

OBITUARY

Monsignor Stephen A. Bielen

Monsignor Stephen A. Bielen, 89, pastor emeritus of the Church of the Assumption in Hackettstown, died Dec. 8, 2007, at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

He was named pastor of the Catholic parish in 1968, appointed a monsignor by Pope John Paul II in 1996, and became pastor emeritus on retirement June 13, 1997. Monsignor Bielen attended Providence College and Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington; he was ordained March 17, 1945, at St. Mary's Cathedral in

Trenton.

Before coming to Hackettstown he was an associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Trenton, St. Joseph Parish in North Plainfield, St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Sayreville, Sacred Heart Parish in South Amboy, St. Stephen Parish in Perth Amboy and St. Hedwig Parish in Trenton. He was a pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Farmingdale from 1962-68.

Born in Perth Amboy, he was a son of the late Albert and Winifred Bielen.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Clare Palmer, in

2003.

Surviving are two sisters, Sister Sylvia of Newburgh, N.Y., and Alberta Bachman of Knoxville, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Dec. 11 at the Church of the Assumption with the Most Rev. Paul Bootkoski, bishop of Metuchen, as celebrant. Interment was in Resurrection Burial Park, Piscataway.

Donations may be sent to St. Mary's School, 305 High St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840.

Arrangements were by the Gleason Funeral Home in Somerset.

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