

Rev. Francis E. Husselbeck

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GUILDERLAND/RICHFIELD SPRINGS The Reverend Francis E. Husselbeck, age 72, of Mercy Care Lane, former pastor of Saint Joseph's Church, Richfield Springs entered into eternal rest on Thursday morning, May 15, 2003 in Our Lady of Mercy Life Care in Guilderland. He was born on November 25, 1930 in Albany, a son of the late Francis E. and Margaret Grace LaBombard Husselbeck. In 1949 he graduated from Keveny Academy, Cohoes. He went on to Saint Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, Conn. where he received an A.A. in philosophy in 1952 and graduating from St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester with a B.A. in theology in 1954. His ordination as a Catholic priest took place on May 31, 1958 upon completion of continued studies in theology and seminary from St. Bernard's. In the spring of 1979 he continued studies in theology at the North American College, Rome, Italy. For 45 years he served the Albany Diocese as a dedicated priest. His assignments as a priest were as assistant pastor of Our Lady of Victory, Troy, associate pastor of St. Columbus Church, Schenectady. He served as chaplain of the Schenectady County Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, associate pastor of Holy Spirit Church of East Greenbush, serving as the administrator from March to June of 1968. He then served as associate pastor of Our Lady of Mercy, Colonie

and from December 1968 to February 1979 he was pastor of St. Ann, Fort Ann Church. During this time, he also served as chaplain at the Comstock Correctional Facility. From September 1979 until August 1985, he was pastor of St. Agnes/St. Patrick Church, Cohoes. In August 1985 he came to Richfield Springs where he served as pastor of Saint Joseph's Church until his retirement in August 1998. He is survived by a brother, Joseph A. Husselbeck; two sisters, Ellen T. Feeney and her husband Gary, Sister M. Francesca Husselbeck, RSM; a sister-in-law, Marilyn Husselbeck; five nephews, Eric and his wife Michelle Husselbeck, Kurt and his wife Andrea Husselbeck, Kevin and his wife Shannon Husselbeck, Shawn Gary Feeney, Shannon Patrick Feeney; two nieces, Kellie Kathleen Nedoroscik and her husband Frank and Judy Husselbeck; grandnieces and grandnephews, Ryan Husselbeck, Owen Husselbeck, Kasandra Husselbeck, Zachery Nedoroscik, Frank Nedoroscik and Shannin Nedoroscik. The reception of the body will be held on Sunday, May 18 at 4:00 p.m. in Saint Joseph's Church, Richfield Springs followed by public visitation from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. At the conclusion of visitation a parish Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. with the Reverend Joseph Benetende presiding and the Reverend Robert Shinos as homilist. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 11:00 a.m. in Holy Trinity Church, Cohoes. Bishop Howard J. Hubbard will officiate as principal celebrant. Preceding the Mass, visitation will be held in the church from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. Father Husselbeck will be laid to rest in Saint Agnes Cemetery, Cohoes. Memorial donations may be made to Saint Joseph's Church, Richfield Springs or Our Lady of Mercy Life Center, 2 Mercy Care Lane, Guilderland, NY 12084. Funeral arrangements are with J. Seaton McGrath Funeral Home, Richfield Springs.

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