

## 2 Priests, 100 Years of Service

A century spent in service to the Church will be noted next Sunday as Father Howard Geck and Msgr. John M. Duffy observe the 50th anniversary of their ordinations to the priesthood.

The priests will be concelebrants of an anniversary Mass, with both Bishops Joseph L. Hogan and James E. Kearney at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, at Our Mother of Sorrows Church.

Msgr. Duffy's 80th birthday also will be noted on that day.

Father Geck, now in retirement at St. Ann's Home, attended St. Peter and Paul's School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He was ordained by Bishop John Gregory Murray in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, in 1923.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Michael's

Church, Rochester, where he served to October 1928. He was a teacher at St. Andrew's from June 1929 to February 1948 and also served as chaplain of the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph from June 1929 to February 1937.

Bishop Kearney appointed him pastor of St. Paul of the Cross, Honeoye Falls, and St. Catherine's, Mendon, in February of 1948.

He resigned that post and took up residence at St. Ann's Home in 1962.

Father Geck, in addition to helping his classmate observe the anniversary, plans a private Mass.

Msgr. Duffy was born in Red Creek and attended public schools in the village and Oswego Normal School prior to entering St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's

Seminaries. He, too, was ordained in St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Murray.

He served as assistant pastor at St. Anthony's Church, Rochester from August 1923 to June 1924 when he took a teaching post at Aquinas Institute. He was appointed assistant pastor at Holy Family, Auburn, in August 1927 and was named superintendent of schools for the diocese in June 1929. He was named pastor of St. Augustine's Church, Rochester in February, 1945.

Msgr. Duffy was named to the diocesan priests' council in 1967. He retired from the St. Augustine's pastorate in June 1968 and took up residence at Our Mother of Sorrows.

Also concelebrating with Msgr. Duffy will be Father George Wood, pastor of Our Mother of

Sorrows; Father Frederick Eiseman, Associate pastor; Msgr. John F. Duffy, pastor of St. Catherine's, Addison, and also a nephew to Msgr. Duffy; Msgr. Richard Burns, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle; Father John Malley, recently retired pastor of St. Joseph, Penfield; Father Walter Cole, Father Frederick Walz, chaplain at St. Joseph's Infirmary (and also noting his 40th anniversary in the priesthood this June); and Father Albert Ryan, pastor of St. James Trumansburg.

A vested choir, under the direction of Mrs. John Effinger will perform the liturgical music. Don Greenwell will play the organ.

A dinner in the social hall, with Mayor Stephen May in attendance, will follow the Mass. A purse and a spiritual bouquet will be presented at that time.



MSGR. DUFFY



FATHER GECK

### Father Mayer Notes 25 Years

Father John Fisher Mayer, OFM, son of Mrs. Anna Mayer and the late Lawrence V. Mayer, home from his Brazilian mission, will celebrate a Silver Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving at Corpus Christi Church on Sunday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Father John Fisher was a graduate of Corpus Christi School and St. Andrew's Seminary before entering the Franciscan Friars Novitiate.

### Sister Ludwig Marks 60th

Sister Ludwig, SSND, a retired teacher of Holy Family School, recently celebrated her 60th anniversary as a nun.

A native of Rochester and St. Joseph's parish, she was born Hanna Kiefer in 1884. She was received into the School Sisters of Notre Dame in May, 1913.

During her career, she has taught at Holy Redeemer, Holy Family, as well as schools in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, and New York City.

## 4 Priests Note Silver Jubilees



Father James Marvin raises Host at anniversary Mass, flanked by Bishops Joseph L. Hogan and Lawrence B. Casey.

Four priests from the diocese are celebrating the 25th anniversaries of their ordinations to the priesthood in June. They are Father James F. Baker, pastor of St. Joseph's, Wayland; Father Gerald Dunn, pastor of St. Theodore's; Father James Marvin, pastor of St. Ambrose; and Father Dominic Mockevicius, chaplain to Craig State School, Sonyea.

Father Baker celebrated a Mass on Sunday, June 3 at St. Joseph's and the people of the parish honored him with a reception in the school hall that afternoon.

Father Baker's assignments include assistant pastorates at St. Patrick's, Corning, and St. Michael's, Rochester. He has also served as pastor at St. Pius, Cohocton.

Father Dunn's anniversary plans include a 12:30 p.m. Mass next Sunday, June 10, followed by a reception until 4 p.m. The parish also is hosting a party for him at Logan's at 7 p.m.

Father Dunn has served as assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, St. Patrick's, Corning, and St. Monica's. While at St. Monica's Father Dunn also served as head of the diocesan Family Life Bureau.

Celebrations noting Father Marvin's anniversary started last

#### CYO SOFTBALL

St. Rita and St. James junior high softball teams finished regular season May 31 deadlocked in the Red Division with a 7 win-1 loss record to force a playoff yesterday, June 5. The winner of that game will face undefeated and defending champions, St. Andrews, for the Championship Game on Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m. at Kodak Park Weiland Road Field.

