

Jubilee At Don Bosco

RAMSEY — The Mary Help of Christians' Chapel at Don Bosco Preparatory High School will be the scene of a solemn, concelebrated mass of thanksgiving, commemorating the 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Joseph Pankowski, SDB, member of the school's department of religion, at 5 p.m., Sunday.

Assisting the silver jubilarian will be six other priests of the Salesian Society and over 300 members of his family and friends and members of the 3rd and 4th degrees of the Knights of Columbus. Music for the mass and during the banquet will be provided for by the Salesian seminary choir and glee club of Don Bosco College, Newton, directed by the Rev. Joseph Herzog, SDB.

The Rev. Chester A. Wisniewski, former director of Don Bosco High School and now pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mahwah, will preach the jubilee homily.

Following the mass, a testimonial banquet will be held in the school's Immaculata Hall cafeteria. The Rev. Walter Gorski, associate pastor of Most Sacred Heart Church, Wallington, will be master of ceremonies. The invocation will be delivered by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alexander Fronczak, pastor of the same parish. Other guests will include William Connell of Westfield, a close friend of Father Pankowski, Joseph Suszko, president of the Don Bosco Alumni Association and R. Clinton Miner of Ridgewood and Robert Nelson of Lodi, representing the Don Bosco High School student body.

Father J. Pankowski, the "Teen-ager's" Priest, as he is called by his teen-age friends, was born in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn where he also attended parochial schools. After attending Don Bosco High School and College in Newton, he made his religious profession in the Salesian Society in 1934 and received his B.A. degree in 1938. Father Pankowski was ordained priest on July 2, 1944 by Maryknoll bishop of the Most Rev. William O'Shea.

Included in his many teaching and parish assignments and work with the youth over the past 25 years are his ten years at Don Bosco High School from 1955 to 1965 as catechist and head of his department of religion and his three years as associate pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mahwah. Father Pankowski has also served in Port Chester, Paterson, Port Reading, Marrero, Louisiana, and Salesian schools in Goshen and in New Rochelle. He still attends his week-end parish duties at St. Anthony's in Port Reading, where he has served as associate pastor for the past eleven years.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pankowski, natives of Poznan, Poland, are deceased. His three brothers, Leo, Ted and Edward, and three sisters, Mrs. John Hnath, Mrs. Charles Kozora, and Mrs. Charles Gurecki, live in Brooklyn, Elmhurst and Massapequa, Long Island.



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