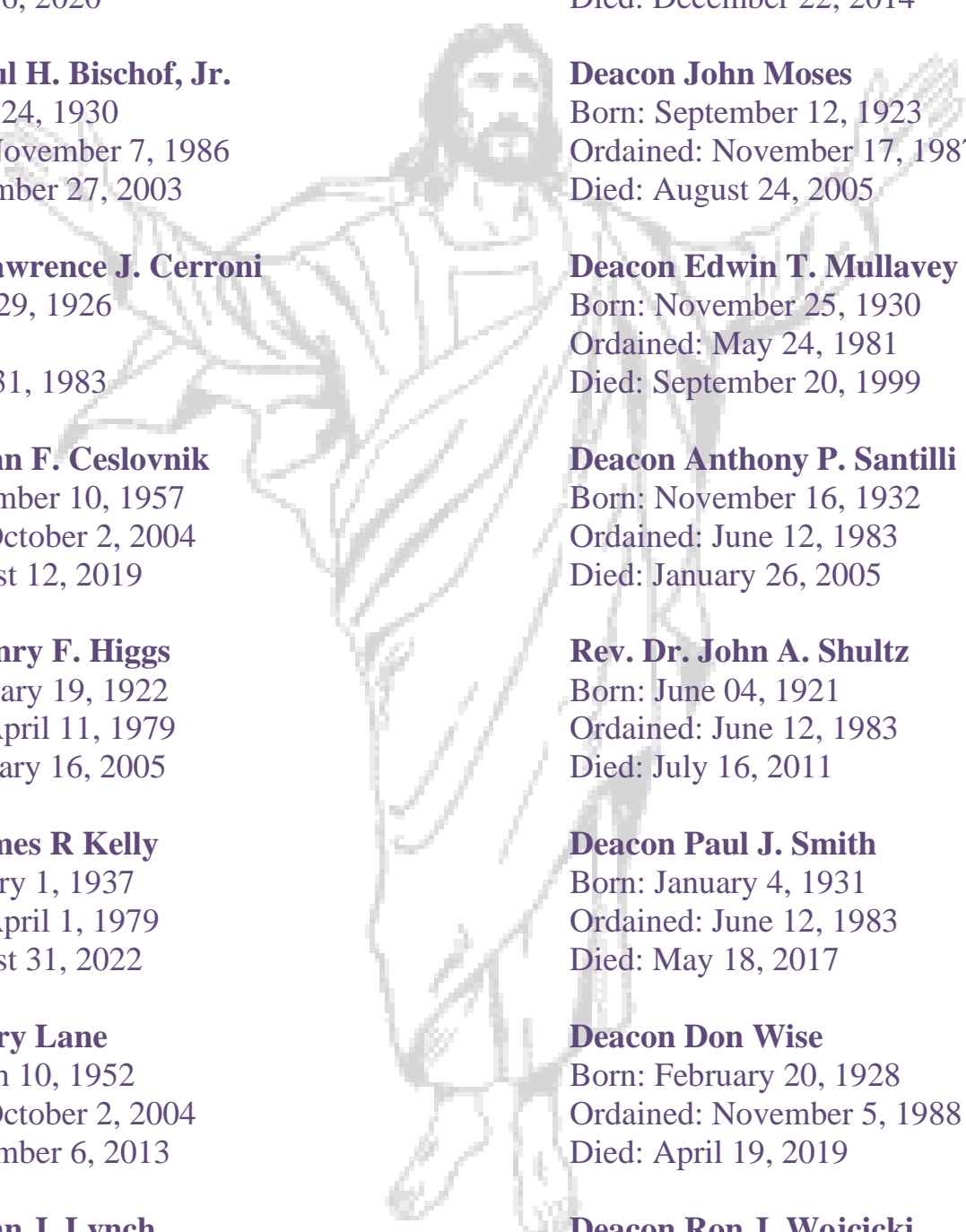
Born: January 4, 1931  
Ordained: June 12, 1983  
Died: May 18, 2017

**Deacon Don Wise**

Born: February 20, 1928  
Ordained: November 5, 1988  
Died: April 19, 2019

**Deacon Ron J. Wojcicki**

Born: September 1, 1934  
Ordained: November 7, 1987  
Died: February 9, 2014



***Deacon Wives that have gone  
before us . . .***

**Marie Cerroni**

(wife of Deacon Doctor Lawrence J. Cerroni)  
Born: July 19, 1919  
Died: June 26, 2001

**Myral Adaline Wojcicki**

(wife of Deacon Ron Wojcicki)  
Born: July 8, 1937  
Died: May 2, 2021

**Angela Divita**

(wife of Deacon John Divita)  
Born: February 2, 1933  
Died: February 11, 2014

**Mary Jane Kelly**

(wife of Deacon James Kelly)  
Born: December 31, 2037  
Died: November 29, 2018

**Theresa Mankowski**

(wife of Deacon Richard Mankowski)  
Born: November 27, 1935  
Died: February 27, 2016

**Connie Quigley**

(wife of Deacon Chuck Quigley)  
Born: March 13, 1939  
Died: March 6th, 2020

**Anne Shaw**

(wife of Deacon Ray Shaw)  
Born: December 11, 1936  
Died: April 5, 2001

**Rita Anne Shultz**

(wife of Deacon John Shultz)  
Born: August 6, 1923  
Died: February 28, 2007

**Amelia Rose Smith**

(wife of Deacon Paul Smith)  
Born: August 24, 1933  
Died: July 20, 2007

