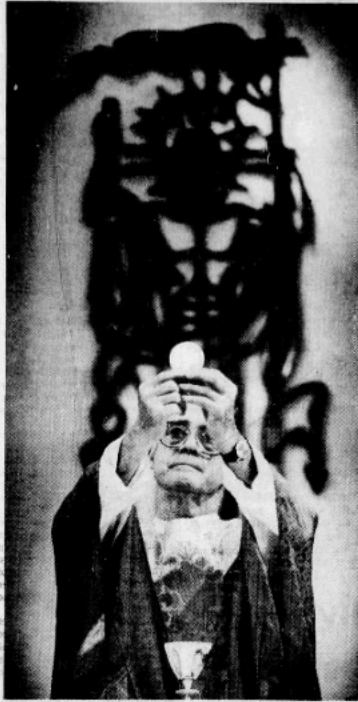




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In a clergy family portrait, right, the Rev. Jeffrey Oak, pastor, Christ United Methodist Church, and his wife, the Rev. Carol Pinkham, assistant at All Saints Episcopal Church, hold their son, Nathaniel, born on Staten Island during their service at the two island churches.



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At left, the Rev. Vincent Clyne, retiring pastor, raises the host during mass at St. Ann's R.C. Church, Dongan Hills.

Island clergy get ready for new lives

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For several members of the clergy on Staten Island, this month is a milestone — marking either a retirement and a new stage of life, or a leave-taking and a new life in another place.

Among the clergy who are closing one door and opening another on June 30 are seven members of four different denominations.

They include a priest who has spent 46 of his 49 years in churches on Staten Island; another with 36 of his 45 priestly years served on Staten Island; two monsignors; a Lutheran minister whose Staten Island call eight years ago was his first service

east of the Mississippi; and a clergy couple, one the pastor of a United Methodist congregation, and the other an assistant pastor at an Episcopal church.

● Rev. Vincent F. Clyne, pastor of St. Ann's Church, Cromwell Avenue, will officially retire July 1 after 13 years at the Dongan Hills Church.

Father Clyne has spent 36 of his 45 years in the priesthood, serving on Staten Island. A native of Manhattan, he moved with his family to Midland Beach in his youth.

His first assignment was as parochial vicar at St. Paul's Church in New Brighton for six years.

He returned to Staten Island in 1960 as parochial vicar at Sacred

Heart Church in West Brighton. Ten years later, he became administrator of Immaculate Conception Church in Stapleton, and in 1977 assumed his pastorate at St. Ann's.

● Monsignor Joseph M. Santulin, pastor of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta R.C. Church, West Brighton, will retire after 16 years there. Last year, the monsignor was feted by parishioners on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, and last Sunday afternoon, they honored him at a farewell gathering in the school auditorium.

Born in Trieste, Italy, he was ordained in 1939. Because of the Slavic Communist takeover of that province on the Adriatic Sea at the end of World War II, he escaped to Padua in 1945. Three years later, he obtained his doc-

torate in humanities from the State University of Padua.

Monsignor Santulin came to this country in 1949, and was assigned to different parishes in the Archdiocese of New York, including St. Mary of the Assumption in Port Richmond and St. Michael's in Mariners Harbor. After his elevation to the rank of monsignor, he was appointed to the West Brighton pastorate.

Among the accomplishments during his tenure at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta's has been the payment in full of the church's debt of almost a half million dollars, and the asbestos removal from the school, which cost almost \$600,000, is now paid in full.

The parish has some 500 families in the register, and an elementary school from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade.

Having reached the archdiocese's official retirement age of 75, Monsignor Santulin will move on July 1 to the Pope John Paul II Residence at 603 First Ave. Manhattan.

● Monsignor Robert R. Mazziotta, pastor of Our Lady of Pity R.C. Church on Richmond Avenue, will retire after eight years as pastor of the Bulls Head church.

A native of Manhattan, he was ordained 49 years ago. During World War II, he was a chaplain in the U.S. Army.

His elevation to the rank of Domestic Prelate, with the title of monsignor came two years after

his assignment as administrator of Holy Rosary R.C. Church, South Beach, in 1963. He became pastor of the church on Sand Lane in 1968.

A major facet of Monsignor Mazziotta's pastorate was the construction and completion of the new \$2.4 million church in 1988. The larger, more modern building was needed to serve the more than 2,000 parishioners in the burgeoning communities of New Springville, Bulls Head and Graniteville.

Monsignor Mazziotta was no stranger to parish construction on

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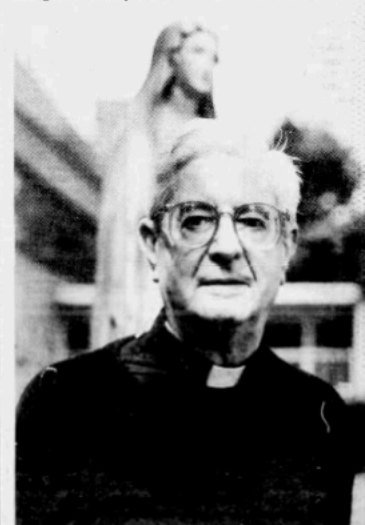
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Monsignor Joseph Santulin enjoys a chat with some of the school children at Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta R.C. Church, West Brighton. They are, from left, Timmy Ortiz, Valerie Discar, the monsignor, Christopher St. Clair and Shannon Brewer.



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Rev. Paul Bodin of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, West Brighton, talks with a member of his congregation.



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Monsignor Robert Mazziotta, retiring pastor of Our Lady of Pity R.C. Church, stands in front of the Bulls Head church.