

R. Starks Obituary

GLENVILLE Father R. Mansfield Starks, 88, Pastor Emeritus of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Glenville died Monday, March 15, 2004 at his residence after a long illness. Fr. Starks was born in Rochester, N.Y. He was a graduate of St. Monica and St. Andrew's Prep Seminary in Rochester. He received a bachelor's degree from Niagara University in 1938 and a master's degree in 1940. His seminary education was completed at Our Lady of Angels, Niagara University. He was ordained by the Most Reverend Edmund Gibbons at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany on May 30, 1942. Father Starks served as an associate at the Cathedral in Albany; St. Peter and Paul in Canajoharie, St. Joseph's and St. Luke's in Schenectady. He was the pastor at St. Joan of Arc in Menands and, for 22 years, he was the pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Glenville, retiring in 1990. After his retirement, he continued to serve the parish by celebrating daily Mass until September 2001. Fr. Starks served on the board of directors at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady and was the diocesan director of cemeteries for 10 years. He also served as the chaplain for the East Glenville Fire Department for several years. Fr. Starks was the son of the late Lee and Ella Mae Starks. He was also predeceased by two sisters, Marie and Eileen Starks and two brothers, Joseph and Fr. Donald Starks. He is survived by one brother, Homer R. Starks of Rochester and one sister-in-law, Rosemary Starks of Rochester. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. A Reception of the Body Service into the Church of the Immaculate Conception will be conducted at 12 noon on Thursday, March 18. Viewing hours begin after the Reception of the Body Service and will continue until 7:00 p.m. A parish Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. Thursday. The Mass of Christian Burial with the Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, DD, Bishop of Albany as the principal celebrant, will be celebrated Friday, March 19 at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Glenville. Burial will be in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Niskayuna. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Saratoga Road, Scotia, NY 12302 or to the St. Vincent DePaul Society in care of the church.

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