



July 19, 2025

Bishop Lawrence Persico has made the following clergy appointments:

APPOINTED

as Pastor:

Reverend Richard J. Allen, Pastor of St. Eulalia Parish, Coudersport, with its secondary mission church of Sacred Heart, Genessee, and its secondary churches of St. Augustine, Austin, and St. Bibiana, Galeton, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2031.

Reverend Christopher A. Beran, Pastor of St. Boniface Parish, Kersey, and part-time Campus Minister at Elk County Catholic School System, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2031.

Reverend Benjamin J. Daghir, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, McKean, and to the Chaplain of Cathedral Preparatory School, Erie, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2031.

Reverend Jason R. Feigh, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarion, and Parochial Administrator of St. Eusebius Parish, East Brady, with its secondary mission church of St. Richard, Rimersburg, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2031.

Reverend Daniel R. Hoffman, Pastor of St. Titus, Titusville, with its secondary churches, Immaculate Conception, Mageetown, and St. Walburga, Titusville, and Pastor *pro tempore* of St. Joseph Parish, Oil City, with its secondary church of St. Venantius, Rouseville, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2031.

Reverend Michael T. Kesicki, Pastor of St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish, Albion, with its secondary mission church of St. Philip, Crossingville, and to Chaplaincy Ministry at State Correctional Institution-Albion, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2031, while continuing as Chaplain of Gannon University.

Reverend Brandon M. Kleckner, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Lucinda, St. Michael Parish, Fryburg, and St. Mary Parish, Crown, with its secondary church, St. Ann, Marienville, and Chaplaincy Ministry at State Correctional Institution-Forest, Marienville, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2031.

Reverend Michael C. Polinek, Pastor of St. Jude the Apostle Parish, with its secondary mission church of St. Andrew, and Pastor of St. Stephen of Hungary Parish, all in Erie, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2031.

Reverend Thomas N. Trocchio, Pastor of St. Michael Parish, Greenville, with its secondary mission church of St. Margaret, Jamestown, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2031.

as Parochial Administrator:

Very Reverend John J. Detisch, Parochial Administrator of St. Timothy Parish, Curwensville, with its secondary mission church of St. Bonaventure, Grampian, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until other determinations are made, while continuing as Pastor of St. Tobias Parish, Brockway, as Vicar Forane of the DuBois Deanery, and as a member of Presbyteral Council, Bishop's College of Consultors, and Pastor Review Board.

Reverend James G. Gutting, Parochial Administrator *pro tempore* of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, with its secondary mission church of St. Francis of Assisi, both in Bradford, effective August 12, 2025, until December 8, 2025.

Reverend Johnathan P. Schmolt, Parochial Administrator of St. Agnes Parish, Morrisdale, with its secondary mission church of St. Severin, Drifting, and its secondary churches of St. Mary of the Assumption, Frenchville, Ss. Peter and Paul, Hawk Run, and Ss. Peter and Paul, Grassflat, effective July 31, 2025 and continuing until other determinations are made, while continuing as Pastor of Christ the King, Houtzdale, with its secondary mission church of Immaculate Conception, Osceola Mills.

as Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Luke A. Daghir, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Peace Parish, and to celebrate Masses at Mercyhurst University, both in Erie, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2028.

Reverend Brandon M. Feikles, Parochial Vicar of St. George Parish, and to celebrate Masses at The Pennsylvania State University, Behrend Campus, both in Erie, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2028.

Reverend Kevin O. Holland, Parochial Vicar of St. Jude the Apostle Parish, with its secondary mission church of St. Andrew, and of St. Stephen of Hungary Parish, all in Erie, and as part-time Chaplain of the Erie Catholic School System, Erie, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2028.

Reverend Michael C. Scanga, Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, and part-time Chaplain of DuBois Central Catholic School, both in DuBois, effective August 13, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2028.

as Sacramental Assistant:

The Reverend Ross R. Miceli, Sacramental Assistant to St. Timothy Parish, Curwensville, with its secondary mission church of St. Bonaventure, Grampian, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until other determinations are made.

to Chaplaincy Ministry:

Reverend Nicholas J. Fratus, Health Care Ministry, DuBois, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2030, with residence at St. Catherine rectory.

Reverend Cory L. Pius, Chaplaincy Ministry at State Correctional Institution-Forest, Marienville, while continuing as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Parish, Lucinda, St. Michael Parish, Fryburg, and St. Mary Parish, Crown, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2026.

Reverend Matias M. Quimno, Health Care Ministry at St. Vincent Hospital, Erie, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2030, with residence at Sacred Heart rectory.

Reverend Dennis J. Veltri, Chaplain of Sisters of Mercy, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2030, while continuing as Chaplain at UPMC Hamot.

to Diocesan Administration:

The Reverend Joseph A. Petrone, Assistant Chancellor of the Diocese of Erie and Sacramental Assistant at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie, effective July 30, 2025, and continuing until July 31, 2030.

REAPPOINTED

Reverend Chris M. Hamlett, Pastor of St. Philip Parish, Linesville, and St. Peter Parish, Conneautville, effective immediately, and continuing until July 31, 2031.

SABBATICAL

Reverend John J. Jacquel, effective August 12, 2025, and continuing until December 8, 2025.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Reverend William R. Barron, effective July 31, 2025, for medical reasons.

Reverend Joseph C. Campbell, effective immediately, to pursue interest in religious vocation with the Norbertines.

Reverend Christopher A. Wheeler, extended for personal reasons.

RETIRED

Reverend John P. Beal, effective September 1, 2025, residing at Bishop Michael J. Murphy Residence for Retired Priests.

Reverend Stephen L. Collins, effective August 12, 2025, residing at Christ the King rectory, Houtzdale.

Reverend Dennis A. Martin, effective September 1, 2025, residing at a private residence.