

Rev. Msgr. Timothy Ryan

February 7, 1932 - February 22, 2020

RYAN, Rev. Msgr. Timothy – 88, Catholic Priest - Diocese of Camden, formerly of Cape May and recently of Cherry Hill passed away on February 22, 2020 at St. Mary's Center, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Born in Killarney, Ireland, County Kerry on February 7, 1932 to the late Timothy Ryan and the late Catherine (Teahan) Ryan, Monsignor Ryan was one of ten children and is predeceased by seven siblings. He is survived by his sister, Hanora Campbell of Yorktown, Virginia, his brother, Jeremiah Ryan of Chazy, New York, and forty nieces and nephews. He graduated from St. Brendan's Seminary in Killarney, Ireland; later graduated from St. Peter's College in Wexford, Ireland and was ordained a priest on June 7, 1957. He was first assigned to St. Ann's Parish, Wildwood (1957-1964); he was later assigned to St. James Parish, Pennsgrove-Carney's Point where he became Pastor in 1967; from 1973-1981 he was the founding Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Turnersville; from 1981-1992 he was the Pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Williamstown; from 1992 until retiring in 2004 he was the Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Cape May; from 2005-2017 he was in residence at St. John of God Church, N. Cape May where he served in active ministry until 2016 before moving to St. Mary's Center, Cherry Hill in 2017. "Well done good and faithful servant." Monsignor Ryan was a gentle, reverent man of God, with a special devotion to Our Lady and to the Divine Mercy. He cherished his family and was an exemplary role model to all. He loved Irish music and playing the accordion. He also enjoyed gardening and was a passionate fan of Irish football. Monsignor Ryan will be dearly missed by his loving family, which includes his siblings, and his many nieces, nephews, cousins and life-long friends. Viewing Saturday, February 29th from 10:00am until 11:45am in St. John of God Church (Parish of St. John Neumann), 680 Town Bank Rd., N. Cape May where Mass of Christian Burial will follow and begin at noon, with the Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D., Bishop of Camden, Principal Celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Cape May. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St John of God Pro-Life Group.

(Spilker Funeral Home, Cape May) info and condolences: spilkerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery

St. Mary's Cemetery

1056 Seashore Road

Cape May (Lower Township), NJ,

Events

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:45AM

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St. John of God Church

680 Townbank Road, North Cape May, NJ, US

FEB **Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



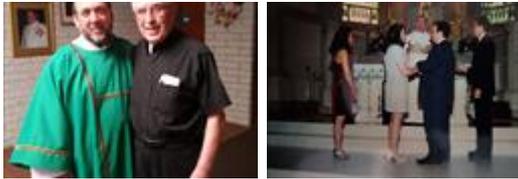
“ An external video has been added.



Spilker Funeral Home - February 28 at 05:12 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Deacon David J Henninger - February 28 at 08:44 PM



“ He married us, Baptized our children, and then right after I was ordained, he called and asked if I would serve Mass with him.....he made me preach!!!

Deacon David J Henninger - February 28 at 08:45 PM



“ A Gentleman. Blessed Honorable Monsignor Ryan was a perfect example of Jesus Christ. He knew my Father for many years. As he celebrated my Father's Funeral as well with other Monsignors and Priests. His IRISH Heritage and background made his personality' very Special. I know, Monsignor Ryan is above the Stars and the Universe with All the Angels and Saints at a Wonderful Jubilant Place called Heaven ...

John Reilly - March 02 at 08:02 AM



“ Monsignor Ryan,

Thank you for being an Exemplary model for the priesthood. It was evident that you thoroughly enjoyed being a priest serving Gods people. You were such a HOLY MAN always reaching out to your parishioners offering blessings through the "anointing of the sick " whenever anyone asked you to pray for them.You enjoyed bringing Gods blessings & message to those who were homebound or in a facility getting to know them more personally. You encouraged us to pray to deepen our relationship with our Lord & Mother.

