

*Rev. Joseph B. Rapczynski*

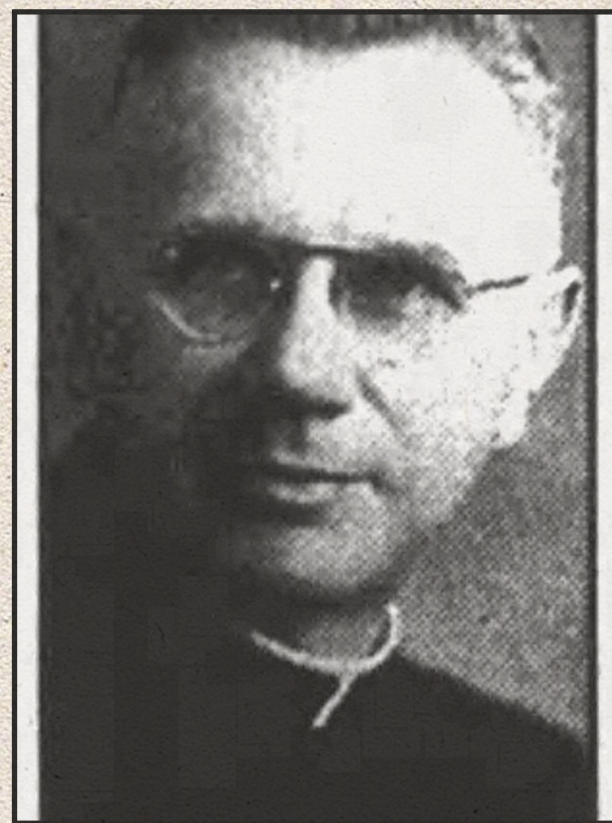
## OBITUARY

Mass of Christian Burial for the Rev. Joseph B. Rapczynski, 90, of Holy Family Villa, Bethlehem, pastor emeritus, of St. Ann's Church, Frackville, who died Monday at Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown, will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Ann's Church. The Most Rev. Edward P. Cullen, will be the main celebrant. Principal celebrants will be the Most Rev. Thomas J. Welsh, retired bishop of Allentown; the Very Rev. Alfred A. Schlert, vicar general; and the Revs. Dominic P. Kalata, pastor of St. Ann's Church, and John J. Pavlosky, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Northampton. Bishop Welsh will also be the homilist.

A vigil service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Ann's Church. The Very Rev. William T. Campion, pastor of St. Canicus and St. Fidelis churches, Mahanoy City, and dean of the North Schuylkill Deanery, will be presider and homilist.

Interment will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Frackville. Oravitz Home for Funerals, Inc., Shenandoah, is in charge of arrangements.

Born in Augustowo, Poland, he was a son of the late Constantine and Victoria Radzewicz Rapczynski.



He attended elementary school in Minersville, Mahanoy City and Shenandoah. He was a graduate of St. Mary's High School, Orchard Lake, Mich. He studied for the priesthood at St. Mary's College and Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake.

He was ordained a priest on May 26, 1934, by the late Most Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara in the Cathedral of Ss. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia.

Father Rapczynski served as an assistant pastor at St. Casimir's Church, Shenandoah, from 1934-42, at St. Josaphat Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia 1942-48; St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Minersville from



1948-52; Ss. Peter and Paul,  
Lansford, 1952-53; and St. Mary's  
Church, Reading, 1953-56.

He was administrator of St. Ann's in  
1956-57 and pastor from 1957-87,  
and was named pastor emeritus of  
St. Ann's on June 16, 1987.

He then resided at St. Michael's  
rectory, Northampton, from 1987-  
93, and last resided at Holy Family  
Villa.

He was preceded in death by a  
sister, Jean Yankoski.

Surviving are two sisters, Bernice  
Scarpiello, California; and Sister  
Mary Cherubim, Sisters of the Holy  
Family of Nazareth, Philadelphia.