



# FRACKVILLE + DEANERY

## **2020 Diocesan Assembly – Frackville Deanery Report**

Archpriest Timothy Hojnicky, *Dean* + Archpriest Stephen Vernak, *Assistant to the Dean* + Archpriest John Onofrey, *Secretary/Treasurer*

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The Frackville Deanery is comprised of ten parishes which are all serviced regularly by either assigned clergy or visiting clergy. This year has been particularly difficult with several parishes without fulltime assigned clergy. By God's grace we were able to rely on substitutes to make sure that parishes had Divine Services regularly, if desired.

We were saddened that longtime member of the Diocesan Council, Elise Herman (Sts. Peter & Paul, Minersville) fell asleep in the Lord this past October. ***May her memory be eternal!***

This past year Fr. Joseph Ramishvili was received into the Orthodox Church in America, and into the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, and assigned as the Acting Rector of Sts. Peter & Paul in Minersville. ***May God grant him many years!***

We still face the normal challenges facing the region. Presently, Holy Ascension, Lykens, Holy Trinity, McAdoo, St. Michael's, Mt. Carmel, and St. Mary's, St. Clair are without assigned rectors. Despite this, most continue to have regular services as supply priests and reader services are available. We especially thank Fr. Daniel Ressetar, Fr. Michael Evans, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Fr. Dennis Rhodes, Fr. James Chuta and Fr. Mircea Airinei for filling in in these places where needed throughout the year. We were blessed to have newly ordained Seminarian, Fr. Silouan Burns serve both as an intern at Holy Apostles in Mechanicsburg, and as a fill in at Holy Trinity in McAdoo, especially over the summer.

Holy Trinity, McAdoo, recently petitioned the Archbishop to temporarily close for the winter citing issues with the small group having physical illness, financial concerns, and the road repair making access to the church complicated. Their situation will be revisited after Pascha.

For more information on the individual parishes, please visit their parish websites:

**St. Mary's Church: Coaldale, PA (1909) - [www.stmarysnativity.org](http://www.stmarysnativity.org)**

*Archpriest James Weremedic, Rector*

*Archpriest Paul Ropitsky, Attached (Ret.)*

**Holy Ascension Church: Frackville, PA (1915) - [www.haoca.org](http://www.haoca.org)**

*Archpriest James Jadick, Rector*

**Christ the Saviour Church: Harrisburg, PA (1963) - [www.christthesaviourhbg.org](http://www.christthesaviourhbg.org)**

*Archpriest Stephen Vernak, Rector*

*Archpriest Daniel Ressetar, Pastor Emeritus (Ret.)*

*Archpriest Daniel Kovalak, Attached (Ret.)*

*Dn. Peter Staller, Attached*

*Dn. John Shingara, Attached*

**Holy Ascension Church: Lykens, PA (1912) – [www.oca.org/parishes/oca-ep-lykhac](http://www.oca.org/parishes/oca-ep-lykhac)**  
*Served by Diocesan Clergy*

**Holy Trinity Church: McAdoo, PA (1910) – <https://www.holytrinitymcadoo.org/>**  
*Served by Diocesan Clergy*

**Holy Apostles Mission: Mechanicsburg, PA (2004) - [www.holyapostleschurch.org](http://www.holyapostleschurch.org)**  
*Archpriest Timothy Hojnicky, Rector*

**SS. Peter and Paul Church: Minersville, PA (1910) – [www.oca.org/parishes/oca-ep-minspp](http://www.oca.org/parishes/oca-ep-minspp)**  
*Fr. Joseph Ramishvili, Acting Rector*

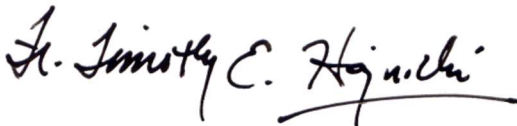
**St. Michael Church, Mount Carmel, PA (1907) - [www.stmichaelsorthodoxchurch.org](http://www.stmichaelsorthodoxchurch.org)**  
*Fr. Ignatius Hunter, Rector*

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church: Saint Clair, PA (1911) – [www.oca.org/parishes/oca-ep-stcbvm](http://www.oca.org/parishes/oca-ep-stcbvm)**  
*Archpriest Timothy Hojnicky, Administrator*  
*Served by Diocesan Clergy*

**St. Herman of Alaska Church: Shillington, PA (1973) – [www.sainthermanshillington.org](http://www.sainthermanshillington.org)**  
*Archpriest John Onofrey, Rector*  
*Rev. Joseph Toroney, Attached*  
*V. Rev. Stephen Janos, Attached (Ret.)*

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Asking your prayers, and respectfully submitted,



Archpriest Timothy Hojnicky, *Dean*