Friday with a surprise musical revue staged by the entire St. Ambrose school body. The format was based on the popular television series "This Is Your Life." According to Sister Rosemary, principal of St. Ambrose, more than 700 children and faculty members participated.

Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Paterson, N.J., and Bishop Joseph L. Hogan were among the concelebrants of Father Marvin's Mass last Sunday at St. Ambrose. A parish reception was held for him in Dailey Hall. Father Marvin

also planned a private family celebration in the evening.

Father Marvin has served as assistant pastor at Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Andrew's. He was pastor of St. Joseph's, Wayland, before assuming the pastorate of St. Ambrose. He is also the president of the Priests' Council.

Father Mockevicius was joined by his brother Charles, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa, for a family Mass Saturday, June 2, at St. George's Church. Father said that the intention of his Mass will be for

all the people he has served and come in contact with during his priesthood. A family dinner will follow.

Both Masses on June 3, at the Chapel of the Divine Compassion at Craig State School were Masses of Thanksgiving, and, again, Father's intention will be for all his parishioners and friends.

Father Mockevicius, prior to taking up the chaplaincy at Craig State, served St. Boniface, St. George, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Holy Family, St. Patrick's, Cato; St. Thomas, Red Creek; St. Alphonsus, Auburn; and St. Mary's, Canandaigua.

## Eight in Priesthood 40 Years

Eight priests of the Rochester Diocese reach their 40th anniversary Sunday, June 10.

Two of the men are pastors of parishes they founded in 1950. For a third, the anniversary coincides with the 20th year of his pastorate. All but two of the group are natives of Rochester.

All were graduated from St. Bernard's in a class of 53 men that included 13 from this diocese.

They were ordained in old St. Patrick's Cathedral June 10, 1933, shortly after the death of Bishop John F. O'Hern. The ordaining prelate was Bishop Emmett J. Walsh of Charleston.

Father Francis Kleehammer, founding pastor of St. Rita's in West Webster, celebrated his anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving last Sunday. He was feted by his parishioners May 24 at a public reception. Father Kleehammer was an assistant in three Rochester parishes, St. Andrew's, St. Peter and Paul and St. Michael's, before his appointment to St. Rita's.

Father Francis Feeney, who organized St. James parish and has been its only pastor, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 10. He served assistantships at Blessed Sacrament, Holy Apostles and St. Charles, Rochester, and St. Ignatius, Hornell.

June 3 was a "day of recognition" at St. Anthony's, Elmira, for Father William A. Burns, pastor for 20 years. His anniversary Mass was followed by a reception in the parish center.

Father Burns, a native of Kansas City, was brought up in Elmira. He attended Niagara University, in addition to the diocesan seminaries, and for the 17 years preceding his appointment to St. Anthony's he was vice-principal and principal of Elmira Catholic High School. Earlier, he had been an assistant at St. Monica's and a teacher at Aquinas Institute.

Father Orrin W. Feller, who is retired, spent the first nine years of his priesthood on the Aquinas faculty. He has a B.A. degree

from Fordham and an M.A. from Niagara. Born in Milwaukee, he grew up in Rochester and lives now at Holy Cross. He was pastor of St. Patrick's, Moravia, and St. Ann's, Owasco, 1950-56, and before and afterward served as an assistant at St. Mary's, Dansville, and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Patrick's, Victor, and St. Ignatius, Hornell.

Father Robert H. Fennessy, pastor of Holy Cross since 1955, and Father Feller plan no public observances of the anniversaries because the parish is planning a centennial celebration for June 30.

Father Fennessy, onetime pastor of St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris, has served also at St. Mary's, Auburn; St. Felix, Clifton Springs; St. Stephen's, Geneva, and St. Augustine's, Rochester.

Father Francis H. Turner, pastor of St. Francis, Phelps, since 1970, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 a.m. June 10. Father Turner has held pastorates at Scipio Center, Addison and Watkins Glen.

Father Frederick L. Walz, chaplain to the St. Joseph Sisters in the Motherhouse infirmary in Pittsford, where he lives, will observe his anniversary there with a high Mass of Thanksgiving June 10. Father Walz was pastor for several years of Our Lady of the Lake parish at King Ferry and of All Saints, Ludlowville. Appointed in 1965 to the pastorate of St. Patrick's, Rochester, he served there until the parish was made a mission of nearby St. Anthony's, in 1971.

The people of St. Stanislaus will hold open house for Father Alexander Stec June 10 after his 4:30 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving. Father Stec has been their pastor since 1959. Three years after his ordination, Father Stec was sent to Poland for two years of graduate studies at the University of Cracow. After his return, he was given charge of St. John's, Newark Valley, and St. Francis, Catatonk, living at Owego. He became resident pastor in 1942. The 25th anniversary of his priesthood was also the 20th anniversary of his service in those rural Southern Tier communities.