

Rev. Joseph A. Stankiewicz



Reverend Joseph A. Stankiewicz, son of the late Joseph and Josephine Stankiewicz, was born in Herron Hill, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 27, 1909. He was educated in Holy Family Parochial School, Duquesne U. Prep. School, St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan., and Saint Vincent's Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he received his Master's Degree.

On June 14, 1936 he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Most Reverend Hugh C. Boyle. Father Stankiewicz offered his first Mass at Holy Family Church, Lawrenceville, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

His first appointment was to Saint Stanislaus in Ambridge. Later he served as assistant in Saint Hyacinth, Pittsburgh, for a period of one year and three months, after which he was transferred to Holy Family Parish, April 23, 1938. He then became assistant at Saint Adalbert Parish in Pittsburgh in 1939. After Father Frania's death he was Vicar Economy of the parish. On September 25, 1941, he was appointed assistant to Transfiguration Church, Russelton, Pennsylvania and on July 2, 1944 as its pastor. Ten years later in 1955 he was made pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Braddock, Pennsylvania by Bishop Dearden. He arrived in Braddock, July 14, 1955 to take over his new duties.

During his pastorate at Sacred Heart, Father Stankiewicz substantially renovated the exterior and interior church, rectory, school and convent.

No one can fully appraise the immense spiritual good which has come of Father Stankiewicz's endeavors, motivated by the love of God and his fellowmen - but certainly all of us, who are enjoying the fruits of his work, owe him a debt of prayerful gratitude.

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