

BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Release Date: July 3, 2009

DEACON MICHAEL A. ONDIK, Jr., in Diaconal Service at Good Shepherd Parish in State College, granted Senior Deacon Status and Retirement from diocesan diaconal obligations, effective June 15, 2009.

REVEREND JOHN J. SLOVIKOVSKI, Pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville, released for priestly service with the Society of Saint Sulpice, effective July 1, 2009.

REV. MSGR. ROBERT J. SALY, Pastor of Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown, appointed Pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville, effective July 22, 2009. He continues as Administrator of Dmitri Manor (residence for priests) in Hollidaysburg.

REVEREND DAVID S. PELES, Pastor of Saint Mary Parish in Nanty Glo, appointed Pastor of Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown, effective July 22, 2009.

REVEREND MARTIN A. CINGLE, Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Johnstown, appointed Pastor of Saint Mary Parish in Nanty Glo, effective July 22, 2009.

VERY REV. ANTHONY FRANCIS SPILKA, OFM CONV., Pastor of Saints Casimir and Emerich Parish and Saint Columba Parish, both in Johnstown (Cambria City), appointed Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish and Saint Michael Parish, both in Johnstown, effective July 22, 2009.

REVEREND NICHOLAS SWIATEK, OFM CONV., Parochial Vicar at Saints Casimir and Emerich Parish and Saint Columba Parish, both in Johnstown (Cambria City), appointed Parochial Vicar at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish and Saint Michael Parish, both in Johnstown, effective July 22, 2009.

REVEREND JOSEPH C. NALE, Parochial Vicar at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and Saint Michael Parish in Johnstown, appointed Administrator of Saint Stephen Parish in McConnellsburg and Saint Mary Parish in Orbisonia, effective July 22, 2009.

REV. MSGR. HAROLD N. BILLER, Pastor of Saint Patrick Parish in Johnstown, granted Senior Priest Status and Retirement from administrative responsibilities, effective July 22, 2009.

REVEREND MATTHEW A. REESE, Parochial Vicar at Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg, appointed Administrator of Saint Patrick Parish in Johnstown, effective July 22, 2009.

REVEREND MARK R. REID, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College, appointed Parochial Vicar at Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg, effective July 22, 2009.

REVEREND PAUL M. ROBINE, Pastor of Saint John Vianney Parish in Mundy's Corner, granted Senior Priest Status and Retirement from administrative responsibilities, effective July 22, 2009.

REVEREND ANDREW C. STANKO, Pastor of Saint Stephen Parish in Johnstown (Cambria City), appointed Pastor of Saint John Vianney Parish in Mundy's Corner, effective July 22, 2009.

REVEREND RICHARD B. TOMKOSKY, Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Lock Haven, Sacramental Minister at Saint Joseph Parish in Renovo, and Chaplain to the Catholic Community of Lock Haven University, appointed Pastor of the same parish, remaining as Sacramental Minister and Chaplain, effective July 22, 2009.

REVEREND CHARLES M. AMERSHEK, Pastor of Saint Rochus Parish in Johnstown (Cambria City), granted a Sabbatical from parochial administrative responsibilities for the purpose of assisting sacramentally as needed in the Diocese, as well as for retreat and study purposes, in accord with diocesan policies, effective July 22, 2009.

REVEREND FRANCIS P. BALESTINO, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Johnstown (Cambria City), granted Senior Priest Status and Retirement from administrative responsibilities, effective July 22, 2009.

REVEREND RONALD V. OSINSKI, Pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Portage, appointed Dean of the Allegheny Deanery, remaining as Pastor, effective July 22, 2009.

Father Osinski replaces the Rev. Msgr. John R. Sasway as Dean, who has requested to be relieved of that responsibility and remains as Pastor of Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish in Lilly.