

The Reverend Joseph L. "Grembocki Joseph" Grembocki

1944 - 2016



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The Reverend Joseph L. Grembocki , pastor, Assumption B.V.M Church, Slatington, PA died on Monday 11 July 2016 at his parish, at the age of 72. Born in Coaldale, Father Grembocki was the son of the late Joseph and Agnes (Zaba) Grembocki. He is preceded in death by his brother, Chester. There are no immediate family member survivors. Father Grembocki

attended Saints Peter and Paul School, Lansford, and is a graduate of Lansford High School, Lansford. He attended Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and a Master of Divinity Degree. He was ordained to the Priesthood on 27 March 1971 by the Most Reverend Joseph McShea, then-Bishop of Allentown. Father Grembocki's first priestly assignment was Parochial Vicar at Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Reading, followed by Parochial Vicar, Saint John the Baptist Church, Shillington; Parochial Vicar, Saint Paul Church, Allentown; and Administrator, the former Saint Kuenegunda Church, McAdoo. His first pastoral assignment was at the former Saint Kunegunda Church, McAdoo. Father Grembocki was then named Pastor of Assumption B.V.M. Church, Slatington, where he served as Pastor until his death. Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Assumption B.V.M Church, 633 W. Washington Street, Slatington on Friday 15 July 2016 at 11:00AM by His Excellency, The Most Reverend John O. Barres, D.D., Bishop of Allentown. The Homilist will be the Reverend James C. Bechtel, Pastror Emeritus, Saint Jerome Church, Tamaqua. Main Celebrants will be the Reverend Monsignor Alfred A. Schlert, Vicar General, and Reverend James C. Bechtel. Calling hours will be held on Thursday 14 July 2016 in Assumption B.V.M, Church from 6;00 PM to 8:00 PM and on Friday, 15 July 2016 before Mass from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. A vigil service will be held at the church on Thursday, 14 July 2016 at 7:30 PM. The Reverend Monsignor Daniel J. Yenushosky, Pastor Holy Trinity Church, Whitehall, and Dean of Lehigh Deanery, will preside. The Homilist will be the Reverend Monsignor Thomas A. Derzack, Pastor, Saint Nicholas Church, Walnutport. Interment will take place in parish cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Harding Funeral Home, Slatington.

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JUL Vigil

14 07:30 PM

Assumption B.V.M Church



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JUL Calling hours

15 09:00 - 11:00 AM

Assumption B.V.M Church



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JUL Mass of Christian Burial

15 11:00 AM

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January 30, 2017

I have great memories of Father from my Shillington days. His guitar playing and music added so much to our school Liturgies. He willingly shared his talents and included us in his "band". What fun those days were.

Blessings, Father.

S. Nicoletta RSM

December 7, 2016

Father Grembocki will be greatly missed. He was a great help to me a long time ago. He has finally achieved his goal.

Lucille Gable

July 23, 2016

a friend when I attend church in slarlington while visting my daughter

July 20, 2016

When I was a young child, he introduced the guitar Mass at 9:00 at St Catherines. Best Mass in town! Wonderful man!

Annamarie

July 15, 2016

My son went to school at St. John Neumann School and always spoke highly of Father Grembocki. Said Father Grembocki told great stories and often relayed the stories to me. Really epitomized what a Catholic priest should be. Job well done Father Grembocki. Rest in Peace.

Jamie S

July 14, 2016

Father Joe was the best! He always had a kind word for everyone and a wonderful sense of humor. He truly was the epitome of a devout and holy priest. You could see in his face that he loved his vocation! Father Joe traveled to Pottstown to say the funeral mass for my mother. He made many communion calls to her and she loved to chat with him. At the cemetery he even sang a Polish hymn with my brothers and sister. He will be missed by many.

RIP Father Joe and may the angels guide you to heaven.

Witaj Królowo nieba i Matko litoci,
Witaj nadziejo nasza, w smutku i aoci!

Leo and Genie Pavelco

Genie Pavelco

July 14, 2016

R.I.P. Father G. I will miss our talks when I needed advice on Life.. May your Soul forever shine in Heaven, because it just got a lot brighter with you there..

Andrea Pavelco

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July 14, 2016

Father Grembocki, May your soul forever rest in peace in Heaven.

