

Father Charles A. Gaffigan



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Father Charles A. Gaffigan Schenectady Father Charles A. Gaffigan, 79, died Sunday, April 19, 2015, at the Gateway House of Peace in Ballston Spa. Fr. Gaffigan was born in Hudson, NY on June 6, 1935 to the late William and Mary Butts Gaffigan. He attended St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT and Mater Christi Seminary in Albany where he was in the first graduating class. His philosophical and theological studies were completed at Our Lady of the Angels Seminary in Niagara, NY. After ordination Fr. Gaffigan was assigned for the summer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Schenectady. In June of 1963 he was assigned as associate pastor of St. James in Albany with teaching responsibilities at Cardinal McCloskey High School. During the next decade he was appointed associate pastor successively in St. Michael's in South Glens Falls, St. Joseph's in Broadalbin and Annunciation in Ilion. In the early 1980s he also served in St. Mary's in Glens Falls. In September of 1974 he was appointed pastor of Precious Blood parish in South Kortright and was the Dean of Delaware County from 1976-1978. He was appointed pastor

of Sacred Heart Church in Philmont and he served as Dean of Columbia County from 1984-1986. He was appointed pastor of Holy Family Church in Lake Luzerne in 1991, to which was added the additional responsibility of pastor of Immaculate Conception in Corinth in 2003. In 2009 these two parishes merged as the Parish of Holy Mother and Child. Fr. Gaffigan retired from administrative responsibilities in 2011 and since then has generously offered his priestly service throughout the diocese, most recently at St. Adalbert's in Schenectady. Fr. Gaffigan always had a great love for learning: he went on sabbatical to Notre Dame in 1988 and for years attended the Institute for Priests sponsored by Seton Hall University. He will also be remembered for his door-to-door ministry in Gloversville. Father was also a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Fr. Gaffigan was predeceased by two siblings, Robert E. Gaffigan and Mary Gaffigan Sorel. He is survived by four siblings, Sister Anne Gaffigan, C.S.J. of Latham, John J. Gaffigan of Schenectady, Fr. William J. Gaffigan of Hagaman and Joseph W. Gaffigan of Broomfield, CO; three nieces, Mrs. Louis Walsh, Melissa Sorel and Mrs. Scott Trefethen; and one nephew, William Sorel. A Reception of the Body service will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 4 at St. Luke's Church, 1235 State St., Schenectady. Viewing hours will begin after the Reception of the Body service and continue until 7 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial, with the Most Reverend Edward Scharfenberger, D.D., Bishop of Albany as the principal celebrant, will be celebrated at St. Luke's Church, Friday morning at 11. Burial will be in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Niskayuna. In place of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Albany Diocese Priest Retirement Fund, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203 or to the Gateway House of Peace, 479 Rowland St., Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Arrangements are by the Gleason Funeral Home, Schenectady.

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April 15, 2019

We think of you often, especially when we drive past St. Adalbert a couple days a week. I'm sure you still keep Matthew in your prayers. You are missed. Rella, Matthew and family

Rella HupeCole

Family

April 27, 2015

Father Cardigan was a wonderful man. He made such a difference in our

lives. What I will always remember is looking forward to his sermons on Sunday. He will be missed. Paulette and Dick Bavetta

April 26, 2015

My deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers to the Gaffigan Family, especially to Fr. Bill and to Sr. Joan. I have benefitted from the spiritual guidance of each of you in a different way throughout the years.

With every grace and blessing,
Dr. Cathleen A. Carney

April 25, 2015

Fr Gaffigan touched our lives in St Mary's of Glens Falls and also Holy Infancy in Lake Luzerne. He was a gentle man and touched many lives. Our prayers to his family for the loss of their loved one. May he rest in peace.

Elizabeth White

April 24, 2015

My first remembrance of Father Gaffigan was at Camp Tekakwitha on Lake Luzerne in the 1950's. He was one of the seminarians who working as Counselors to us Campers. Once while he was temporarily filling in at St. Francis of Assisi in Northville NY. I recognized him. After Mass while he was greeting parishioners and it was my turn to talk. With him I said " I went to Camp with you " He excitedly answered " Tekakwitha!! " after that WE Talked after many Masses. We exchanged contact information.

My wife and I were honored to be invited and attend his 50th Anniversary Celebration at Mother and Child Church in Corinth on August 5, 2012.

