The Frackville Deanery is currently comprised of eight parishes which are all serviced regularly by either assigned or visiting clergy. We are thankful that the clergy and faithful are ministering to their parishes as best as they can during this strange time. We pray that this coming year will see a return to more normalcy in parish life.

Our deanery, in fact the entire OCA, suffered the loss of the Mitered Archpriest Daniel Ressetar, who reposed in the Lord this past January (+1/20/21). Fr. Dan was the former dean and ever-active member of the deanery brotherhood, whose presence we will all miss. Also, while not officially attached to the OCA, the Protopresbyter Michael Slovesko also recently fell asleep in the Lord (+1/4/22). He served in several of our diocesan parishes and filled in where needed. May their memories be eternal! Vechnya Pamnyat!

We still face the ongoing normal challenges facing the region. Presently, St. Mary’s, St. Clair, is without a resident priest. Fr. James Chuta, who had been serving them on weekends for several years, expressed his desire to step back from active ministry. We thank him and Mat. Nancy for their years of service. At present the Dean is covering the administrative needs of the parish with help from the local clergy for their spiritual and sacramental needs.

At the request of the Archbishop, we had one “in person” deanery meeting this past August in Coaldale, as well as several Zoom calls to check in with the clergy and their respective parishes.

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

St. Mary’s Church: Coaldale, PA (1909) - www.stmarysnativity.org
Archpriest James Weremedic, Rector
Archpriest Paul Ropitsky (Ret.), Attached

Holy Ascension Church: Frackville, PA (1915) - www.haoca.org
Archpriest James Jadick, Rector

Christ the Saviour Church: Harrisburg, PA (1963) - www.christthesaviourhbg.org
Archpriest Stephen Vernak, Rector
Mt. Archpriest Daniel Kovalak (Ret.), Attached
Dn. Peter Staller, Attached
Dn. John Shingara, Attached

Archpriest Timothy Hojnicki, Rector
Mt. Archpriest Nicholas Molodyko-Harris (Ret.), Attached

SS. Peter and Paul Church: Minersville, PA (1910) – www.peterpaulminersville.com
Priest Joseph Ramishvili, Rector

St. Michael Church: Mount Carmel, PA (1907) - www.stmichaelsorthodoxchurch.org
Priest Vjekoslav Jovicic, Rector
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church: Saint Clair, PA (1911) – [website]
Archpriest Timothy Hojnicki, Administrator
Served by Diocesan Clergy

St. Herman of Alaska Church: Shillington, PA (1973) – [website]
Archpriest John Onofrey, Rector

Asking your prayers, and respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Archpriest Timothy Hojnicki, Dean