

# Milestones

## Priest jubilarians celebrate 635 years of service

Twelve diocesan priests are celebrating their jubilees of ordination this year.

### 65 years

**Father Joseph M. McDonnell** served as pastor of St. Michael's Church in Newark from 1957-75. He then retired, but continues to reside at the parish as pastor emeritus.



Born in Bath on Jan. 18, 1905, Father McDonnell attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained a priest on June 7, 1930.

From 1930-38, Father McDonnell served as assistant pastor at Holy Rosary Parish. He then served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Parish in Rochester from 1938-41. Between 1941 and 1944, he served as chaplain at the State School at Industry.

Father McDonnell was named pastor of St. Gabriel's Parish in Hammondsport in 1944, remaining there until 1950, when he was named pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Hornell. He served in Hornell until 1957, when he was named pastor of St. Michael's in Newark.

### 60 years

Parishioners at St. Alphonsus Church, 95 E. Genesee St., Auburn, have planned a June 11 celebration to honor **Father William J. Gaynor** for his 60 years in the priesthood.



Father Gaynor was born in Auburn, and baptized and confirmed at St. Aloysius. He attended Auburn High School, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

Following his ordination in 1935, Father Gaynor served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's, Elmira, from 1935-40, and at St. Agnes, Avon, from June, 1940, to July, 1941.

Father Gaynor then became a chaplain in the U.S. Army Air Corps, and served at bases in Florida and Idaho. He was pro-

moted to major in 1944, and left in 1947 to become assistant pastor of St. Patrick's, Elmira.

In 1951, he was named assistant pastor at St. Mary's, Canandaigua, where he served until 1957, when he was named to his first pastorate at St. Patrick's, Cato/St. Thomas, Red Creek.

In 1958, Father Gaynor became pastor of St. Felix, Clifton Springs, a position he held until 1960, when he took up the same position at St. Mary's of the Lake, Ontario.

In addition to his pastoral duties from 1947-69, Father Gaynor served as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force Reserves, and traveled frequently to Rome's Griffiss Air Force Base.

Father Gaynor was named pastor of St. Patrick's, Moravia, in 1970. He retired in March, 1976.

From 1976-82, he assisted at Holy Family, Auburn, before he moved to his current residence at St. Alphonsus rectory.

**Father Raymond G. Heisel** was born in Rochester on Feb. 19, 1910. He attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, and was ordained a priest on June 15, 1935.



After ordination, Father Heisel served as assistant pastor at three diocesan parishes: St. John's, Elmira (1935-42); St. Anne's, Rochester (1942-43); and Our Lady of Good Counsel (1943-44). He also served as chaplain at Monroe Community Hospital from 1942-43.

In 1944, Father Heisel became a chaplain in the United States Army. He came back to Rochester in 1946 to serve as assistant pastor at St. Andrew's Church, but remained in active reserve. He returned to active duty from 1950-53, then served again as assistant pastor at St. Andrew's from 1953-56.

Father Heisel's first pastorate came at Holy Angels, Nunda, and Holy Name, Groveland, from 1956-58. He then served as pastor at St. John the Baptist, Elmira, from 1958-61; Holy Trinity, Webster, from 1961-69; and

St. Margaret Mary in Irondequoit, from 1969-78, while also serving as a diocesan consultor from 1972-77.

In 1978, Father Heisel was named associate pastor at St. Mary's, Dansville, before taking on the same capacity at St. Anne's, Rochester, from 1979-80. He retired in 1980, and currently lives at Our Mother of Sorrow's rectory in Greece, where he assists with Masses, hospital calls and nursing home visits.

Father Heisel will mark his jubilee at the Greece parish's 11 a.m. Mass Sunday, June 18. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the parish hall.

### 50 years

This year's 50 year jubilarians were ordained on two separate dates: March 17 and Dec. 22, 1945.

Born in 1920, **Father Nicholas P. Alletto** was baptized at St. Lucy's Church, Rochester, and confirmed at the former St. Patrick's Cathedral.

After completing studies at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, he was ordained and took on his first assignment at St. Francis Church, Auburn, in 1945.



He later served as assistant pastor at the following parishes: St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn, from 1945-46; St. Anthony's, Elmira, from April to November, 1946; St. Patrick's, Rochester, from 1946-48; St. Patrick's, Corning, from 1948-49; Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira, from 1949-50; Church of the Assumption, Fairport, from 1950-51; St. Anthony's, Elmira, from 1951-59; and St. Francis, Auburn, from 1959-61.

Father Alletto became pastor of St. Lucy's, Rochester, in 1961, before being named pastor of St. Anthony of Padua, Rochester, in 1963.

In January, 1969, Father Alletto was involved in a tragic accident in which St. Anthony's housekeeper, Pauline Clarke, died. Along with Father James S. Russell, assistant pastor, Father Alletto and Clarke were overcome by carbon monoxide fumes that had seeped into the rectory from a car left running in the garage.

