

Parish Celebrations Honor Eight Retiring Pastors

Father John J. Nacca, retiring pastor of St. Francis Parish, Auburn, describes his retirement party Sunday, May 5, as "a night of surprises." To honor Father Nacca, who holds the diocesan record of 36 years for the longest tenure as pastor of a single parish, parishioners, headed by Chairman Paul Saltarello arranged a party at the local Holiday Inn and presented Father Nacca with a variety of gifts and remembrances. From the parishioners themselves came a 1985 Chevy Caprice and a bronze plaque bearing his likeness to be mounted in the church.

Saltarello and the committee also arranged for several other surprises: a papal blessing signed by Pope John Paul II, insertion into the Congressional Record of a speech read by Sen. Alphonse D'Amato to honor Father Nacca, a letter from President Ronald Reagan accompanied by cuff links and a tie clip bearing the presidential seal, and proclamations by local governmental representatives. In addition, Father Nacca received a trip to Rome and spending money from two former students, Phil Romano and Tony Cacciotti. The altar boys presented him with a new pair of shoes and a hat, and various parishioners gave personal gifts.

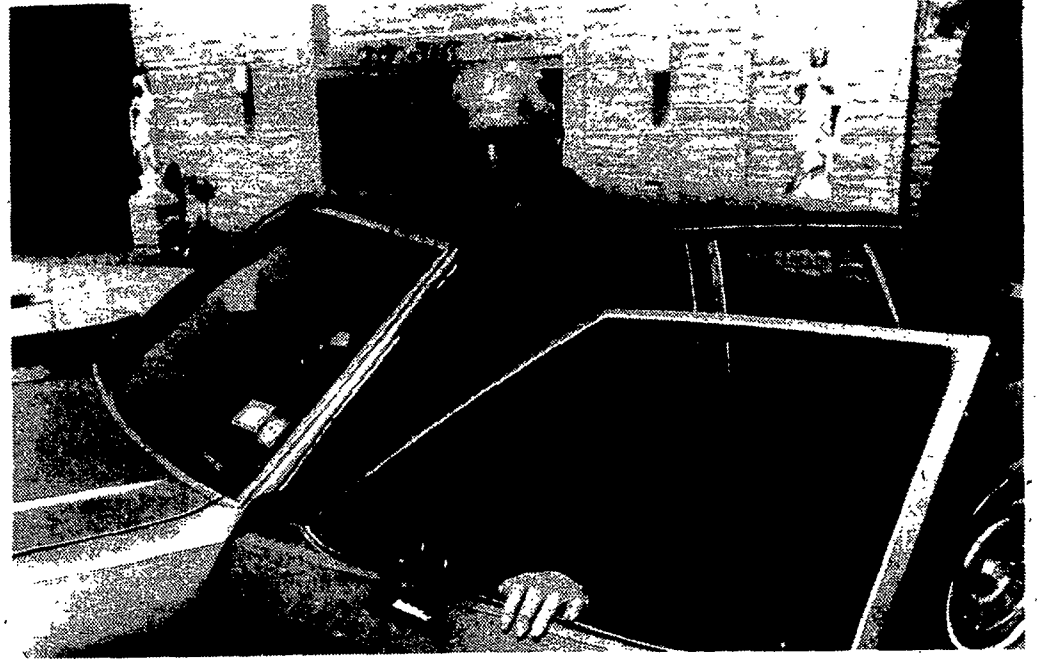
The tickets for the original party sold out

in three days, and to accommodate the overflow, a second party was scheduled for May 19.

Father Nacca was born in Rochester on May 15, 1915, the son of Pasqualino and Alfonsina D'Angelo Nacca. He attended Holy Rosary Elementary School, Aquinas Institute, and St. Andrews and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood June 7, 1941, by Bishop James E. Kearney and was appointed assistant pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Auburn. A year and a half later, he was moved to St. Francis in Rochester, but was later returned to Auburn's St. Francis to fill in for the ailing pastor, Monsignor Gabbani.

Father Nacca's next assignment was to St. Mary's of the Assumption in Fairport where he remained almost three years, and later to St. Francis Xavier, Rochester. In 1949, after the death of Monsignor Gabbani, Father Nacca was appointed pastor of St. Francis Xavier, Auburn.

