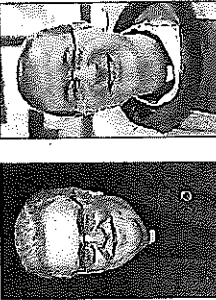


Long-time pastor retires from Long Valley church

WASHINGTON TWP. - The Rev. Michael Drury has retired after a quarter century as pastor of St. Luke Parish in Long Valley.

Drury has been replaced by Father Owen Moran, pastor at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in East Hanover.

Drury joined the parish as its pastor in 1994 and will remain as pastor emeritus. Moran was replaced by Father Matthew Kranc, who was named St. Rose of Lima Church administrator upon Moran's departure.



THE REV. MICHAEL DRURY

FATHER OWEN MORAN

and a member of the East Hanover Knights of Columbus, said Moran was transferred to St. Luke by Bishop Arthur Serratelli of the Paterson Archdiocese to the Long Valley parish.

"Normally a pastor stays with a church about eight years," DeMaio said. "Father Owen stayed for 16. He turned the church around. St. Luke is looking for the same magic."

Moran did not immediately return a call to his St. Luke administrative office. At St. Rose, Moran is no longer listed on the staff list but a history of the church notes:

"Father Owen B. Moran entered the seminary in 1985 and graduated from St. John's College in Waterford, Ireland with a degree in philosophy, liberal arts, theology and sacred scripture."

"He was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Rodimer at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Limerick, Ireland on Dec. 14, 1991."

"Father Moran's first assignment was as a Parochial Vicar to St. Patrick's Church in Chatham, where he served for 12 years from July 1991 until April 2003. During this time, Father Moran touched many parishioners' lives with his caring and compassionate spirit."

"Bishop (Frank) Rodimer appointed Father Moran as the third pastor of St. Rose of Lima on April 3, 2003. Father Owen was officially installed as pastor of St. Rose of Lima by Bishop Frank J. Rodimer on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2003."

Summer reading programs begin in Mendham Township

MENDHAM TWP. - Patrons can join the Summer Reading club to enjoy reading and win prizes at the Mendham Township Library, located at 2 W. Main St.

Patrons can register for the club at the library, pick up a reading log and collect prizes each week.

Programs include:

- A "Magic Show by Anthony for children 3 and older is set for 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m.

- OREO Tasting will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 25. Participants can guess flavors and vote on favorites.

- Mr. Ray will host a concert at 4 p.m., Wednesday, June 26, at the Brookside Community Club, West Main Street. Kids of all ages are welcome to attend.

- Kids of all ages can decorate a tote from 2 to 4 p.m., Thursday, June 27.

'Chemical Wizardry' program planned

WASHINGTON TWP. - "Chemical Wizardry," a science program for kids 6 to 12 years-old, is planned for 8:45 to 11:45 a.m., June 24-27, at the Long Valley Teen Arts Center, 212 West Mill Road.

Kids will make flubber, silly putty, super high

bounce balls and more. They also will make light inside of a glow bottle, a mushroom monster, play dough, glowing goo, a tie-dye style shirt, atomic worm polymers, lava lamp like blobs and more. All campers will take home a mini-chemistry kit and

recipe booklet and should bring a 100 percent white cotton T-shirt by the second day of class.

A non-refundable fee of \$125 is due before June 18 and a late fee will apply after the deadline. For information call (908) 876-5941 or visit www.wtmorris.org.