

REPORT OF THE DEAN OF THE SOUTHWEST DEANERY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF  
PITTSBURGH AND WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA – **November 13, 2021**

**Officers:**

Rev. Andrew Nelko: Dean

Deacon David Rostcheck: Treasurer

The parishes of the **Southwest Deanery** include:

Belle Vernon, PA, Holy Resurrection	Rev. Stephan Gresh, Rector
Canonsburg, PA, St. John the Baptist	Rev. John Kotalik Protodeacon John Oleynik Deacon Theodosius Onest
Charleroi, PA, Holy Trinity	V. Rev. Gregory Peterson, Rector
Donora, PA, St. Nicholas	Rev. John Parker Deacon Robert Motichak
Jeannette, PA, Ss. Cyril & Methodius	V. Rev. Michael Senyo
Mingo Junction, OH, St. Andrew	V. Rev. John Kopcha, Rector
Monessen, PA, St. John the Divine	VACANT Hieromonk Constantine (Curchin), Temporary Administrator
Monongahela, PA, Nativity of the Virgin	VACANT Deacon David Rostcheck
New Salem, PA, Holy Trinity	V. Rev. Vitaly Dudkin, Rector
Steubenville, OH, Holy Transfiguration	VACANT
West Brownsville, PA, Holy Resurrection	VACANT
Weirton, WV, St. Nicholas	Rev. Andrew Nelko (Dean)
Wolf Run, OH, All Saints	VACANT
<i>Moundsville, WV, Ss. Peter &amp; Paul</i> <i>Masontown, PA, Nativity of the Virgin</i>	<i>Officially Closed</i> <i>Officially Closed</i>

We currently have **Five** parishes that are vacant or inactive. Monessen which is listed as vacant is currently being serviced by Hieromonk, Constantine Curchin. A major task of the dean has been to schedule services on Sundays for these vacant parishes and to find clergy to help service them in times of need. A big thank you to those who help fill in and serve these parishes; V. Rev. Paul Suda, V. Rev. Theodore Shomsky, V. Rev. David Vernak, V. Rev. Michael Zahirsky, Rev. Michael Sochka, and V. Rev. Bob Prepelka from the Carpatho Diocese along with our Deacons: Motichak, Onest, Rostcheck, Stahoviak, and Truckley.

We have had several changes to our deanery in this past year. Two parishes, Masontown and Moundsville, are now officially closed and the buildings have been sold. All liturgical items were removed by Father Bill Evansky and I before the sales. Many items from Moundsville and Masontown went to St. Moses the Black Mission in Pittsburgh as well as a ROCOR mission in Maine. Jeanette has gone through a year as the first parish in the Archdiocese to be awarded the LPAP program.

This past two years now has come with many challenges that no one has experienced before. With COVID a lot of activities within the deanery and parishes themselves came to a halt or slowed down. Parishes are now in the full swing of a regular liturgical life and activities have resumed. The deanery clergy have recently gathered for a Liturgy and get-together to discuss future activities and goals. We look forward to gathering more frequently as a deanery and picking up where we left off pre-covid.

I want to thank all the clergy in the deanery for being patient with me as I continue to learn on the job. I also want to thank them for being obedient with the orders handed down from the Diocesan Authorities.

Respectfully, submitted,



Rev. Andrew P. Nelko  
Dean of the Southwest Deanery