

Obituaries

Frank J. Jankowiak, regularly helped out neighbors in need

ROCHESTER — Frank J. Jankowiak, Father Valentine Jankowiak's brother and Father Joseph M. Jankowiak's father, died in his sleep on Thursday, Feb. 3, 1994, at St. Ann's Home, 1500 Portland Ave. He was 95 years old.

Born Dec. 6, 1898, in Belt, Mont., Mr. Jankowiak lived briefly in Pennsylvania as a teenager before he moved to Rochester. He worked as a pattern maker at Eastman Kodak Company.

Mr. Jankowiak married his late wife, Helen, on June 23, 1934. She died on June 18, 1987.

The Jankowiaks were parishioners of St. Stanislaus Parish, where Mr. Jankowiak was a member of the Holy Name of Jesus Society. He also attended 31 of the parishes men's retreats at Notre Dame Retreat Center in Canandaigua.

According to Father Joseph Jankowiak, his father enjoyed carpentry and regularly performed repairs and building projects for the parish.

"Anything that had to be built, he would build it, or be part of building it," recalled Father Jankowiak, pastor of St. Mary Our

Mother Church in Horseheads.

Mr. Jankowiak also regularly helped neighbors, noted his daughter, Helene Meyers, secretary at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Greece.

"Whenever anybody had anything that broke down, they'd bring it to him and he'd fix it," Meyers said.

After retiring from Kodak in the early 1960s, Mr. Jankowiak frequently volunteered at the Charles Settlement House, Father Jankowiak reported. He taught woodworking skills to many of the agency's children.

In addition to Meyers and both Fathers Jankowiak, Mr. Jankowiak is survived by another son, Joseph, of Rochester; three sisters, Violet Jankowiak, Mary Mankowski, and Agnes Bonus, all of Rochester; another brother, Henry Jann, of Mesa, Ariz.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Jankowiak was celebrated on Feb. 7 at St. Stanislaus Church. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



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Catholics begin season of Lent

Bishop Matthew H. Clark distributes ashes to parishioners during an Ash Wednesday Mass (Feb. 16) at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent — in the Latin rite of the Catholic Church, the period in the liturgical year from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday, three days before Easter. Since the 1969 reform of the Roman calendar, it comprises 44 days, including the Sundays, which are part of the penitential period. Before 1969 Lent was described as a 40-day period of penance before Easter.

Monsignor Francis Burns, 99; seminary professor

ROCHESTER — Monsignor Francis B. Burns, a longtime professor at St. Bernard's Seminary, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1994, at St. Mary's Hospital at the age of 99.

Born in Rochester Nov. 19, 1894, Monsignor Burns studied at St. Patrick's Cathedral School, and at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary. He was ordained in St. Patrick's Cathedral June 10, 1922, by Bishop John H. Conroy of Ogdensburg.

After Monsignor Burns was ordained, he was briefly appointed chaplain for the Sisters of St. Joseph at their Hemlock Lake house, which served as a convalescent facility. Later in 1922, he was



named associate pastor at St. Mary's Parish in Elmira. He served there until 1925, when he was appointed assistant pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Auburn.

In 1928, Monsignor Burns was asked by then-Bishop of Rochester Thomas F. Hickey to join the faculty at St. Bernard's. He remained on the faculty full time until he retired in 1968, and continued to teach part time into the 1970s.

At St. Bernard's, Monsignor Burns

specialized in fundamental moral and pastoral theology. He also taught social work, emphasizing the social teaching of the church. To aid him in teaching social work, he pursued graduate studies at the New York School of Social Work and the University of Chicago.

Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, who studied under Monsignor Burns, recalled him as a "strict marker. His

students breathed a sigh of relief when they received passing grades in his final examinations," Bishop Hickey observed.

The auxiliary bishop noted that because Monsignor Burns had worked in parishes before beginning his teaching career, he was able to bring practical insights into his courses.

"I always remember he said you have to take people as you find them," Bishop Hickey said, "which I have found very helpful throughout life."

In addition to his teaching, Monsignor Burns served as the chaplain of Holy Angels School, and on the board of directors of the Rochester Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the Day Care Center for Handicapped Children. He also served as the rector of the Star of the Sea Chapel in Greece, and as a judge on the Diocesan Tribunal.

Pope Pius XXII named Monsignor Burns a Domestic Prelate Jan. 26, 1956.

After St. Bernard's Seminary closed in 1981, Monsignor Burns resided in the Holy Apostles Rectory before moving to the St. Joseph Convent Infirmary at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse. There, he regularly entertained residents with his piano playing.

Monsignor Burns is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Thomas J. (Dorothy) Affleck and Mrs. William T. (Barbara) Echter, both of Rochester; and two nephews, Mr. John P. Burns of Rochester and Mr. Raymond Burns of Philadelphia.

Mass of Christian Burial for Monsignor Burns was celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark at the SSJ Motherhouse Chapel on Feb. 18. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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March 5 musical will benefit Holy Childhood School

PITTSFORD — An abridged version of "The Music Man" will be presented by students from School of the Holy Childhood on Saturday, March 5. The event will take place in Room A-13 of the Nazareth College Arts Center, 4245 East Ave.

For the fourth-consecutive year, Holy Childhood students are preparing for their roles under the guidance of the

Nazareth College Music Therapy Club.

Donations for the musical will be received at the door. All proceeds will benefit School of the Holy Childhood, located at 100 Groton Parkway in Henrietta. The school assists children and adults with developmental disabilities.

For details on the March 5 event, call Carol Ann LoPinto at 716/387-7815 or Katharine Wilkin at 359-3710.

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