I always looked forward to meeting you & our special Friday Adoration group who met each week 4-5PM in St John Of Gods chapel. It was such a peaceful way to end my work week. Besides reciting the rosary, the Divine mercy chaplet & benediction

you taught us the "chaplet of the seven sorrows of our Lady" & encouraged us to increase our devotion to the Blessed mother & to pray for the intentions of our Holy father, Pope Francis ..Prayers I continue to recite daily & when visiting the Blessed sacrament. May God be Praised .Job well done good & faithful servant ! May you rest in peace,

Lorraine Matthews



Lorraine M. - February 26 at 08:59 PM



“ Fr. Tim, I am so grateful that Gregory and I had the opportunity to go to Ireland with you. What an adventure that trip was. Every memory I have of you makes me smile. We were fortunate to have you and our lives are richer for it. Rest now in peace, know that we love you always. Kay Campbell Marble.

Kathleen Campbell-Marble - February 26 at 05:43 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Fr Tim playing his melodian



Sharon Misyak - February 25 at 08:39 PM



“ Sandra Lyons lit a candle in memory of Rev. Msgr. Timothy Ryan



Sandra Lyons - February 25 at 08:40 AM



“ Msgr. Ryan, words cannot express the gratitude and blessings I received from you. You always had that warmth and love all around you and you passed that onto your parishioners. Thank you for always going to the hospital when my brother was in there and you brought him communion. Thank you for always being there to help out with the Legion of Mary in saying masses at the different nursing homes and one assisted living. His gentle voice and advice always save the day. Saint Peter, open those gates...another saint is coming through...Rev. Margaret. Timothy Ryan. Well done good and faithful servant, well done.

Andrea M. Noto - February 24 at 06:09 PM



“ We remember working the carnivals at St. Peter and Paul with this holy man. He would be showing slides for ideas for the carnival and sneak photo of Ireland in. So beautiful we had to go. Thank you for the years we got to know you.

Diane Graham - February 24 at 09:28 PM



“ We grew up with Father Timothy Ryan as our parish priest. Always kind, always genuine, always straightforward! A truly holy man. God Bless him for all the years he gave to his parishioners! Imagine my surprise when I met him again in Cape May 40 years later!
Rest Monsignor Ryan

Carol Molinari Monks - March 08 at 08:54 PM



“ As a priest from a foreign land assigned to St. John of God, North Cape May. Rev. Msgr Tim Ryan showed me a great love and respect since we met. His humility, clarity of thought and spirituality were striking. His love and affection and his "Irishness" made us bond well. Although a Nigerian, I was a student of priests of Irish background most of whom later became my colleagues after ordination. Msgr. Ryan eventually became my spiritual companion and confessor in whom I felt God's love and abiding presence to me in a more spiritual way. He assisted in making my sojourn in Camden Diocese a beautiful, memorable and fulfilling experience. His confidence in me made it easier for him to invite me to assist when the need arose at Our Lady Star of the Sea parish. Sleep on beloved spiritual Father and Pastor par excellence. May Christ the High Priest bring you closer into the deep communion you have eagerly awaited for 88 years. Requiescat in pace.
Rev. Msgr. Valentine Awoyemi
Ijebu-Ode Diocese, Nigeria

Rev. Msgr. Valentine O. Awoyemi - February 24 at 05:37 PM



“ As a hospice nurse in Lower Township, Cape May County I was privileged to be at the bedside of many hospice patients during their final hours when we called for a priest. Msgr Ryan most often answered the call. I witnessed an amazing peaceful calm that came when he came to the one anointed and all loved ones in attendance. With special gratitude I recall his anointing of my mother on December 27, 2016. She died the next afternoon as

we were praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. I pray my mother is one of those most grateful souls welcoming Our dearest Msgr Ryan home. Rest in peace Msgr!

