

## **Ordinations to the Diaconate**

God willing, on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m., Bishop Ketlen will ordain four candidates to the Sacred Order of Deacons at <u>Calvary Episcopal Church</u> in East Liberty. All are warmly invited to attend and celebrate God's work among us through his people. The following includes a brief introduction of each person getting ordained to the transitional diaconate:



Deanna Briody was received into the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh in 2017, shortly before graduating from Trinity School for Ministry where she attended seminary. She has been serving as an intern for the past two years at Calvary Church in Shadyside-preaching, participating in pastoral care, serving in various lay roles, learning the ins and outs of church leadership, and benefiting from the generous mentorship of the clergy. After ordination, Deanna will join Calvary's staff as a curate. Her hope is to work with Calvary and the diocese to plant a new Episcopal

congregation in Beaver County, where she lives. Deanna has been discerning her call to the priesthood for many years and is eagerly anticipating the beginning of her ordained ministry.



**Guy Brown** was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was baptized at House of Prayer Episcopal Church in North Philadelphia. After attending college at the University of Houston, he commissioned United States Army (ROTC), and retired as a captain. He served as a chaplain in the Pittsburgh Veterans Administration Healthcare System and will be working on earning his board certification later this summer. In our diocese, Guy has served at The Church of the Holy Cross in Homewood and at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Oakmont, where he will continue to serve after his

ordination. He is looking forward to putting the knowledge he has gained as a chaplain to use in a parish setting and to helping those around him take one step closer to the cross. Guy and his wife live in Blackridge and have six children together.



Jack Brownfield is from Bethel Park, Pennsylvania and grew up going to St. Paul's in Mt. Lebanon, his sending parish. Jack attended Georgetown University for his undergraduate studies and then Princeton Theological Seminary where he earned an MDiv. He recently also completed a 1-year diploma in Anglican Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary. During his studies, Jack interned at three parishes that were demographically diverse and of varying sizes. Each of them was formative for him and showed him that ordained ministry will be a wonderful vocation. He felt at home

in each parish he served and is excited and hopeful that this will also be the case in his ordained ministry. He is looking forward to returning to Pittsburgh, preaching and getting to know the people in the parish he will be serving.



Theodore Somes was born in Montgomery,
Alabama but spent his early childhood around the
globe in a military family. In 2006, his father retired
from the military and the Somes family moved
to Trafford, Pennsylvania, where his parents, Tad and
Elizabeth, still reside. He has one sister, Vivian. He
is engaged to be married to Allison Ramirez, a
Pittsburgh native and educator. He graduated from
Washington & Jefferson College in 2020 with a BA in
Political Science and a Minor in Religious Studies.
While in college, Theodore interned at 3 churches in

the Mon Valley. Theodore completed his seminary education at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia in May 2023. While he studied at VTS, he served at Historic Christ Church in Old Town, Alexandria. He also serves as a Chaplain Candidate in the U.S. Army Reserve and previously served as an infantry rifleman in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Prior to his ordination, Theodore worked at St. Paul's as the Lay Assistant for Christian Formation, assisting with children's education and formation for the parish. Theodore enjoys writing (one of his hymns debuted earlier this year at St. Paul's), spending time with friends, being in Pennsylvania's wonderful outdoors, and motorcycling.

Calvary Episcopal Church is located at 315 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

The service will be streamed live on <u>Calvary's website</u>.



