

OBITUARIES

Rev. Bronislaus Kopec; Pastor at St. Clair

Rev. Bronislaus John Kopec, pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, St. Clair, died Sunday at Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville, after a lengthy illness.

Born in Terryville, Conn., Oct. 15, 1903, son of William Kopec and Sophie Rudzinska, Father Kopec attended elementary school in Terryville. He completed his secondary and seminary education at Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Mich., and at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Md. He was ordained to the sacred priesthood by the Most

sacred priesthood by the Most
Rev. Michael J. Gallagher on
May 26, 1929, in the Cathedral
of Saints Peter and Paul, De-
troit, Mich.

Father Kopec's first assign-
ment was as assistant pastor
of St. Stanislaus Church, Phila-
delphia; then St. Hedwig's,
Philadelphia; St. Josaphat's,
Manayunk; St. Casimir's, Ma-
hanoy City; St. Stanislaus, Min-
ersville; St. Isidore's, Quaker-
town—all as assistant pastor.
He was named pastor of Saints
Peter and Paul, St. Clair, on
April 8, 1942.

Transfer of Father Kopec's
body will be conducted with the
Sacred Celebration of the Word
of God on Tuesday, July 2, 7:30
p.m., at Saints Peter and Paul
Church, Saint Clair. The Rt.
Rev. Msgr. John E. Boyle, V.F.,
Pastor, St. Patrick's Church,
Pottsville, and Dean of West

Schuykill County, will preside at the transfer and be celebrant for the Scripture Service. Father John M. Smigielski, Pastor, St. Casimir's Church, Mahanoy City, will read the Old Testament lesson; Father William J. McHale, Pastor, St. Mary's Church, St. Clair, will read the lesson from the Apostles; Monsignor Boyle will read the gospel and preach the homily. Father Michael F. Connaughton, Assistant Pastor, St. Canicus Church, Mahanoy City, will serve as Lector.

Funeral Mass

Funeral services will commence with a Mass sung in English and concelebrated on Wednesday, July 3, 1968, at 11:00 a.m., in the Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Saint Clair. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. David B. Thompson, V.G., J.C.L., M.A., Vicar General and

Chancellor of the diocese, will be the celebrant. Concelebrants will be Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Boyle, V.F., Pastor, St. Patrick's Church, Pottsville, and Dean of West Schuylkill County; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Julian G. Zagorski, Pastor, St. Casimir's Church, Shenandoah; Father Bronislaus J. Sienkiewicz, Pastor, St. Michael's Church, Northampton; and Father Joseph B. Rapczynski, Pastor, St. Ann's Church, Frackville. Father John S. Baruch, Pastor, St. Stanislaus Church, Minersville, will deliver the homily. Father James J. Morgan, Assistant Financial Secretary for the diocese, will be Leader of Song. Father John P. Seitzinger, Secretary to the Bishop, will be Master of Ceremonies.

The entire congregation together with the Priests' Choir,

directed by Father Richard J. Loeper, M.A., will sing in English the "Mass for Christian Unity" by Jan Vermulst. The blessing of Father Kopec's body will follow the Mass.

Burial will be in the parish cemetery of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Saint Clair.

Father Kopec is survived by a sister: Mrs. Julia Delano of Brockton, Massachusetts.