



Reverend James F. Reilly

March 17, 2012

Reverend James F. Reilly, age 69 passed away on Saturday, March 17, 2012. Born in Jersey City, Father Reilly was ordained in 1968. As a trusted friend, advisor, and a dedicated parish priest, he dutifully involved himself directly in local community affairs. He has served as the Pastor of St. Michael's RC Church in Palisades Park for over 15 years. Previously, he served as Pastor of St. Cecilia's RC Church in Kearny. He began his life in the priesthood at St. Paul the Apostle in Jersey City. Father Reilly was also the former Chaplain of Holy Name Hospital and Jersey City Medical Center. As a priest committed to the community, he was honored to serve as Chaplain for the Fire and Police Departments of Palisades Park for more than a decade as well as those in Jersey City during his time there. Along with his dedication as a Catholic Priest, Father Reilly devoted himself to the advancement of Jersey City Medical Center. He served as the Board Chair both at Jersey City Medical Center and Liberty Healthcare. He was also very active with the Liberty Health Foundation. In honor of his service, the facility's library was named in his honor. Father Reilly is survived by his devoted brother, John W. Reilly and his wife Annette. He was the loving uncle to Anna Maria Leppin and her husband Carl, as well as a caring great-uncle to his great-nephews, Anthony and Joseph. He was also the dear brother-in-law of Louis Parisi and his wife Diane. Family and friends are invited to visit Friday, March 23, from Noon – 4PM at the Notre Dame School Auditorium, 312 1st Street, Palisades Park (Adjacent to St. Michael's Parish). Evening prayers will begin at 7:30PM and

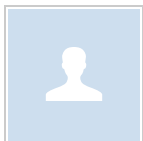
continue until 9PM at St. Michael's RC Church, 19 East Central Ave., Palisades Park. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30AM on Saturday, March 24. (Church doors will open at 8AM.) Interment to follow at Hillside Cemetery, Lyndhurst. In lieu of flowers donations in his name are appreciated by the family to St. Barnabas Medical Center Foundation, Old Short Hills Rd., Livingston, NJ 07039.

Tribute Wall



“ Thinking of you tonight, Dear Cousin Jim, the night before God took you to your true home 13 years ago. I still miss you, think of you, and pray for you everyday. You blessed my life in so many ways, and I will always be grateful. I love you Jim, and look forward to seeing you again someday in heaven with my Doogie (as you used to call him), and the rest of our glorious clan with whom God has so richly blessed us.
Requiesce in Pace, Padre. XO

Christine Tartaglia - March 16, 2025 at 11:31 PM



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“ Many visits with you, a trusted and dependable seminary classmate, are often reflected on during my daily prayer time for the Darlington Seminary Classmates of May 1968. I often feel joy and blessings for the safe return of your younger brother from Vietnam's military burial detail. Thank you for all the support and good times you shared, especially during your parish's Union City dramatic presentation and celebration of Jesus' Passion. I pray that I may see you often when I leave on the "good foot."

THOMAS SWANGIN JR - May 24, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ Tried and true A friend to one and all Tireless worker Carrier of burdens Hearty laughter Always there We will miss you The world needs more like you.##imported-begin##Iris McCort##imported-end##

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Fr. Reilly's passing. He was very special to my family. He was a great priest and friend and will be missed. I was thinking all week long about his journey to Emmaus sermon. I am sure he is walking there with Jesus right now.##imported-begin##Jean McCombs##imported-end##

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“ Rest in Peace Father Jim. I am certain that God welcomed you home for you led a life that was dedicated to helping others. Your classmate, Pat##imported-begin##Patrick Brannigan##imported-end##

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