"The thing I'd like to emphasize is how good and kind the people have been all through the years, not just now," said Father Nacca, overwhelmed with the generosity of his parishioners. "If you just go half way with the congregation, they'll go the other half and more."

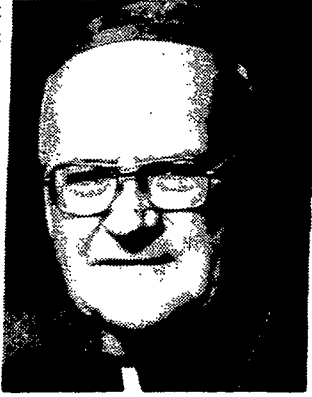


Father Nacca poses proudly with the 1985 Chevy Caprice given to him by parishioners as a retirement gift.

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Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, DD

The Most Rev. Dennis W. Hickey currently serves as auxiliary bishop and vicar general of the Diocese of Rochester, and is retiring as pastor of St. Thomas More Church. Bishop Hickey was born October 28, 1914, to Walter W. and Aloysia Sullivan Hickey in Dansville. He attended St. Patrick's School, Dansville; Dansville Central High School; St. Bernard's Seminary; and Colgate University where he earned a bachelor's degree in history and government.



Bishop Hickey was ordained June 7, 1941, by Bishop Kearney at Sacred Heart Cathedral, and was first assigned as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, Auburn, from June 1941 to Nov. 1946. He served as secretary to the diocesan Tribunal from November, 1946, to June, 1961, at which time he was named pastor of St. Theodore's Church, Gates. Bishop Hickey was also secretary of the diocesan Marriage Tribunal at the Rochester chancery office for 15 years.

In 1952, Pope Pius XII designated him papal chamberlain with the title very reverend monsignor. He was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate with the title right reverend monsignor in July, 1959, by Pope John XXIII.

Bishop Sheen appointed Monsignor Hickey vicar general of the Diocese of Rochester in 1967, and Pope Paul VI named him auxiliary bishop of Rochester and titular bishop of Rusuccuru, an ancient diocese located in northern Africa. His consecration was held March 14, 1968.

A retirement dinner is scheduled for June 23 at the Country Club of Rochester at 6:30 p.m. Approximately 300 parishioners and friends are expected to attend. For further information about the dinner, contact Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tierney at 244-1678 or Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Schomburg at 244-6657.

Monsignor John E. Maney

Pastor of St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario, Monsignor Maney was born Nov. 1, 1914, to John and Elizabeth Scheiberling Maney. He attended DeSales High School, Geneva, and went on to study at St.



Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He furthered his studies at North American College and Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois.

Monsignor Maney was ordained July 30, 1939 at St. Ignatius Temple, Rome, returning to Rochester to teach at St. Andrew's Seminary. He served as secretary of the diocesan Tribunal and was named vice chancellor of the Tribunal June 16, 1944.

Monsignor Maney was appointed papal chamberlain with the title very reverend monsignor in 1953. He was named chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester on July 2, 1954, and in 1955 he was appointed administrator of Corpus Christi Church and named domestic prelate, with the title right reverend monsignor, by Pope Pius XII. He was elevated to the rank of Protonotary Apostolic, the highest rank of monsignor or domestic prelate, by Pope John XXIII.

Maney was named vicar general of the diocese by Bishop Kearney in October, 1963, and resigned from that post on the advice of his physician in 1964.

He remained at Corpus Christi until 1976 when he was appointed to St. Mary of the Lake on June 23, 1976.

Approximately 300 parishioners and friends attended a retirement party for Monsignor Maney, on Sunday, June 2, at Sweet's Party House, Webster.

Monsignor Richard M. Quinn

Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester, Monsignor Quinn was born July 26, 1914, to Theobald and Helen Schutte Quinn. He attended Immaculate Conception School and Aquinas Institute, during which time he lived with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quinn. He received his religious training at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, and went on to obtain his master's degree from Canisius College in Buffalo. He completed advanced studies at Columbia University and the University of Ottawa.



Monsignor Quinn was ordained May 18, 1940, by Bishop Kearney at Sacred Heart Church and named assistant pastor of Holy Cross Church where he served from 1943 to 1945. He was a professor at St. Andrew's Seminary and was rector of the seminary until 1967, when he was named pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

He was named papal chamberlain, with the title very reverend monsignor, by Pope John XXIII in 1959, and domestic prelate with the title right reverend monsignor in 1966.

