

Rev. Michael McGuire, Sacred Heart pastor

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The Rev. Michael A. McGuire, 69, died Friday (March 10, 2000) at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y. to the late James and Rose A.

May McGuire, he was raised in the Inwood Park section of New York City. Father McGuire attended Catholic elementary school and entered the Augustinian Minor Seminary on Staten Island, N.Y. for four years. He spent a year at the Augustinian Novitiate in New Hamburg, N.Y. He attended Villanova University and after graduation was sent to Rome, Italy for theological studies at the International College of St. Monica.

After his third year of studies, Father McGuire was ordained by Cardinal Traglia on July 6, 1958, at the seminary chapel of the Sacred Heart near the Vatican. His first Mass was celebrated at the altar of St. Michael in St. Peter's Basilica. He returned to the United States in 1959 and was assigned to Msgr. Bonner High School in Drexel Hills, Pa. He taught religion and Latin for a year and then was appointed head disciplinarian. Bonner at that time had an enrollment of more than 3,200 students.



In 1967, Father McGuire was designated for the position of Master of Novices in New Hamburg, N.Y., holding that post for five years.

Assigned to the Immaculate Conception Church in Hossick Falls, N.Y., he was also appointed principal of St. Mary's Academy of Hossick Falls. Besides acting as principal, Father McGuire taught all four years of religion, served as guidance counselor, athletic director, coach of girls high school basketball, boys Catholic Youth Organization basketball and the boys high school baseball team. In 1977, Father McGuire was assigned to Our Lady of Pompei and St. Mary's in East Vineland and became temporary administrator at Mary Mother of God in Hillsborough in 1982. Having made application for incardination into the Diocese of Metuchen, he was assigned by Bishop McCarrick to St. Peter's in New Brunswick, where he taught senior religion, served as chaplain and athletic moderator and assisted in the parish.

In April 1986, Father was appointed temporary administrator of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield. In 1987 he was appointed pastor where he has been for the past 13 years.

He was predeceased by his sister Patricia A. Dohrenwend.

Surviving are his sisters, Mary A. Clyne of Cambridge, N.Y. and Rose A. Rognan of Danville, Calif.; many nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

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The Mass of Christ the High Priest will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. Monday in his parish, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in South Plainfield and the Mass of Christian burial will be offered 11 a.m. Tuesday. Private interment for family and clergy will follow Mass in Holy Redeemer Cemetery in South Plainfield.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday and again from 9 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday in his parish.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Sacred Heart Church Centurion Scholarship Fund in Memory of Rev. Michael A. McGuire, 200 Randolph Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. Mass cards and acknowledgments will be accepted at the parish center.

Arrangements are under the direction of the McCriskin Home for Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield.