

OBITUARIES

Rev. Francis J. Flemming, led Sicklerville parish

WINSLOW — Rev. Francis J. Flemming, pastor of St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Sicklerville, has died after a lengthy illness.

Rev. Flemming, who was 51, died Tuesday at the church rectory. He had been pastor of St. John Neumann since 1984.

A funeral Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. today at St. John Neumann.

"He was a dynamic priest, a people's priest," said Rev. Jim Rush, associate pastor of St. John Neumann.

"He was a very pleasant person with a good sense of humor," Rev. Rush added.

Born and reared in Camden, Rev. Flemming attended St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral Grammar School and Camden Catholic High School. He began his seminary studies at St. Charles College, Catonsville, Md., and completed his studies at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.

He was ordained in St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral, his home parish, in 1961.

First assigned as associate pastor of Sacred Heart, Vineland, in 1962, Rev. Flemming was active in numerous church apostolates in Cumberland County. He served as area Catholic Youth Organization director, as a scout chaplain and was on the faculty

at Sacred Heart High School. During summers he worked in the Hispanic Apostolate among migrant workers.

In 1966, Rev. Flemming became associate pastor of Christ the King Church in Haddonfield and he was a part-time faculty member at St. Mary of the Angels Academy, also in Haddonfield.

Later that year he returned to Camden as associate pastor of St. Bartholomew and assistant director of the Neighborhood Apostolate headquartered in the Parkside section of the city.

He served as associate pastor of St. Peter Celestine in Cherry Hill, Most Holy Redeemer, Westville Grove and Our Lady Star of the Sea in Atlantic City.

Rev. Flemming is survived by his brother Robert C., his sister-in-law, Patricia and three nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11 a.m. today at St. John Neumann. Bishop George H. Guilfoyle will preside.

A Mass of Jesus Christ the High Priest was offered at St. John Neumann last night.

Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Swedesboro following today's Mass.