

REV. JOSEPH H. HOPKINS

A Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated Tuesday at 10:30 a. m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church for Rev. Joseph H. Hopkins, 52, native of this city who was found dead Saturday at the rectory of St. Xavier Church in Moundsville, W. Va. Interment will be St. Mary's Cemetery.

Father Hopkins, who celebrated his silver anniversary in the priesthood in June with a Mass at St. Mary's, his home parish, apparently became ill Friday night. He was found seated in a chair, holding a crucifix.

His body will be returned here and taken to the Scarpelli Funeral Home following a requiem mass tomorrow at 9 a. m. at St. Xavier Church.

Father Hopkin's body will be taken to St. Mary's Church this evening to lie in state until time of service. Chief Justice Taney General Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, will supply a guard of honor from 7 to 11 p.m. today.

James Brailer, faithful navigator of Taney Assembly, said members should report in full regalia, and that capes and chapeaux will be available at St. Mary's Hall.

A son of the late Patrick and Mary (Wempe) Hopkins, he attended St. Mary's Parish School before entering St. Charles College, Catonsville, to begin his priestly training. He completed his studies at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore.

Following his ordination in Baltimore on June 11, 1936, he returned to his home parish to celebrate his first solemn high mass. Father Hopkins served as assistant pastor at St. Ambrose and St. Cecelia churches, both in Baltimore, and at St. Peter's Church, Wheeling, W. Va., before going to St. Xavier.

Part of his duties at the Moundsville church was serving as chaplain for inmates at the West Virginia State Penitentiary there. He was a former chaplain of Moundsville Council, K. of C.

Surviving are two brothers, Patrick J. Hopkins, this city, and Francis M. Hopkins, Upper Darby, Pa., and three sisters, Mrs. Henry Houck, Washington; Mrs. Ralph Wodworth, Kearney, N. J., and Mrs. William Cosgrove, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Cumberland Council 586, Knights of Columbus, will recite the Rosary today at 7:30 p. m. at St. Mary's Church.