Rev. Thomas F. O'Malley, WMass priest for 50 years

HUDSON - Rev. Thomas F. O'Malley, 84, of 34 Theresa Drive, formerly of Clinton, died Sunday in Providence House Nursing Home, Worcester.

Born in Clinton, he celebrated 50 years in the priesthood in 1980.

He graduated in 1918 from Clinton High School, in 1925 from Holy Cross College, Worcester, and in 1930 from St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore.

He was ordained in 1930 by the Most Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, bishop of Springfield, in St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield.

He began his career as a curate in St. John's Church, Worcester, and later served in that post at St. Winchendon. Church. Mary's Blessed Sacrament Church, Worcester, Holy Family Church, Springfield and St. Francis Church, North Adams.

From 1949 to 1955, he served as chaplain at Mount St. Vincent Church, Holyoke, and later became pastor of St. Mary's Church, Thorndike section of Palmer, St. Joseph's Church, Shelburne Falls, and Sacred Heart Church, Holyoke.

He retired in 1971.

He was a member of Clinton Kirby Post, American Legion, and the Century Club of Holy Cross College.

He leaves a brother, James P. O'Malley of Texas, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral will be Wednesday afternoon in St. John's Church, Union Street, Clinton, with the Most Rev. Joseph F. Maguire, bishop of Springfield as the main celebrant. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery, Lancaster.

A prayer service will be conducted in the church Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The Philbin Funeral Home, 176 Water St., Clinton, is in charge.