

Wilkes-Barre Deanery

Report to the 2014 Diocesan Assembly

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

WORSHIP: Many parishes of the Wilkes-Barre Deanery have experienced pastoral changes in the 2013 year that have led to a more consistent and vibrant liturgical cycle of services in the Deanery.

Father Paul Schellbach has been assigned to **All Saints Parish** in Olyphant.

Father George Volkovinsky has been assigned to **Saint John's Parish** in Edwardsville.

Father Peter Henry has been assigned to **Saint Michael's** Parish in Old Forge.

Father Benjamin Johnson has been assigned to **Saint Basil's** Parish in Simpson.

Saint John's Parish in Nanticoke continues to be vacant but consistently served on a weekly basis by available clergy.

Saint John's Parish in Dundaff continues to be vacant but consistently served on a weekly basis by available clergy.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Uniondale continues to be vacant but consistently served on a weekly basis by available clergy.

Holy Resurrection Parish in Alden Station continues to be vacant but consistently served on a weekly basis by available clergy.

Saint Vladimir's Parish in Lopez continues to be vacant but consistently served on a weekly basis by available clergy.

Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre, **Holy Trinity** in Wilkes-Barre, **Holy Cross** in Williamsport, **Holy Trinity** in Stroudsburg, **Saint Nicholas** in Olyphant, **Saint Michael's** in Jermyn, and **Holy Annunciation** in Berwick continue to be blessed by the diligent and faithful service and pastorship of their longstanding priests.

Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church continues to be a part of the Wilkes-Barre Deanery.

Clergy and faithful gathered during the season of Great Lent for Lenten Mission Vespers and other Services. These services were held at:

- Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre
- St. John's Parish in Nanticoke
- Holy Trinity Parish in Wilkes-Barre
- Saint Michael's Parish in Old Forge
- Holy Trinity Parish in Stroudsburg

Efforts are currently underway to schedule the Lenten Services of the Deanery for Great Lent 2014.

FELLOWSHIP: Fellowship accompanies most diocesan and deanery services and events.

Two Deanery meetings were held during the course of 2013.

1. A brief meeting was held January 19th at Saint Nicholas Parish in Bethlehem on January 19th during the Annual Diocesan Assembly. The purpose of the meeting was to elect delegates, clergy and lay, to the Diocesan Council.
2. A regular meeting was held September 12th at Perkins Restaurant in Pittston, Pa. Bishop Mark attended this Deanery Meeting.

Our Deanery includes several retired clergy and 'unattached' clergy who enhance the clergy brotherhood and provide tremendous help in our ministering at our many vacant parishes.

EDUCATION/OUTREACH: Educational and outreach activities of the parishes in the deanery continues. Many parishes host Fall lectures and Lenten lectures. Some of the parishes in the Wilkes-Barre area join together for vacation bible schools. Concerts and ethnic festivals were also held.

Our Deanery participated in the South Philadelphia Mission Trip.

The Clergy Continuing Education lectures at Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre and Saint Michael's Parish in Jermyn were attended by many, but not all, deanery clergy.

MINISTRY: Parishes of the deanery continue to perform the sacraments of the Church, visit the sick and infirm, feed the hungry and poor, minister to the imprisoned and preach the gospel in their communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr Nicholas J Solak, Dean