

Popular Troy Franciscan Notes

50th Year In Order Tomorrow

Rev. Lawrence M. Pizzuti, assistant pastor of St. Anthony's Church, will celebrate fifty years as a member of the Franciscan Order tomorrow. The celebration opens with a Solemn High Mass at 3 p.m. followed by a reception in the parish hall from 6 to 8 p.m.

In his 12 years service at St. Anthony's Father Pizzuti has assisted in formation of the committees which raised funds for building the parish school, church, rectory and the Rev. Thomas DeLuca parish hall. He organized the spaghetti dinners which became a yearly event at St. Anthony's.

Born In Italy

Born in Mazzano Romano, Italy in 1895, Father Pizzuti got his early schooling there and came to the United States in 1912. He resided in Nanticoke, Pa. He entered St. Andrew's Seminary in Catskill in 1912 and moved to St. Joseph's Seminary in Calicoon when the Catskill facility was destroyed by fire.

Father Pizzuti was received into the Franciscan Order Jan. 6, 1917, and made his profes-



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sion of vows Jan. 6, 1918. He made his philosophical and theological studies in Rome and Arezzo, Italy, and was ordained in the latter city Dec. 21, 1922.

He did post graduate studies in church and Roman law at the Catholic University in

Washington and served as a teacher in the Immaculate Conception Province from 1926 to 1933. From the latter year until 1942 he was attached to the Holy Land Commission in Washington and since 1942 he has been engaged in parish work in the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Albany.

Reunion

Among fellow Franciscans who will join parishioners and friends in honoring Father Pizzuti are Rev. Matthew M. DeBenedictis, OFM, minister provincial, and Rev. Thomas DeLuca, former pastor of St. Anthony's, who will be principal speaker.

Others assisting at the Solemn Mass will be Revs. John B. Frisoli, pastor of St. Anthony's; Ferdinand DeFebio, Francis Prezio, Joseph Avella Francis X. D'Alessandro and John C. DiMauro, all Franciscans.

William J. Pascarell and Mrs. Jennie Canlanucci are cochairmen for the celebration which is open to parishioners and friends of Father Pizzuti. Mrs. Mary Pascarell heads the committee for special guests.