

Rev. J. J. Donnelly Sunday Will Mark 40th Anniversary

A priest of the Diocese of Buffalo, Rev. John J. Donnelly, a native of Bridgeport, Conn., will observe the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, December 21.

Father Donnelly studied at the Grand Seminary, San Sulpice, Montreal; St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and at Christ the King Seminary, St. Bonaventure University.

He was ordained on December 21, 1918 in Erie by Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie, and was the first priest to be ordained by Bishop Gannon.

Before coming to the Buffalo Diocese, Father Donnelly served in Belle Fourche, Faith, and Quinn, South Dakota.

Here he has been at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Hamburg, Our Mother of Good Counsel, Blasdell, and since 1946, at St. Joseph's Church, Batavia.

No special observance is planned for the anniversary.