

## FEATURE

## Five mark their 60th anniversaries

Five priests in the diocese will celebrate their 60th jubilees this year.

**Father Joseph D. Donovan**, 85, was ordained May 18, 1940, by Bishop James E. Kearney. He founded St. Mark's Parish in north Greece, which he has described as the happiest thing he has undertaken, and served as pastor there from 1964-85.



"Started a parish from a lil' ole' duck blind at the Chapel at Grandview Beach," he once wrote in a resume for the *Catholic Courier*. "Mooched more meals than any clergyman in recent history — but got to know my wonderful parishioners that way."

Star of the Sea Chapel on Lake Ontario served as the parish church until St. Mark's was built. The parish boundaries also included several ponds, and Father Donovan used to quip that his parish was 80 percent under water.

A native of Rochester, he was first assigned to St. Paul's Parish in the Diocese of Paterson, N.J., from 1940-41. He also served St. Ann's Parish, Hornell (1941-46); St. Margaret Mary Parish, Irondequoit (1946-51); St. Patrick's Parish, Corning (1951-55); and Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (1955-59) and Holy Rosary Parish (1959-64), both in Rochester.

From 1941 to 1945 Father Donovan taught medical ethics, psychology and religion at St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Hornell. He was a professor of education at Catherine McAuley College (1957-64) and served on the Diocesan Board of Education (1982-90).

Father Donovan was in residence at St. Ambrose Church, Rochester, from 1985 to 1990, and then moved to St. Joseph Convent Infirmary, where he resides today.



**Father John A. Morgan**, 84, considers himself lucky to be in sunny California, helping out at a parish of 2,800 families.

"I just thank the Lord I can do what I

was ordained for," he said.

The former pastor of St. James Parish, Waverly, says Mass every day, hears confessions two days a week, and visits a hospital and a couple of nursing homes as associate pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Church, Camarillo, about 60 miles north of Los Angeles. He has been helping out there for about five years.

For nearly 10 years after his retirement in 1986, Father Morgan assisted at Sacred Heart Church in Pinehurst, N.C. He spent winters there, and spring through fall helping in the Rochester Diocese.

Father Morgan returns to Rochester every summer to visit his sister, Pat Shaughnessy of St. Cecilia's Parish, Irondequoit.

Ordained May 18, 1940, Father Morgan served as assistant pastor at Blessed Sacrament, Rochester (1940-51); St. Thomas the Apostle, Irondequoit (1951-57); Church of the Assumption, Fairport (1958-59); and Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira (1959-64). He was pastor of St. Bernard's, Scipio Center; St. Hilary, Genoa, and St. Isaac Jogues, Fleming (1964-67); St. James, Waverly (1967-78); St. Columba, Caledonia (1978-81); and St. Gregory, Marion (1981-86). He also served as principal of DeSales High School, Geneva, (1957-58).

A special Mass and reception on Sunday, May 21, are planned at St. Mary Magdalen Parish to celebrate Father Morgan's jubilee.

He has no plans for a full retirement. "Not as long as I can move," he said.

According to Sister Virginia Schmitz, SSJ, 86-year-old **Father Bartholomew J. O'Brien** has been a



"spiritual dynamo" during his 60 years of priesthood.

The description fits not only because of his own spiritual life, but also because of the ability he has had to relate to priests and religious,

said Sister Schmitz, of the Pastoral Care Department at St. Joseph Convent Infirmary, where Father O'Brien lives. Father O'Brien became widely known throughout the diocese for his retreats and parish missions.

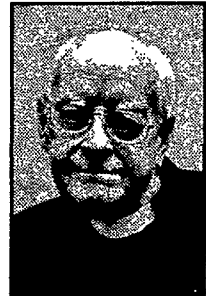
Ordained May 18, 1940, Father O'Brien served as assistant pastor at Holy Rosary Parish (1940-41) and St. Patrick's (1941-51) in Rochester; and Sts. Peter and Paul, Elmira (1951-62). He served as pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, Elmira (1962-65) and St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads beginning in 1965 and retired in 1984. He was named episcopal vicar for the Southern Tier in 1967.

His home parish is St. James in Waverly.

Father O'Brien encouraged the daily Holy Hour for seminarians as well as lay people, and also wrote booklets on celibacy and the priesthood. In 1961 Bishop James E. Kearney appointed him as diocesan director of the Sacerdotal Union and its lay branch, the Eucharistic Legion.

"I think what stands out, with anybody who knew Father O'Brien, is his dedication to the priesthood and his own prayer life," said Father Richard Farrell, a good friend of Father O'Brien's. "He's always had a great love of the priesthood and therefore encouraged priests and was there for them."

**Msgr. Richard Quinn** was ordained May 18, 1940, by Bishop James E. Kearney. During his 60 years in the priesthood he served as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester (1967-84), and as rector for St. Andrew's Seminary (1956-67).



Msgr. Quinn, 85, attended Immaculate Conception School and Aquinas Institute, and lived with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quinn. He was born in 1914 to Theobald and Helen Schutte Quinn.

He began his priestly career in New Jersey as assistant pastor of St. Cecilia, Rockaway; St. Mary's, Denville; and St. Nicholas, Passaic. In 1942 he became spiritual director for Pius XII Memorial High School in Passaic.

Msgr. Quinn served as assistant pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Rochester, from 1943 to 1945, when he was named a professor for St. Andrew's Seminary.

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.

Msgr. Quinn resides at the McAuley Residence at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse.



**Father Albert J. Shamon** celebrated his 85th birthday April 3 amid planning for two summer trips to the Holy Land, requests for speaking at Marian conferences and leading retreats around the country, and

awaiting word on the publication of his latest book, *The Master Works of God*.

"I'm trying to pull back a little," he said, laughing. "But they just won't leave me alone."

Father Shamon, who also continues his weekly column begun in 1968 for the *Catholic Courier*, is administrator at St. Isaac Jogues Chapel in Fleming, near Auburn. A native of Auburn, he was or-

## Priest marks 70th jubilee



**Father Joseph M. McDonnell** has lived at McAuley Residence at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse in Brighton since September

1999. Prior to residing there, he lived at St. Michael's Parish, Newark, where he served as pastor from 1957-75.

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

Father McDonnell served as assistant pastor at Holy Rosary Parish in Rochester from 1930-38, and as assistant 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, Hammondsport, in 1944, remaining there until 1950, when he became pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Hornell. He served in Hornell until he became pastor of St. Michael's.

- Rob Cullivan

Ordained May 18, 1940, by Bishop James E. Kearney. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Irondequoit (1940-44). He also served at St. Mary's Parish, Rochester (1944-46).

He served on the faculty of Aquinas Institute (1946-50) and St. Andrew's Seminary (1950-61).

From 1961-70 he served as pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, Victor. In 1967 Bishop Fulton Sheen named him episcopal vicar for religious education for the diocese. In 1970 Bishop Joseph L. Hogan named him vicar of education for a newly structured department.

Father Shamon served as pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Waterloo, from 1973 until retiring in 1985.

He retains a keen interest in religious education, continuing to write numerous booklets. His latest book will complete a series he hopes will be helpful in classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. *The Master Works of God* is about the seven sacraments.

Father Shamon also is also hoping to see a dream fulfilled — that Tyburn Academy, Auburn's independent high school offering education "in the Catholic tradition," will open its own building on its own campus this fall. The school, begun in 1993 under Father Shamon's guidance, has been renting space.

A niece of Father Shamon's is planning a jubilee celebration.

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