

Rev. Joseph Pankowski, teacher at Don Bosco

The Rev. Joseph F. Pankowski, SDB, a religion instructor at Don Bosco High School in Ramsey, died Thursday at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood after suffering a stroke. He was 66.

Father Pankowski had been the chairman of the religion department at Don Bosco for 10 years. In 1966, he went to Immaculate Heart of Mary R.C. Church, Mahwah, where he was the assistant pastor for two years. He returned in 1968 to Don Bosco High and was teaching there until his death.

Because of his kindly nature, Father Pankowski was very popular with students, said the Rev. Anthony Spano, the director of Don Bosco.

The son of Polish immigrants, he was born and raised in Brooklyn, one of seven children. He joined the Salesian order in 1934, received his baccalaureate de-

gree in 1938 from Don Bosco College, Newton, and was ordained in 1944 by Bishop W.F. O'Shea.

Father Pankowski served as an assistant pastor at Corpus Christi R.C. Church in Port Chester, N.Y., and St. Anthony's R.C. Church in Paterson during 1945-48. He first taught at Salesian schools in New Rochelle and Goshen, N.Y.

Surviving are two brothers, Leo and Edmund, both of Brooklyn, and a sister, Helen Kozark of Massepequa, N.Y.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Don Bosco High School gymnasium. Visiting hours will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the school chapel. The Office of the Dead will be said at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Salesian Cemetery, Goshen.



The Rev. Joseph Pankowski