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MEDIA ADVISORY

Pastor of Saint Peter Parish in Somerset Passes

(HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA) – The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is mourning the passing of the Very Reverend Daniel J. O’Neill, VF, Pastor of Saint Peter Parish in Somerset and Dean of the Southern Deanery. Father O’Neill passed on October 29 following complications from an extended illness. He was 68 years old.

Father O’Neill was born in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, and was ordained a priest on May 8, 1976, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

He served as Pastor of Saint Peter since 2008 and Dean since 2010.

Over the years, Father O’Neill served at various parishes throughout the diocese, including pastorates at the former Our Lady of Mercy and Saint Barnabas Parishes in Johnstown, the former Saint Gregory Parish in Johnstown, and the former Immaculate Conception Parish in Lock Haven.

“I am deeply saddened by the passing of Father O’Neill,” said Bishop Mark Bartchak. “He was very dedicated to his ministry, even throughout the trials of his illness. May the Lord grant him eternal rest, and may God comfort the Saint Peter Parish and School community and all who cared for him.”

A viewing for Father O’Neill will be held on November 2 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at Saint Peter Parish. A viewing will also be held on November 3 from 9:00-10:45 a.m. A funeral Mass will follow at Saint Peter at 11:00 a.m.