OBITUARIES

Rev. James F. Skupien

St. Joseph's Church, Bellwood Pastor

Rev. James F. Skupien, 54, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 623 E. 3rd St., Bellwood, died Sunday afternoon, February 11, 1996 at the church rectory following an extended illness.

He was born March 31, 1941, in Gallitzin, the son of Charles and Wanda (Huey) Skupien.

He is survived by a brother, Donald, of Altoona and two sisters: Donna Reilly, of DuBois and Rebecca Bimle, of Altoona.

He was a Catholic priest in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

He was a 1958 graduate of Altoona Catholic High School, attended St. Francis College, Loretto and graduated from St. Mary Seminary, Baltimore.

Rev. Skupien was ordained at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament May 19, 1966.

He was assistant at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Portage, from June 13, 1966 to June 21, 1968; assistant at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament from June 21, 1968 to May 30, 1969 and taught at Bishop Carroll High School, Ebensburg.

He was assistant principal at Bishop Guilfoyle High School from June 21, 1968 to Aug. 28, 1972 and served as assistant at St. Mark's until he was named temporary administrator at St. Michael's, Hollidaysburg from January 1971 to Feb. 17, 1971 and returned to St. Mark's.

He was appointed principal at Bishop Guilfoyle with residence at St. Mark's Aug. 28, 1972 until 1984.

He was pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Williamsburg, from Sept. 1, 1977 to Sept. 8, 1983, when he was named pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Bellwood.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Summit Athletic Club.

Interment was at the St. Mary's Cemetery, Gallitzin.

Contributions may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen or the American Cancer Society.

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