

## Reverend W. Jeffrey Paulish

### Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1956
YEAR OF DEATH:	N/A
ORDINATION:	September 3, 1988

### Employment/Assignment History

9/1988 – 6/1991	Asst. Pastor, Our Lady of the Snows, Clarks Summit, PA
6/1991 – 1/1992	Asst. Pastor, Annunciation, Williamsport, PA
1/1992 – 6/1992	Asst. Pastor, St. Cecilia, Exeter, PA
6/1992 – 7/1993	Asst. Pastor, Most Precious Blood, Hazleton, PA
7/1993 – 1/1994	Asst. Pastor, Sacred Heart, Peckville, PA
1/1994 – 7/2000	Chaplain, Little Flower Manor, Wilkes-Barre, PA
7/2000 – 7/2004	Pastor, St. Francis Xavier, Friendsville, PA, St. Patrick, Middletown, PA and St. Thomas the Apostle, Little Meadows, PA
7/2004 – 11/2004	Leave of Absence
11/2004 – 6/2005	Asst. Pastor, St. Joseph's, Minooka, PA, Immaculate Conception and St. John the Baptist, Taylor, PA
6/2005 – 9/2005	Chaplain, St. Mary's Villa, Elmhurst, PA
9/2005 – 11/2005	Asst. Pastor, St. Patrick, Scranton, PA
11/2005 – 3/2006	Leave of Absence
3/2006 – 10/2006	Residence, St. Cecilia, Exeter, PA
10/2006 – 7/2008	Asst. Pastor, St. Mary, Old Forge, PA
7/2008 – 7/2011	Administrator, St. Elizabeth, Bear Creek, PA
7/2011 – 8/2012	Leave of Absence
8/2012 – 11/2012	Asst. Pastor, Holy Cross, Olyphant, PA
11/2012 – 7/2013	Leave of Absence
7/2013 – 11/2013	Asst. Pastor, Prince of Peace, Old Forge, PA
9/20/2013	Leave of Absence

### Summary

On September 20, 2013, the Diocese of Scranton was notified by the Lackawanna County District Attorney's Office that Father W. Jeffrey Paulish was in custody. Campus security officers at the University of Scranton had caught Paulish having sex with a 15-year-old boy. Paulish ultimately pled guilty to the charge of corruption of a minor and was sentenced to eight to 23 months in prison.

The Diocese instructed the pastors of any churches to which Paulish had been assigned to advise their congregations that law enforcement had found Paulish engaged in an inappropriate act with a minor. The pastors were further instructed to encourage anyone who

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may have been involved in, or may be aware of, any abusive situation involving Paulish to contact the District Attorney's Office or local law enforcement.