Patrick & Peg Wagner

April 24, 2015

Fr. Bill and Family. Sorry to hear of Fr. Charles passing. Be assured that we are praying for you. May God grant you peace and a special measure of Blessing at this time.

Bruce and Janice Stritter
Birmingham Alabama

April 23, 2015

As my brothers have written, we grew up with the Gaffigans and I would like to add my thoughts about Fr. Charles. Foremost is that he participated in my wedding and gave the blessing at our reception which meant a lot to my husband and me. He always stopped to visit my parents when in the neighborhood and kept in touch with my sister who has special needs, including coming to dinner at her residence. It's obvious he was a real "people person" and although we'll miss him, I'm sure we all feel privileged to have known him. At my mother's funeral he said that she is now in a place where she can do more for us. Now he's there too and will still be watching over us.

My sympathy and prayers.

Nancy Landau Lawrence

April 23, 2015

Fr. Gaffigan taught me religion at Cardinal McCluskey high school on Elm Street in the early 60s. He was a compassionate and mild mannered man, I learned a lot from him. I know he has a front row seat in heaven. God bless you father...

Mary Roberts

April 23, 2015

fr.william gaffigan & family Sorry to hear of your loss of fr. Charles gaffigan he will be in our prayers Art &Renate OBrien

Arthur OBrien

April 23, 2015

I would like to echo the sentiments my brother Joe wrote earlier to our friends and neighbors, the Gaffigans, in expressing the loss we all feel with the passing of Fr. Charles. I always remember Charlie as being full of energy and with a great smile at all times. I think back in growing up on James St. and during one summer waiting for Charlie to come driving down the street in his Skippy Ice Cream truck to provide us with our ice cream treat for the day. God bless and rest in peace.

Tom Landau

April 22, 2015

My deepest sympathy to the siblings of Father Charles. He was loved and cherished by all of us at St. adalberts parish. He will be missed. He was very special.

Pat Scott

April 22, 2015

We met Father Charles in 1982 as members of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. He visited our home many times over the years. He celebrated liturgy for our 25 and 40 wedding anniversary. He was a very wonderful priest and friend.

mary and Fiore femia

April 22, 2015

I am sorry to hearing of Father Charles' passing. My family went to St. Luke's Church growing up. He was my brothers' counselor at camp (Mark and Michael). We had seen him in recent years and we have fond memories.

Mary Stevens-Mortka

April 22, 2015

So sorry for your recent loss. Sound like he was a loving and caring person.

April 21, 2015

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Father Charles, our Spiritual Guide and best friend . Quito , Ecuador

Luis Bakker

April 21, 2015

The Gaffigans were our neighbors growing up on James St. Wonderful family. Fr. Bill married my husband & I. Rest in peace Fr. Charles.

Monica (Johnson) Jones

April 21, 2015

To the entire Gaffigan family. From the Landau family your neighbors growing up on James Street. We are so sad for your loss. Speaking for myself, Charlie took me out driving when I first got my learners permit. He was a dear friend for many years and still kept in contact with our sister Ginny.

God bless all of you. Joe

Joseph Landau

April 21, 2015

Father was close to my father and mother, Cecil and Stella Sherman, for many years. I remember fondly his many jokes around the dinner table. our sympathy to his family.

Carole Stroud

April 21, 2015

Anne and Bill.

My deepest sympathy for the loss of your brother. I remember him in St.

ZColumbas , playing basketball.the Gaffigns are a wonderful family and so loyal to the parish of your youth, St. Luke's.

Mary Ann Millett

April 21, 2015

Fr. Charles, a priest very passionate about his alma mater, Niagara University. You are in our prayers and thoughts, rest in peace until we meet again.

Howard Morgan Office of Alumni Engagement

April 21, 2015

Father was so very close to our family. He saw us through so many good and bad times.

We will miss his summer holiday visits.

Joan Euler

April 21, 2015

I remember being an altar boy
At St.Peters in Stillwater where Fr.Gaffigan's uncle was our priest.it was an honor to say Mass with him...

Joe Steele

April 20, 2015

Father Charles will be greatly missed. We will miss seeing him at St. Adalbert. And I Thank Father for always keeping Matthew in his prayers. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. Rella, Matthew and Family

Rella Hupe-Cole

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