

# Obituaries

## **Rev. Daniel L. Gill; served in Berkshires**

PITTSFIELD — The Rev. Daniel L. Gill, 63, pastor of St. Christopher's Church in Brimfield, formerly an assistant pastor in Pittsfield and Great Barrington, died Saturday at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. Born in Rumford, R.I. on March 6, 1932, son of Anna C. Walsh Gill and the late Thomas E. Gill, he attended Holy Name Grammar School in Chicopee and graduated from Cathedral High School in Springfield in 1950. He attended St. Charles' College in Catonsville, Md., and Grande Seminary in Montreal and finished his studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He was ordained a priest on May 24, 1958, at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield by Bishop Christopher J. Weldon.

Father Gill served the diocese of Springfield at St. Peter's Church in Great Barrington from June 7, 1958 to June 28, 1958; then at Holy Family Church until June 23, 1962, and at St. Jerome's Church until March 22, 1969, both in Holyoke; and as assistant pastor at St. Charles' Church in Pittsfield from March 22, 1969 to May 18, 1978. He was named pastor of St. Christopher's in 1978.

Coming to Pittsfield from Holyoke in 1969, he was active in drug counseling in both cities. In Pittsfield, he was St. Charles' rectory administrator of Bether Project, a drug counseling service, and served on the mayor's Advisory Committee on Drug Abuse.

A Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, he was a member and served as the spiritual director of the St. Christopher's Parish Council 4794 of the Knights of Columbus. While in Pittsfield, Father Gill served as chaplain of the Rabida Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Besides his mother of Chicopee, he leaves two brothers, Thomas E. Gill of Chicopee and his twin, Robert J. Gill of West Springfield, and a sister, Mrs. Anne Marie Sheehan of Chicopee.

The funeral Mass will be Thursday at 11 at St. Christopher's Church, followed by a procession to bring the body for burial at Calvary Cemetery in Chicopee.

Calling hours will be today from 4 to 7 at the Corridan Funeral Home, 333 Springfield St., Chicopee, and tomorrow from 2 to 4 at St. Christopher's Parish Rectory. Tomorrow evening there will be a procession starting at 6:30 from the rectory to the church, where the body will lie in state from 7 to 9 until the conclusion of a prayer vigil.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Christopher's Church, Sturbridge Road, Brimfield, or to the Dominican Nuns, 1430 Riverdale St., West Springfield, MA 01089.