

REV. JOHN RAPHAEL MUKA, C.S.Sp.

Rev. John R. Muka, C.S.Sp., a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit died on August 29, 2003.

Father Muka was born on May 21, 1913 in Trenton, NJ. On September 14, 1938, he made his vows at Ferndale, CT, and was ordained to the priesthood there on June 15, 1939.

Following his ordination, his assignments included Holy Ghost Parish, Chippewa Falls, WI and St. Anthony in Millvale, PA. He was assigned to St. Mark's in New York (1949-1956); He was pastor at St. Benedict in Pittsburgh (1956-59) and, then, St. Peter Claver in Philadelphia from 1959-1978. He also served as associate at St. Mary's in Detroit (1978-1984) and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Polish Hill, Pittsburgh (1984-1987). He retired in 1987 to Spiritan Hall in Bensalem, PA, and has been in retirement at Libermann Hall in Bethel Park, PA, since 2001.

Son of the late John and Elizabeth Micsko Muka, and brother of the late Joseph Muka and Mary Banick, he is survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Mary Muka of Mercerville, NJ, Edward and Martha Muka of Trenton, NJ and sister-in-law, Connie Muka of Ewing, NJ and many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and great nephews, including to special nieces, Jean Muka and Janet Zimmerly of Mercerville, NJ.

There will be a viewing on Monday, Sept. 1, from 2-4 and 7-9 PM in the Chapel at Bethel Animation Center, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park, PA (412-831-0302). The body will be taken to Bensalem PA where viewing will take place on Tues., Sept. 2, from 7-9 PM in the Chapel at Holy Ghost Prep School. Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated there at 10 AM on Wednesday, Sept. 3. Burial will follow in the Holy Ghost Father's Cemetery there.

In memory of Fr. Muka donations may be made to the Spiritans designated for retirement or for the education of future Holy Spirit Fathers, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park PA 15102.