



REV. FR. J. L. RIZER

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Reception Set For Fr. **Rizer**

The **Rev. James L. Rizer**, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church, who will become assistant pastor of the Lady of Blessed Sacrament Church, Port Richmond, Sept. 22, will be honored at a reception at 7 P. M. Monday in St. Mary's School, Phoebus.

The reception will be given by members of the Altar Sodality, Parents Club and Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Church and the Buckroe Chapel Committee.

A program will be held at 8 P. M. when the **Rev. Fr. J. O. Schmidhauser**, pastor, and Father **Rizer** will speak and the new assistant pastor, the **Rev. Fr. Austin Ryder**, will be introduced.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame in 1931, Father **Rizer** attended the graduate schools of business administration at both New York University and Harvard University. He was a statistician and sales representative for a New York publishing company prior to joining the U. S. Air Force in 1942. He served in North Africa and Italy for two years, and was separated with the rank of major.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree and Catholic War Veterans.

He entered Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md., in 1946 and was ordained in 1950. Following service on the motor chapel and the Church of Our Lady of Nazareth in Roanoke, he was assigned to St. Mary's Church in 1951.