

Rev. Vincent J. Duggan; Retired Pastor

A funeral Mass for the Rev. Vincent J. Duggan, founding pastor of Our Lady of Providence Parish, will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Providence Catholic Church, 8870 Pardee Road, in the Affton area. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

The Rev. Duggan died Friday at Mary Queen and Mother Center, 7601 Watson Road, Webster Groves, after a long illness. He was 74.

He was appointed to establish Our Lady of Providence Parish in 1954 and served there until 1977, when he retired after suffering a stroke. Earlier, he had served at the Church

of the Assumption in St. Louis and the Church of the Resurrection in Wellsville, Mo.

The Rev. Duggan was born in St. Louis and attended St. Louis University, the University of Fribourg in Switzerland and Kenrick Seminary. He was ordained in 1940 and was first assistant at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in St. Louis until 1948, except from 1942 to 1946 when he served as a chaplain with the 2nd Marine Division in the South Pacific.

Surviving are a brother, Philip Duggan of Affton; and a sister, Genevieve Vollmer of Lilburn, Ga.