

## NEWPORTER ORDAINED AS CATHOLIC PRIEST

The Rev. W. C. O'Connell To  
Say First Mass Here

St. Joseph's Church to Hear Him  
Conduct Initial Services In  
Home Parish Sunday

The Rev. William C. O'Connell was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church Saturday by the Most Rev. Russell J. M. Vinney, Bishop of Providence, ceremonies at the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, in Providence. He will celebrate his first solemn Mass in his home parish, St. Joseph's church, here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Son of James J. O'Connell, of West Main road, Middletown, and the late Agnes Corcoran O'Connell, the new priest was born in this city April 10, 1922. He attended Cranston and John Clarke Schools and graduated from Rogers High School in 1939.

He graduated from Our Lady of Providence Seminary, in Warwick Neck, in March 1945 with an associate of arts degree. He attended Old St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., from April, 1945, to June, 1946, receiving his B. A. degree. In September, 1946, he entered St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, completing his studies for bachelor of sacred theology in June, 1948. He continued his studies there until his ordination today.

Father O'Connell was chief counselor at Camp Adrian, Catskill, N. Y., in 1945; counselor at Camp St. Mary's, North Woodstock, Conn., in 1946 and 1947; chief counselor, Camp Marquette, Lake Spofford, N. Y., in 1948 and director and water instructor, Camp Marquette, in 1949.

### Taught Religion

He taught religion in Mt. Washington Country School, Baltimore, from 1947 to 1950, acting also as swimming instructor and baseball coach there. He was an official of the Baltimore Catholic Youth Organization in Baltimore and a member of the training committee in Baltimore of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Rev. Raymond J. Murphy of St. Michael's Providence, formerly an assistant at St. Joseph's, will deliver the sermon at Father O'Connell's first Mass. The Rev. Anthony Cotter, now of St. Luke's, Barrington, will assist as arch-priest; the Rev. Arthur Geoghegan of Our Lady of Providence Seminary will act as deacon and the Rev. William Gillooly, of St. Francis Church, Wakefield, as subdeacon. Robert Randall, of this city, a seminarian, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Sunday afternoon, there will be a reception to the new priest at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hattub of West Main road.

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