Monsignor Quinn will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:30 a.m. June 23 for parishioners and other friends. A retirement dinner to honor Monsignor Quinn is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Arena's Party House. Tickets may be obtained by calling Mary Bitner at 266-2149 or Evelyn Duignan at 467-4881.

Father Albert J. Shamon

Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, Father Shamon was born April 3, 1915, to Charles and Victoria Mahfoud Shamon in Auburn. He attended St. Aloysius and Auburn Academic High School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He earned his master's degree in history from Canisius College, Buffalo, and furthered his studies at Glenn Ellyn and Maryknoll House of Studies.



Father Shamon was ordained by Bishop Kearney on May 19, 1940, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church where he served until 1944. He taught at Aquinas Institute from 1945 until 1950, and was a lecturer on dogmatic and mystical theology from 1949 to 1963, during which time he was appointed to St. Patrick's Church, Victor (1961). He was elevated to the post of episcopal vicar for Religious Education for the Diocese of Rochester by Bishop Sheen in April, 1967, and vicar of education.

In addition to being a regular columnist for the Courier-Journal, Father Shamon has written several books, including "First Steps to Sanctity" (1958), a layman's guide to a holy life; "Behind the Mass" (1950); and "Catching up on Catechetics" (1972).

Approximately 650 people, including Congressman Frank Horton, attended a retirement dinner for Father Shamon on Sunday, June 2, at the Holiday Inn following a special 3 p.m. Mass.

Father Paul G. Wohlrab

Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester, Father Wohlrab was born June 5, 1915, to Charles and Mary Schur Wohlrab. He attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries and was ordained June 6, 1941, by Bishop Kearney at Sacred Heart Cathedral.



Father Wohlrab has served as assistant pastor at St. Michaels, Rochester; Holy Trinity, Webster; Holy Rosary, Rochester; and St. Andrew's, Rochester. He was chaplain of St. Mary's Hospital until 1965 when he assumed the dual pastorate of St. Michael's in Livonia and St. Mary's, Honey.

Father Wohlrab was assigned to Our Lady of Good Counsel in June, 1967.

Approximately 300 are expected to attend a retirement party for Father Wohlrab on June 9.

Father Joseph D. Donovan

Pastor of St. Mark's, Greece, Father Donovan was born to Mortimer F. and Hannah Sweeney Donovan on July 12, 1914. He attended Immaculate Conception and St. Monica's schools and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He obtained his master's degree from St. Bonaventure University and a doctorate in education from the University of Buffalo.



Father Donovan was ordained May 18, 1940, by Bishop Kearney at Sacred Heart Cathedral and was assigned to the Diocese of Paterson, N.J., from 1940 to 1941. He has been affiliated with St. Anne's in Hornell; St. Margaret Mary, Rochester; St. Patrick's, Corning; St. Peter and Paul, Rochester; and Holy Rosary in Rochester.

Father Donovan was also a professor of education at Catherine McAuley College from 1957 to 1964 and is a member of the Interim Board of Education for the Diocese of Rochester.

Approximately 400 people attended a retirement party for Father Donovan on Sunday, June 2, at Deerfield Country Club, Hilton.

Father Thomas K. Cleary

Pastor of Holy Cross Church, Dryden, Father Cleary was born November 9, 1914, to Michael R. and Katherine Kennedy Cleary. He attended Corpus Christi grammar school and St.



Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was graduated from Notre Dame University.

Father Cleary was ordained on June 6, 1942, by Bishop Kearney at Sacred Heart Cathedral and served at St. Francis of Assisi from 1942 to 1943 and St. Patrick's, Corning, from 1943 to 1949. He has also been chaplain at George Junior Republic.

Father Cleary was named administrator of the Dryden Catholic Mission in 1950. In 1951 he celebrated the Centenary Mass for St. Patrick's Church, McClean, a mission of the Dryden mission.

Given the name Holy Cross, the Dryden mission was given the status of a parish with Father Cleary as pastor in 1962.

A Mass is scheduled for June 16 at 2 p.m. at Holy Cross, followed by a reception at George Junior Republic from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. A retirement dinner will be held at the Statler Inn on the Cornell University campus, Ithaca. Approximately 400 parishioners and friends are expected to attend.