

Rev. D. McGurrin, assistant pastor at Holy Angels Church

A Mass of Christian Burial for the Rev. Donald J. McGurrin, 74, an assistant pastor at Holy Angels Catholic Church and a member of the Oblate of Mary Immaculate order, will be offered at 10 a.m. Monday in Holy Angels Church, 348 Porter Ave.



The celebrant of the Mass will be the Rev. William Sheehan, provincial head of the Eastern District of OMI. Burial will be in the oblate cemetery in Tewksbury, Mass.

Father McGurrin died Thursday (July 29, 1993) in Sisters Hospital after a long illness. A teacher much of his life, Rev. McGurrin had returned to Buffalo four years ago after having served for six years as pastor of St. Simon Jude Church in West Jefferson, Ohio.

"He had a great love of learning," said Rev. Anthony Rigoli, pastor of Holy Angels Church and a longtime friend. He had degrees from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and Canisius College and belonged to the Mensa Society.

"He taught math and Russian," Rev. Rigoli said. "His hobby was ham radio operation, and when he taught at Holy Angels, he led a ham radio club."

Rev. McGurrin was born in Buffalo and attended Holy Angels School and Holy Angels Collegiate Institute before his 1944 ordination in Washington. Much of his teaching career was at Holy Angels Collegiate Institute and Bishop Fallon in Buffalo and Bishop Newman High School in West Palm Beach, Fla.

He also had served as a missionary and as principal and pastor of Mary Immaculate School in Brazil and had been pastor of other churches in Massachusetts and Florida.

Survivors include a sister, Kathryn Hamilton, and two brothers, William of Getzville and James of Eggertsville.