

Obituaries

Rev. John Patrick Kelly, served several parishes

BUENA — Funeral Masses will be celebrated on Thursday and Friday for the Rev. John Patrick Kelly, who served several South Jersey area parishes and died early Tuesday morning at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, Camden.

He was 62.

Rev. Kelly was pastor of Our Lady of Victories Church in the Landisville section of Buena Borough, Atlantic County, from 1989 to 1992. For the four years before that he served as pastor of St. Michael Church in Cedarville.

Rev. Kelly had served as associate pastor at numerous churches in the area, including St. Rose of Lima in Newfield in 1961; Sacred Heart of Camden, from 1962 to 1964; Our Lady Star of the Sea in Atlantic City in 1973; St. Gregory in Magnolia from 1973 to 1978; St. Charles Borromeo in Washington Township from 1978 to 1979; Sacred Heart in Vineland from 1979 to 1981; and Assumption in Atco from 1981 through 1985.

Born in Newark, Rev. Kelly attended St. Peter's College in Jersey City and Christ the King Seminary in St. Bonaventure, N.Y. He was ordained on April 14, 1962 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden by Archbishop Celestine J. Damiano.

He taught English and religion

at Red Bank Catholic High School in the Trenton Diocese from 1965 to 1967. He also served as auxiliary chaplain for the Air Force in Gibbsboro for several years.

Rev. Kelly is survived by his father, Thomas F. of West Caldwell; and two sisters, Frances Kelly of Mays Landing and Clare Bundschuh of Florham Park.

A Mass of Jesus Christ the High Priest will be celebrated by Monsignor David F. Budney, diocesan Vicar General and pastor of St. Thomas More Church of Cherry Hill, at 8 p.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Victories Church, Northwest Boulevard, Landisville. A viewing will precede the Mass from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church.

Bishop James T. McHugh will be the principal celebrant of the funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday, also at the church. Rev. Kelly will be buried at Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Plainfield.