

### Joseph DiMaggio Obituary

**J**OHNSTOWN The Rev. Joseph F. DiMaggio, the former pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, Johnstown, N.Y. entered into eternal rest on his 75th birthday, January 9, 2004. He was born January 9, 1929 in Frankfort, N.Y., the son of the late Lawrence and Josephine Simonette DiMaggio. A graduate of Frankfort High School in 1946, entered in St. Andrews Seminary in September 1946 (Rochester, N.Y.), graduated in 1949, entered Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure University Olean, N.Y., where he graduated in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in theology and education. Father DiMaggio was ordained March 26, 1955 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany by Bishop Gibbons. His first assignment was assistant pastor at St. Francis deSales Church in West Albany. He was then assigned to St. Peter's Parish and Academy in Saratoga Springs where he served as assistant pastor and professor of moral ethics until 1969. Father also served as chaplain for the fire and police dept. in Saratoga Springs. Father then became assistant pastor of Christ the King Church in Guilderland until 1974 then served as administrator of Sacred Heart Church in Watervliet. He then became pastor of the Holy Cross Church in Morris, N.Y. before being appointed as pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church in Johnstown in 1977 where he remained until his retirement on January 1, 2002. Father also served ten years as Catholic Chaplain at the Hale Creek Correctional Facility. He also was a member and past chaplain of Saratoga Springs Council Knights of Columbus. Father DiMaggio is survived by three sisters which he referred to as the Golden Girls and one brother-in-law, Mrs. John E. Roberts (Pearl) of Prescott, Ariz., Mrs. Roger Gaspa (Katherine) and her husband Roger of Utica and Mrs. Otto E. Dreikorn (Saundra) of Jupiter, Fla.; six nieces and one nephew. Father was predeceased by his brother, Charles A. DiMaggio of Utica on January 9, 1986 and two brothers-in-law, Otto E. Dreikorn and John E. Roberts. Funeral services will begin with the reception of the body on Monday, January 12 at 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church, 1 Cayadatta St., Johnstown. A parish Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. with the Bishop Howard Hubbard as the main celebrant. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. prior to the service. Interment will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frankfort at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Father Joseph F. DiMaggio Memorial Fund, 200 Beach Road Penthouse C, Jupiter Island, FL 33469. Proceeds from the memorial fund will be distributed to Father DiMaggio's favorite charities. Arrangements are by the Barter & Donnan Funeral Home, 1 N. Melcher St., Johnstown, NY.

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