

Rev. Duane G. Fimbel, chaplain at DeGraff Hospital

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The Rev. Duane G. Fimbel, Catholic chaplain at DeGraff Memorial Hospital in North Tonawanda, died Saturday in Father Baker Manor in Orchard

Park after a brief illness. He was 80.

Born in Buffalo, he was ordained by Bishop Joseph Burke on March 16, 1957, in St. Joseph

New Cathedral and assigned to the missionary apostolate at Holy Family in Machias. He went on to serve St. Joachim Catholic Church in Buffalo, St. John the Baptist in Lockport, St. Joseph in North Tonawanda, St. Frances de Sales in Buffalo, Queen of Heaven in West Seneca, Holy Family in Buffalo, and St. Theresa, St. Ambrose and Mother of Divine Grace in Cheektowaga.

Father Fimbel was pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Portville and Our Lady of Victory in

Frewsburg. He served for the last several years as chaplain at DeGraff Hospital, while residing at St. Albert the Great Parish in North Tonawanda.

Survivors include a brother, Joseph.

Father Fimbel will lie in state from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, 800 Niagara Falls Blvd., North Tonawanda, where a concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:30 a.m., also on Thursday.