



March 9, 2026

Bishop Lawrence Persico has made the following clergy appointments:

APPOINTED

The Very Reverend Richard J. Allen, Vicar Forane (Dean) of the Bradford Deanery, effective immediately, and continuing until June 30, 2029.

The Reverend Chijioke (John) Nwankwo, Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Lucinda, St. Michael Parish, Fryburg, and St. Mary Parish, Crown, with its secondary church of St. Ann Church, Marienville, effective March 12, 2026, and continuing until July 31, 2029, with residence at the rectory of St. Mary, Crown.

The Reverend Festus Okoye, Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Oil City, with its secondary church of St. Venantius, Rouseville, and St. Titus Parish, Titusville, with its secondary churches of Immaculate Conception, Mageetown and St. Walburga, Titusville, effective March 12, 2026, and continuing until July 31, 2029, with residence at the rectory of St. Joseph Parish, Oil City.

The Reverend Cory L. Pius, Parochial Vicar of Christ the King Parish, Houtzdale, with its secondary church of Immaculate Conception, Osceola Mills; St. Agnes Parish, Morrisdale, with its secondary churches of St. Severin, Drifting, St. Mary of the Assumption, Frenchville, Ss. Peter and Paul, Hawk Run, and Ss. Peter and Paul, Grassflat; and St. Basil the Great Parish, Coalport, with its secondary mission church of Holy Trinity, Ramey, effective March 24, 2026, and continuing until July 31, 2029, with residence at the rectory of Christ the King, Houtzdale.

The Reverend Johnathan P. Schmolt, Pastor St. Basil the Great Parish, Coalport, with its secondary mission church of Holy Trinity, Ramey, and St. Agnes Parish, Morrisdale, with its secondary churches of St. Severin, Drifting, St. Mary of the Assumption, Frenchville, Ss. Peter and Paul, Hawk Run, and Ss. Peter and Paul, Grassflat, while continuing as Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Houtzdale with its secondary church of Immaculate Conception, Osceola Mills. This assignment will take effect on March 24, 2026, and continue until July 31, 2029.

The Reverend Marc J. Solomon, Chaplain of Christ the King Manor and Penn Highlands, DuBois, effective March 24, 2026, and continuing until July 31, 2029, with residence at the rectory of St. Catherine church.