

Rev. Edmond J. Stroup, 75, Catholic priest at GBMC

The Rev. Edmond John Stroup, retired pastor of Roman Catholic churches, died Monday of a heart attack at Long Crandon, a residence for retired priests in Timonium. He was 75.

From 1981 to 1991, when he retired, he was a chaplain at Greater Baltimore Medical Center in Towson.

Beginning in 1961, he was assigned to St. Vincent de Paul Church in downtown Baltimore. He was named pastor there in 1965.



In 1971 at St. Vincent, he ended the custom of saying a printers' Mass at 2:30 a.m. The

service originated in 1915 for the benefit of printers at the city's daily newspapers. The parish continues a tradition of having a Sunday 12:15 a.m. Mass.

He was also pastor at St. Rita in Dundalk, Holy Family in Davidsonville and Our Lady of Sorrows in Owensville, Anne Arundel County.

He was a curate at St. Charles Borromeo in Pikesville and St. John in Westminster. He also was a legal advocate in matters of Roman Catholic religious law at the Archdiocesan Tribunal.

Born in Essington, Pa., Father Stroup was a graduate of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary in Emmitsburg and was ordained in 1949.

A Mass of Christian burial will be offered at 11 a.m. tomorrow at St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, 3755 St. Paul St. in Ellicott City.

He is survived by a sister, Olive M. Repsher of Ellicott City; two nephews; and two nieces.