Father Russell eventually fully recovered from the carbon monoxide poisoning, but Father Alletto was left mentally disabled by the accident. He retired in 1970, and currently lives at the Rochester Psychiatric Cen-

ter.

According to his nephew, Thomas Alletto of Rochester, Father Alletto survived a bout with cancer 10 years ago, and is in good health.

(For biographical information on **Father L. James Callan**, a 50-year jubilarian who is retiring from his pastorate at Irondequoit's St. Thomas the Apostle Church, please see accompanying story on page 11A.)

**Father Francis Raymond Davis** will celebrate an 11:30 a.m. Mass for his intentions at St. Patrick's, Corning, on Sunday, July 23. The Mass will be followed by a public reception in the school hall next to the church at 2:30 p.m.



Father Davis was born in Washington, D.C., in 1920, and was baptized at Holy Trinity Church, Georgetown. He was confirmed in 1931 at Holy Rosary Church, Rochester.

He attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, and also eventually received a master's degree in library science from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Following his ordination, Father Davis served as assistant pastor at St. Ambrose, Rochester, from 1945-50.

He then went to St. Bernard's, where he taught literature, sacred eloquence and speech and served as the school's librarian. During that time, he also served a term from 1957-60 as an officer of the Catholic Librarians Association.

Father Davis also served as chaplain of Nazareth Hall Cadets School from 1954-60, and as procurator/advocate to the diocesan tribunal from 1951 to 1960.

Throughout his time at St. Bernard's, Father Davis also assisted for various lengths of time at Blessed Sacrament, St. Ambrose and St. Philip Neri, all in Rochester.

In 1969, Father Davis was named pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira, a position he held until he was named pastor of St. Mary's, Dansville, in 1978.

Father Davis took up his last pastorate at St. Patrick's, Corning, in 1980, and stayed there until his retirement in 1990.

Since his retirement, Father Davis has been serving the Corning-Painted Post Roman Catholic Community, consisting of St. Mary's, St. Patrick's, St. Vincent DePaul and Immaculate Heart of Mary churches. He cur-

rently resides at Immaculate Heart of Mary rectory in Painted Post.

St. Peter's Basilica may serve as the venue for **Monsignor John F. Duffy's** jubilee Mass on Friday, Dec. 22, according to the priest who currently lives at St. Pius the Tenth Residence for Priests in Syracuse.



Monsignor Duffy, who moved to Syracuse after his retirement in 1990 to be closer to relatives, said he hopes to celebrate Mass on the side altar of St. Pius the Tenth in the basilica on the same date he was ordained in 1945. The priest belongs to a class that was ordained separately from a group of seminarians ordained in March of that year.

Born in Rochester, Monsignor Duffy was baptized and confirmed at St. Monica's. He studied at Aquinas Institute, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

Following ordination, Monsignor Duffy served as assistant pastor at the following parishes: St. James, Waverly, from 1946-48; St. Mary's, Canandaigua, 1946-48; St. Cecilia's, Rochester, from 1953-55; St. Stephen's, Geneva, from 1955-60; and Holy Cross, Rochester, from 1960-61.

Monsignor Duffy was named diocesan director of the Office of the Propagation of the Faith in 1961, a position he held until he was named pastor of St. Mary's, Dansville, in 1969.

In 1972, he became pastor of St. Catherine's, Addison, and in 1976, he was named pastor of St. Francis, Phelps.

Monsignor Duffy served briefly as temporary administrator of St. Agnes, Avon, in June, 1984, before taking up the pastorate at St. Philip Neri, Rochester. He stayed there until June, 1986, when he became temporary parochial vicar at St. John of Rochester, Fairport, a post he held until July, when he was named parochial vicar at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Brockport.

Monsignor Duffy became temporary parochial vicar of St. Patrick's, Victor, in October, 1988, until his retirement.

Monsignor Duffy also noted that St. Philip Neri, site of his last pastorate, plans to hold a celebration for him on Sunday, Oct. 15.

Holy Cross Parish in Rochester will mark **Father Edward James Foy's** jubilee with a 2 p.m. Mass on Sunday, May 7, followed by a 4 p.m. dinner.

Father Foy was born in 1919, and baptized and confirmed at Holy Cross. He studied at St. **Continued on page 10A**



Fr. C. Richard Nangle

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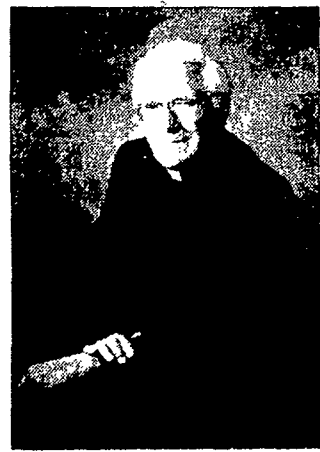
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