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## The Rev. James Kasprzyk, retired pastor of 3 churches

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The Rev. James Kasprzyk, who served many parishes in a variety of capacities throughout his religious career in the Diocese of Buffalo, died last Friday in Agape Senior Assisted Living in Laurens, S.C. He was 76.

Born in Lackawanna, Father Kasprzyk was a graduate of Lackawanna Senior High School and St. John Vianney Seminary in East Aurora, and earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from St. Bonaventure University.

He was ordained in Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna on May 22, 1965, by Bishop Stanislaus Brzana.

Father Kasprzyk was assigned as a missionary apostolate at St. Isidore's Parish, East Otto, in 1969.

He also was assigned as assistant pastor of several parishes: Queen of Martyrs, Cheektowaga, in 1966; St. Ambrose, Buffalo, 1967; Most Precious Blood, Angola, 1969; St. Casimir, Buffalo, 1970; Visitation, Buffalo, 1971; and Queen of Heaven, West Seneca, in 1975.

Father Kasprzyk became associate pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Lockport, in 1978, and was named pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Bennington Center the same year.

In 1992, he assumed additional responsibilities as pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians, East Bennington, and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Darien Center.

Father Kasprzyk, who retired in 1993, also was a chaplain in the Army Reserve.

Survivors include two sisters, Judith J. Wall and Jacqueline J. Gordon.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. Saturday in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 3148 Abbott Road, Orchard Park. The Rev. Edward M. Grosz, auxiliary bishop of the Buffalo Diocese, will officiate.

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