Tom & Alvina Serfass

July 14, 2016

Father Grembocki will forever hold a place in our hearts. Truly he was the "peoples priest"! My association with Father was . through the Allentown Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting. He was our chaplain for many years and a very inspirational, kind and filled with the HOly Spirit and love of God!. There was a huge increase in the Religious medal program under his devotional leadership. Thank you Father we will miss you but forever in our hearts and prayers. Sandi Dale ACCOS St Joseph Church Limeport pa

July 14, 2016

I met Father when he became our Parish Priest at ABVM, my son, Preston served as his Altar Server for 9 years, this is Preston's Senior year at

Allentown Central Catholic, Father will be missed at his graduation and his final Alter Serving days come June. We thank Father for his spiritual guidance and love of music. Come and sing at ABVM with us, Father always said singing was the next best thing to praying. In Loving Memory of your Faith, Father Grembocki.

Kathleen Rupp

July 14, 2016

I grew up with JoJo, and his brother, Chet, attended SS Peter & Paul's grade school together. I had not seen him since high school, then he was my parish priest. What a great example of what the priesthood is supposed to be, a true friend to all who knew him, always telling us to love one another. I never heard a negative word said about Father Joe by other parishioners. Thanks for a life of loving and caring, you were the BEST!

Robert Swercheck

July 13, 2016

Father Grembocki helped me convert to being a catholic. Over the next 8 months we spent hours in his office talking exchanging thoughts and ideas becoming great and true friends. We would like to thank him for the great sermons over the years You will be truly and sadly missed. And who will make us laugh at the joke of the week.

Jessie and sandy Smith

July 13, 2016

I was a classmate of Joe's at St. Charles Seminary. I remember many things about him. Some trivia: a formidable pool player. But mostly, I remember him as someone who had tremendous perseverance and was focused on his goal of being a good and holy priest. I had lunch with him about five years ago, having not seen him in more than 40 years. It was clear to me then that he achieved his goal.

Rest in peace, Joe.

Bob Jones

July 13, 2016

May Angels lead you into Paradise. We remain grateful to God for your pastoral care, Father Grembocki. Yours was a priestly vocation well lived. Eternal Rest.

Gennaro Family

July 13, 2016

I was saddened to hear of Father's passing. In the mid 1960's "JoJo" (as he was called back then) and I spent the summer cleaning up St Peter and Paul's Cemetery in Summit Hill.

Father was home for the summer from the seminary and I was going to be a senior in high school. It was a special time. He was a great friend and well respected by all.

Rest in Peace JoJo.

Bernard Krutsick

July 13, 2016

So very sad to read of Fr Grembocki's passing. I knew him well growing up in Lansford as we attended the same Parish. The Grembockis were a very nice family. RIP JoeJoe

Sincerely,
Lorraine Karnish Taylor

Lorraine Taylor

July 13, 2016

Father Joe, I've known you since I was a little eight year old and you and my big brother Jim left for the seminary together. Thru the years, I've always felt that you were my "third brother" and a big part of the Bechtel family. God bless you, and may you rest in peace, big brother!

Cathy Hoerner

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July 13, 2016

May you rest in the peace with the Lord which you so richly deserve. I thank you for your kind priestly ministry to me. I will miss you.

Vincent Kreder

July 13, 2016

May you Rest in Peace Father. Thank you for all of your service. God Bless.

Chris & Mary Frantz

July 13, 2016

Bless you Father, may you rest in peace

Leslie, George and Joe Dalessandro

July 13, 2016

God Bless you Fr Joe you will always be part of our family Fr Jim Cathy and Sally

Sally Christman

July 13, 2016

May you Rest In Peace Father & May the Angel lite your way.

Carol Stancik

July 12, 2016

Father was a Lighthouse of Holy Faith in the darkest moments of my life! A steadfast and faithful servant of his people. From this day on, when one hears Father's name or thinks of him, let them remember Father's constant plea: "BOW YOUR HEAD upon hearing the Holy Name of JESUS. May this be his legacy to all!

Barbara Thomas Young

July 12, 2016

My faith and life is much stronger because of this dedicated servant of God! Eternal Rest Grant Onto Him O Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him. May His Soul and all the Souls of the faithful departed rest in Peace!

Brian Shott

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