Bernice Pomarico, hospice RN

Bernice Pomarico - February 24 at 07:11 PM



“ Well said about this sweet man of God

Kathy Walls - February 25 at 06:03 PM



“ Monsignor Ryan was instrumental in me joining the Catholic Church in Williamstown. He was a special man who was loved by all. He loved playing music with my father and grandfather every Tuesday as my mother would present us with a smorgasbord for lunch. I will always remember his smile and the way he treated all people. He will be sorely missed here on earth but welcomed with open wings in heaven.

Henry Calloway - February 28 at 01:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the album our visit to north cape may



Dorothy Clarke - February 24 at 01:36 PM



“ Monsignor invited us to see his North Cape May parish show in this photo.

Dorothy - February 24 at 05:18 PM



“ Uncle Tim was very modest. I am very impressed he played in a concert at 82 years of age. Thanks for sharing the video Dorothy.

Joanie Ryan - February 24 at 09:30 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Intermission



Dorothy Clarke - February 24 at 09:58 AM



“ Msgr. Tim was my uncle. He was dedicated to the church. He loved people. He was passionate about gardening, music and football. He was a caring uncle and I miss him.

Joanie Ryan

Joanie Ryan - February 24 at 06:53 AM



“ Fr. Tim was the center of our big, extended Irish family, both here in the U.S. and back in Ireland. He generously conducted all the weddings, baptisms and funerals, and his mere presence meant that these family events had an extra glow of the divine, they were blessed by someone who seemed to have a direct line to God. Such a central figure in our family, such a sweet and holy man who had the hugest heart, biggest smile, and some fast fingers on the melodian.

Soar high fr. Tim! -Kathy Mangan

Kathy Mangan - February 23 at 09:51 PM



“ Monsignor wrote this autobio.: And here is his story.....I have been asked for a brief summary of my life and with some reluctance decided to comply.
On February 2, 1932 I first saw the light of day as number eight (8) of ten (10) children (five girls and five boys). I have been asked what life was like in a farming community eighty (80) some years ago.
Well, I was blessed to be born on the side of a hill overlooking a town that has been talked about in "Song and Story" i.e. Killarney. We could see the town, the "lakes and dells" and the range of mountains reaching a height of 3,400 feet. Each evening we could see the tide from the Atlantic Ocean, about twenty miles distant. We learned to enjoy life without luxuries - no radio, no TV, no automobiles but, when the neighbors came in at night we enjoyed some stories and songs and dancing with my Dad providing the music on the melodeon, a gift I inherited. The family rosary was prayed every night and when company was present my mother didn't hesitate to ask them to join us and there was no alternative to attending Mass on Sunday morning. The parish was 100% Catholic in the 1930's, 40's and 50's and produced over 100 priests and 100 plus religious who served in many countries.
After completing my education in St. Brendan's Seminary in Killarney I went to St. Peter's College in Wexford, a town honored as the birthplace of Commodore Barry, the Father of the American Navy, and is also recognized as the home of the ancestors of President John F. Kennedy.
While in college I applied to the Bishop of Camden and in due course I was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Camden on June 2, 1957.
My first assignment as a priest was in St. Ann's, Wildwood with the Assumption as a Mission Church for seven happy, fruitful years. On May 31, 1964 I was transferred to the Penns Grove/Carney's Point parish. The latter was established as a separate

parish and I ended up becoming its Pastor. Establishing a new parish was a challenging and enjoyable time. The title of the church was Corpus Christi. In June 1973 Bishop Guilfoyle asked me to be the founding pastor of a new parish in Turnersville, Washington Township with the title: Sts Peter and Paul. After eight good years in Turnersville I was transferred to Williamstown in January 1981. That is still a very large parish and was a great challenge. I served there until March 1992 when I found myself "on the way to Cape May" to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish. Life here was as I expected; hectic in the summer months and busy the rest of the year. After twelve (12) years of happy labor there and at the age of seventy (70), I decided to retire. However, I remained in residence to assist the new Pastor, Monsignor Thomas McIntyre. After about eight (8) years Monsignor Tom had a nasty fall on the ice and hit his head. He has not recovered fully. Please pray that God may grant him a speedy recovery. In May, 2010 I decided to take life a little slower and Father Soprano provided the hospitality at St. John Neumann Parish in North Cape May. After fifty-five (55) years of happy and fruitful living in the Priesthood and I would be happy to live it all over again, and to recommend it to anyone interested. I have worked with great priests along the way as well as deacons, religious and a gallant band of lay people who are great models of Christian living. The Catholic Church today is under attack. We should reflect on the words of Jesus: "When they persecute you, remember that they persecute me before you." And: "I will be with you all days until the end of time." Deo Gratias e Mariae. >'

