



Obituary

Born: Monday, December 11, 1933

Died: Tuesday, October 16, 2012

North Bay-Rev. Leo J. Wimett, 78, of Route 49, Pastor of St. John's/St. Mary's in North Bay and Verona Beach, passed away unexpectedly and peacefully Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at the rectory.

He was born December 11, 1933, in Utica, NY, a son of Leo J. and Lillian LaPointe Wimett.

Father Wimett attended Sacred Heart Elementary School in Utica as well as St Paul's Missions Seminary in Minnesota. He graduated from St. Bernard Seminary in Rochester. He was ordained in Syracuse on February 2, 1960, and said his first mass on February thirteenth at St. Francis de Sales in Utica.

Father Wimett's first appointment was as parochial vicar of Holy Cross Parish in DeWitt from 1960 to 1966. He was parochial vicar at St James in Johnson City 1966 to 1969, at St James in Syracuse in 1969 and at St Ann's Church in Syracuse from 1969 to 1976. He served on the diocesan finance committee and was the chaplain for the Ladies Auxiliary, Our Lady of Peace Council for the Knights of Columbus. He also served as chaplain of the Knights of Columbus in Johnson City from 1965 to 1970. Father Wimett was the pastor of St. John's/St. Mary's in North Bay and Verona Beach since 1976, and he said it gave him a remarkable chance to get to know the families in his parish. He said, "Now, I'm marrying some of the kids I baptized." Countless parishioners state that Fr. Leo will always be remembered for his touching and inspirational homilies.

Father Leo liked to travel with his sister and other companions. He was often seen at area restaurants enjoying a meal in the company of his close friends.

Many remember Fr. Leo as a gourmet cook. He displayed his culinary expertise, which he gained from countless cooking schools, including some in Tuscany, Italy and in New Orleans. He especially liked to prepare Italian dishes.

He is survived by a sister, Linda Gozy, Whitesboro, NY, three nieces, Kimberly Testa, Valerie Starczewski, and Bridget Flynn, two nephews, Jeffrey Gozy and Sean Flynn, and many special people whose lives he touched and who cared for him deeply, as if he were family. Father Leo was predeceased by his parents, a stepfather, Joseph Nudo and stepsister, Sue Nudo.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, at St. Mary's Church, Verona Beach. Interment, St. John's Cemetery, North Bay, NY. The Vigil Service for a Priest will be held 7:00 p.m., Friday, at St. Mary's Church.

Calling hours will be held Thursday, 4-7 p.m. and again Friday, 4-7 p.m., at St. Mary's Church, Verona Beach. Arrangements are under the direction of the

Service Summary

Visitation

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Thu Oct 18, 2012

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Fri Oct 19, 2012

St. Mary's Church

Route 13

Verona Beach, New York 13162

Mass of Christian Burial

11:00 AM Sat Oct 20, 2012

St. Mary's Church

Route 13

Verona Beach, New York 13162

LaRobardiere Funeral Home, Inc. 109 Main St., Camden,
NY.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to; St.
John's Church, Rev. Leo J. Wimett Memorial Fund, PO Box
289, North Bay, NY 13123.