

Father Thomas F. McVeigh, 79; was Penn Yan pastor

Father Thomas Frederick McVeigh, who served as pastor of several parishes in the Rochester diocese, died at St. Joseph's Convent Infirmary, Rochester, on Tuesday morning, Nov. 26, 1991. His death, at the age of 79, followed a long bout with cancer.



Father McVeigh was born in County Armagh, Ireland, the son of the late

Mr. and Mrs. William McVeigh. Baptized on April 25, 1912, he attended Catholic school in Lurgan.

After his parents died, Father McVeigh moved to the United States to live with his relatives, the family of William and Elizabeth Bell. He attended St. Patrick's, Holy Apostles and Holy Rosary schools in Rochester, and later graduated from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

Following his ordination in 1939, Father McVeigh spent 20 years as an

assistant pastor at Corpus Christi Church in Rochester. In September, 1958, he was named pastor of Holy Angels, Nunda, and Holy Name, Groveland Station.

In 1964, he became pastor of Epiphany Parish in Sodus, along with its mission church, St. Rose of Lima in Sodus Point. He left the Sodus parishes in 1968 to serve as pastor at St. Michael's, Penn Yan, until 1982.

Following retirement in 1982, Father McVeigh resided at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Brighton.

Father John L. O'Connor, the pastor at Lourdes, was Father McVeigh's cousin. He spoke fondly of his relative.

"He was thoroughly a priest," Father O'Connor said of Father McVeigh. "He just loved people, and people loved him."

In addition to Father O'Connor, Father McVeigh is survived by his brother Charles of Rochester; brother

Edward and sister-in-law Kathleen of Annapolis, Md.; sisters-in-law Addie and Rita McVeigh of Rochester; cousins Jessie Bell O'Connor (mother of Father O'Connor), Anne C. Bell and Sister Angela Marie Bell, SSJ, all of Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Father McVeigh's body will lie in state at Our Lady of Lourdes' rectory beginning Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 28) at 5 p.m. His family will be available for calling hours at the rectory from 6-8 p.m. on Thanksgiving, and 2-4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29.

A Mass of Christ the High Priest will be celebrated at 8 p.m. on Nov. 29. Bishop Clark will celebrate the Mass of Resurrection at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, at Our Lady of Lourdes. Interment will take place at St. Michael's Cemetery in Penn Yan.

—Rob Cullivan

Deacon Joseph Fox of Webster

Joseph D. Fox, deacon at Holy Trinity Parish since 1983, died Monday, Nov. 18, 1991, at The Genesee Hospital of congestive heart failure. He was 58.



Deacon Fox was born in Phoenix, N.Y., on June 5, 1933 to Ethel (Delano) Fox and the late Joseph H. Fox. After graduating from Fulton High School, he attended St. Louis University for a year before joining the Air Force and serving in the Korean War. He later graduated from the University of Miami at Coral Gables.

Deacon Fox and his wife, June, moved to Webster in 1959. He was a salesman for Rochester Industrial Trucks from 1959 until 1975, when he entered the real estate business. Deacon Fox joined John T. Nothnagle about five years ago, according to his wife.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #4618 in Webster. Deacon Fox served as Grand Knight of the council in 1974 and 1975. He also

was a fourth-degree Knight.

Deacon Fox was ordained to the permanent diaconate by Bishop Matthew H. Clark on April 9, 1983 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

He was active in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at Holy Trinity and in marriage-preparation programs for the Rochester diocese.

In addition to his wife and mother, Deacon Fox is survived by three daughters and their husbands — Kathleen and John Larmann, of Fairport, Christine and Steven Johns of Greece, and Elizabeth and Rendell Parker, of Wilmington, N.C.; a brother, Russell Fox of Jamesville, N.Y.; two grandchildren, David and Peter Larmann; as well as aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon Fox was celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Holy Trinity Church. Interment was in Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Deacon Joseph D. Fox may be made to the American Heart Association, School of the Holy Childhood or Christian Family Renewal in Italy Valley.

—Richard A. Kiley

Barbara Stokes, Stewardship Council member

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 13, at St. Joseph's Parish in Penfield for Barbara H. Stokes, a member of the Diocese of Rochester's Stewardship Council.

Mrs. Stokes, 60, died unexpectedly Nov. 11, 1991, of a heart attack.

A native of Washington, D.C., and a graduate of The Catholic University of America, Mrs. Stokes moved to Penfield in 1971 when her husband, Joshua Stokes, retired from the Air Force.

In 1975, Mrs. Stokes obtained a real estate license. During her career she exceeded \$1 million in annual sales and served as a member of the Real Estate Board of Rochester. She retired in 1990.

Mrs. Stokes also was active in St. Joseph's Parish, serving as a parish council member and lector. She was also on the parents boards of both Our Lady of Mercy High School and McQuaid Jesuit High School, and was a member of the 49th Seton.

Among Mrs. Stokes' other community activities were memberships in the Urban League, the Women's Council of Realtors, the Greater Rochester Association of Realtors and on board of the YWCA.

According to her husband, Mrs. Stokes was a dedicated gardener and used gardening as a means of reaching out to people.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Stokes is survived by two daughters, Michelle Stokes of Penfield and Telana Stokes of Rochester; her five sons, Michael, Martin, Robert and John, all of the Rochester area, and Thomas of Sudbury, Mass.; her father, Thomas R. Harley of Penfield; a brother, Carido Harley of Philadelphia; nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Penfield. Donations in Mrs. Stokes' memory may be made to the Baden Street Settlement, Rochester.

—Lee Strong

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