

NAME: Msgr. Joseph D. Maurizio
DATE OF BIRTH: August 22, 1945
STATUS: Incarcerated
ORDINATION: November 11, 1987

ASSIGNMENTS:

1987 St. Rose of Lima, Altoona, PA
1988 Our Mother of Sorrows, Johnstown, PA
1989 St. Michael's Church, Johnstown, PA
1990 St. John's Church and St. Mary's Church, Windber, PA
1991 St. Casimir Church and St. Emerich Church, Johnstown, PA
1993 St. Andrew's Church, Johnstown, PA
1996 Good Samaritan Medical Center and Memorial Medical Center, Johnstown, PA
2003-09/2014 Our Lady Queen of Angels, Central City, PA

On April 9, 2015, the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District released a statement stating:

Joseph D. Maurizio Jr., 69, a priest at the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, was originally charged by criminal complaint and arrested on Sept. 25, 2014. He has been in custody since his arrest.

According to allegations in the indictment and complaint, each year between 1999 and 2009, Maurizio traveled from Pennsylvania to Honduras to assist a non-profit organization that provides services to children there. While he was in Honduras, Maurizio provided money or candy to minor boys in an orphanage and engaged in unlawful sexual activities. Maurizio is also charged with possession of material depicting minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

Following search warrants executed on Sept. 12, 2014, at the rectory at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church in Central City, Pennsylvania, and a farm owned by Maurizio in Windber, Pennsylvania, law enforcement seized various computers and electronic devices, including a hard drive allegedly containing images depicting minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

The Grand Jury found evidence that a report was made to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in 2009. A monsignor in the Diocese contacted the FBI in an effort to confirm an investigation was taking place. The Diocese engaged in an effort to investigate the complaint and hired their own translator to translate the victims' claims. Documents obtained from the Diocese show a high ranking Diocesan official concluding the alleged conduct was "impossible." Maurizio was convicted in 2015.