Dorothy Clarke - February 23 at 08:59 PM



“ RIP Monsignor Ryan, you will finally meet up with Monsignor McIntyre, he passed away early this year. Enjoy your reunion with Tom.

jeff Lyons - February 24 at 09:08 AM



“ From Dorothy Clarke Sad news from St. Marys today that Monsignor Tim Ryan passed away from us yesterday. Our loss is heaven's gain for certain. I never knew a more saintly and generous person. He gave of himself totally to the Church. God bless him and eternal rest grant unto this HOLY man.

25You, Barbara Cole, Diane Kaston and 22 others

20 Comments

Stephanie Santillo Logan How sad! I grew up with Monsignor Ryan as the paster and he married Rob and I. Wonderful memories of a wonderful man!

Linda Perry- Guenther So sorry he was a wonderful person

Carla Brocco This makes me sad, but I agree no one deserves eternal rest in heaven more than Msgr. Ryan He has a special part in the heart of my family. He brought my mom such peace and comfort after the death of my brother; in fact he baptized my brother in CHOP before he was stationed at St. Mary's. Msgr. Ryan was truly sent from heaven to St. Mary's

Barbara Cole We are sad but it helps to know that he is so happy in heaven!

Lynda Malady Schneeweiss Wonderful priest. May he rest in the arms of Jesus.

Ronnie Glevy Adams So sad for the loss of such a Man of God! He was such an Awesome Priest and Man! Rest in Peace Monsignor Ryan!

Denice Appenzeller DeMitri God bless him

John Campbell Oh wow. Always liked him. Rest In Peace, Monsignor Ryan.

Lene GonzaRest In Peace

Marie Tomarchio Father Ryan was a wonderful and caring priest . I remember him well. So very sorry to hear that he past on

Sharon Whitehurst He was an amazing man. I will continue to miss him

Ruthie Marie

Kelly Anne

Carol Rozanski Schmidlin He was truly the saintly and most generous man and carried out his life to serve the church and everyone and anyone that needed him. Our family moved to Turnersville the same time St Peter and Paul became a church and Msgr Ryan lives directly across th...See More

Glenn HarrisRest in peace, Msgn Ryan. What a blessed and devoted man of God!

Peggy Taylor Meehan A pious man, but a spiritual leader who you could talk openly too for help and comfort. Thank you God for giving this man too us for as long as you did. Rest In Peace Monsignor.

Wendy Allison HarrisI was so sad to hear about Monsignor Ryan
I always enjoyed his homilies and he wasn't gave the best advised
I will miss him dearly

Sally Ortiz

Joe Fox

Iada OdacremEternal rest in peace Monsignor Ryan and let perpetual light shine upon him.



“ A devoted man of God! I was one of many to be blessed to have knowed Fr in my Wildwood Catholic HS days!

Richard Reilly - February 24 at 09:58 AM



“ I was so sad to hear of Monsignor Ryan's passing. He was an Amazing Pastor and Priest! He was such a Holy Man that would go out of his way to help anyone. It was an honor to know him! Rest in Peace Monsignor Ryan!

Ronnie Adams - February 24 at 08:41 PM



“ A gentle soul and may he rest in peace. Blessings!

Sandra Lyons - February 25 at 08:40 AM