



# Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

*Pastor of Saint Mary Parish in Altoona and Editor of Diocesan Newspaper Passes*

(HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA) – The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is mourning the passing of one of its priests. Monsignor Timothy P. Stein, Pastor of Saint Mary (Immaculate Conception) Parish in Altoona, passed away this morning at the parish rectory following a recent illness. He was 60 years old.

In addition to his parish duties, Monsignor Stein served as Editor of the Diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Register* – a position he has held for the past 29 years. Besides covering stories and laying out each edition of the newspaper, Monsignor wrote a column titled “Another Perspective.” In his columns, he shared his personal reflections about matters of Church and the Catholic faith. He often wrote about his family experiences and his love of England and British royalty.

A native of Saint Bartholomew Parish in Wilmore, Monsignor Stein was ordained to the Diocesan Priesthood in 1984. He was appointed Pastor of Saint Mary Parish in 2004. Prior to that assignment, he was Pastor of Saint Monica Parish in Chest Springs.

In his early years as a priest, he served as Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart Parish in Altoona, Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Altoona, and Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Hollidaysburg.

He was appointed Editor of *The Catholic Register* in 1989. He served as Associate Editor for three years before being named Editor.

Monsignor Stein was the son of the late Charles and Josephine (Ferramini) Stein. He is survived by his sister, Elizabeth Kinley and her husband, Michael Kinley, of Frederick, Maryland, nieces Laura and Emily, and his aunt, Virginia Ferramini, of Altoona.

Bishop Mark Bartchak offers his condolences to the Stein family, the faith community of Saint Mary Parish, and the staff of *The Catholic Register*. Viewing and funeral arrangements are pending.