

REV. FATHER JAMES LEASE

Pastor: 2013-2015



Family & Background:

James Edwin Lease was born of Edwin and Judy Lease and was raised in the bucolic farmlands of Columbia County, PA. His sister Deborah is married to Steve Veit and lives in Minnesota. Fr. Lease is an Eagle Scout, and enjoys camping, hiking, canoeing. He is also an Organist who takes a special interest in North German Baroque music.

Education:

G.C. Hartman Elementary School
Southern Columbia Area Jr.-Sr. High School
(Graduated in 1994)

College:

Pennsylvania State University – B. S. in
Chemical Engineering, with honors in Chemical
Engineering, minor in Chemistry (1998)
University of Delaware – M. S. in Chemical
Engineering (2000)

Theology and Philosophy:

Mt. St. Mary's University – Pre-Theology
Philosophy Program (2002)
Pontifical Gregorian University – Sacred
Theology Bachelor, magna cum laude (2005)
Pontifical Gregorian University – Sacred
Theology License in Biblical Theology, summa
cum laude (2007)

Sacred Orders:

Deacon – October 6, 2005 at the Archbasilica of
St. Peter in the Vatican, by Most. Rev. Donald
Wuerl, Bishop of Pittsburgh
Presbyter – June 23, 2006 at the Cathedral of St.
Patrick, Harrisburg, by Most Rev. Kevin C.
Rhoades, Bishop of Harrisburg

Priestly Assignments:

2006 (Summer) Parochial Vicar – Sacred Heart,
Lewistown / St. Jude Thaddeus, Mifflintown
2007 – 2011 Parochial Vicar – St. Theresa, New
Cumberland
2008 – 2011 Chaplain – Trinity High School,
Camp Hill
2011 – 2013 Parochial Vicar – St. Joseph,
Hanover (with responsibility for the Hispanic
Community)
2011 – 2012 Chaplain – York Catholic High
School
2012 – Present Chaplain – Delone Catholic High
School
2013 – Present Administrator – Basilica of the
Sacred Heart, Hanover

In addition to his official assignments:

Teaches Biblical courses for the Diocese of
Harrisburg
Participates in the Hispanic Apostolate of the
Diocese of Harrisburg
Serves as Chaplain for the Harrisburg Chapter of
the American Guild of Organists
Assists with the Boy Scouts in various ways
Participates in ecumenical and interfaith
dialogues
Participates in the Hanover Area Council of
Churches Ministerium