

**SR. BONAVENTURE SCARANGELLA, C.S.JB.**

**June 27, 1932 – March 1, 2003**

**Sr. Bonaventure was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 27, 1932 to Nicholas Scarangella and Isabelle Carlin and was baptized in St. Edmund Church on July 17, 1932.**

**On July 14, 1951, Sister entered the novitiate at Mt. St. John Convent, White Plains, and her religious reception took place on February 2, 1952. On February 3, 1953 Sr. Bonaventure made her first profession of vows and was then assigned to teach at St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island, New York. On August 16, 1963 Sister was transferred to Bishop Burke High School, in Gloversville, New York, where she taught for ten years. In 1974, Sister was transferred to St. Dominic Convent in the Bronx until 1982 when the Lord called her to teach at St. Roch School on Staten Island.**

**In 1991 after 38 years of teaching, Sr. Bonaventure was asked to be the administrator of St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island, New York and accepted this assignment most generously. After six years of administrative work at the Villa, Sister's life took another course, this time in the ministry of health care assistant at Providence Rest Nursing Home. It was at Providence Rest that Sister "Bon" faithfully and lovingly ministered to the needs of the elderly for the next six years. Her warm smile and infectious sense of humor brought laughter into the lives of the Home's residents as well and into the lives of all those who knew and loved her. Even St. Francis of Assisi would smile from heaven because of Sister's wonderful care over the years of God's creatures in the many dogs that she loved so dearly.**

**After 50 years of dedicated and faithful service to the Church and Community, Sr. Bonaventure became seriously ill and was unable to continue her active life of ministry to the Lord's people. Sister was called home to God on March 1, 2003 at Providence Rest Nursing Home following a difficult and prolonged illness. "Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune," are words taken from "Desiderata" that were truly lived by Sr. Bonaventure. They are now her prayer for us.**

*"May the Holy Angels be there to welcome you  
with all the saints who go before you,  
that you may know the peace and joy of paradise;  
that you may enter into everlasting rest."*