
MSGR. DENNIS RIGNEY, 77

South Jersey pastor

Msgr. Dennis J. Rigney, 77, who served as pastor of five South Jersey parishes between 1952 and his retirement in 1984, died Tuesday.

Rigney was pastor of Our Lady of Victories Church in Landisville from 1952 to 1955.

A native of New York City, he attended St. Albert's College in Middleton, N.Y., and Manhattan College before studying for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore.

Rigney was an advocate on the Diocesan Tribunal, a regional director of the CYO and a member of the Diocesan Commission for Property and Building.

In 1977, he was named a Prelate of Honor to Pope Paul VI with the title reverend monsignor.

Bishop James T. McHugh will celebrate a memorial Mass Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Vincent Pallotti Church in Haddon Township, where Msgr. Rigney was pastor for 15 years.

Burial will be in Tuckahoe.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated in Florida, where Rigney lived in recent years. The Mass will be celebrated by his brothers, Msgr. Philip T. Rigney, a retired priest of the Camden Diocese, and Msgr. James Rigney of the Archdiocese of New York.

He also is survived by two sisters.