



## Fr. James J. O'Leary

June 1, 1930 - March 20, 2013

O'Leary, Rev. Fr. James, J., March 20, 2013 Age 82. Loving brother of Mary and the late Catherine McVann. Survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Former Pastor of St. Hubert Church, Harrison Township from 1985 to 2005. Visitation Thur. 4-9 pm at St. Hubert Church, 38775 Prentiss, Harrison Township (bet. Crocker and Jefferson). Scripture Service & Rosary Thur. 7:00 pm at church. Instate Friday 9:00 am until 11:00 am time of Mass at St. Hubert Church. Entombment Knollwood Cemetery, Canton, MI. Memorials to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Trappist Monks appreciated. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).

# Tribute Wall

JD

“*Leave a message in James' Guestbook.Fr. O'Leary and I shared a great freindship, from early teen years at St. Judes on Detroit's east side, to his years at St. Pius and beyond. from raquetball, tiger games, golf, the movies, to pre cana to our wedding in chicago, he was a true freind and mentor. humility, kindness, a great sense of humor, all were his traits. he served our Lord and all of us who knew him well and set an example of what it means to be catholic in this land of secularism. he made a difference in so many of us. I know he is with our Father and is being rewarded for his dedicated life of service for our Lord.*”

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**jim domzal** - October 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

YF

“*Heaven has welcomed a wonderful man into its arms! Fr. O'Leary baptized, gave First Communion to and confirmed all three of my sons at St. Huberts. His sermons were always well thought out he was always so welcoming to everyone. He was a straight shooter, pulled no punches and I'm very grateful to him for being such a wonderful pastor at St. Huberts. God Bless You Father!! Your picture is exactly how I want to remember you! Love, the Yee Family, Harrison Twp.*”

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**Yee Family** - March 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“*Fr. O'Leary was a dear friend while at St.Pius. I got to know him while serving as alter boy and he married me and my wife. Also, we play racquetball once a week and it was very competitive. Afterward,we would talk and he was so easy to talk too. I miss him so much when he left.*”

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**John Cholette** - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *What I remember about Fr. O'Leary during the time he was at St. Pius Catholic Church in Southgate is his pleasant voice and his good sermons. May this good man Rest In Peace with Our Dear Lord.  
The Ibarra Family*”

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**Carmen** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *I was preparing for Divine Mercy Sunday this past Friday for St. Thecla parish. I asked the parish secretary if she had called Fr. O'Leary to help with Divine Mercy this year as he had done in the past. I couldn't believe it when she told me he had died and his funeral mass was going on as we were speaking. He was truly a man of God and such a comfort to talk to. He would never take any money for his time. One day I called him to come over for dinner with our family. Father politely said, "thank you" but he couldn't because he didn't usually do this. Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord.....Kathy L'Esperance*”

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**kathryn I** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“DEAR FATHER O'LEARY WAS OUR MENTOR AS YOUNG MEN LEARNING TO BE ALTAR BOYS AT ST LUCY. IT WAS HIS FIRST ASSINGMENT AND HE FOREVER INSTILLED THE FOUNDATION OF GOD' S GOODNESS IN ALL OF US. OUR REUNIONS ALWAYS HAD MEMORIES TO SHARE OF SOME PERSONAL WAY HE TOUCHED ALL OF US . AT ST HUBERT I WILL NEVER FORGET ONE OF LAST MASSES AT DISMISSAL WHEN HE PERSONNALY SAID TO ME " YOU WERE THERE AT THE BEGINNING AND YOU ARE HERE AT THE END " . GOD BLESS YOU FATHER. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEE YOU PRAISING GOD WITH THE ANGELS. THE BOYCE FAMILY CHERISHES YOUR MEMORY.  
CLASS OF 1961 ST LUCY SCHOOL S.C.S."

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**DAVID J** - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MP

“Thank you Father O'Leary for the strength, support and guidance for our family when we were children growing up at St. Pius in Southgate. No words could capture what you meant to us growing up.  
My parents, especially my mother Cathy Parent sure admired you.  
Rest in peace and may God Bless you.”

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**Matt Parent** - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RE

“To the family of Fr. James O'Leary,  
Our deepest sympathy goes out to each member of your family in this time of terrible sorrow. All of us at Fraser Villa considered Fr. O'Leary as part of our extended family. He served us faithfully by performing the Catholic Mass twice a month to our elderly residents. He will be truly missed. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.”

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**Rev** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PT

“Thank you for your wonderful life example and your patience while teaching me Latin. It was an honor serving as one of your altar boys at St. Lucy's. Your example was my inspiration for attending the Devine Word Missionary seminary however, life took me in a different direction after I left the seminary. I am also grateful to have been able to meet with you last year.”

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**Patrick Thompson** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MP

“I worked under Father O'Leary's leadership at St. Pius as director of the Guitar Group for 15 years and have wonderful memories of that time in my life. We joined St. Pius the year he came there and he baptized my daughter that year. He was kind, generous and loving. It was hard to fill his shoes after he left. He touched many people's hearts and will truly be missed. the Perok family”

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**Marlene Joan Perok** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PK

“Rest in peace Fr O'leary, you will be missed by so many people. Thank you for all you done for us in your lifetime. You were a great Priest and a Wonderful, Caring and Humble Man. Thank you for all your service you gave to St Huberts Church.”

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**Paul Kaczor** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“May you Rest in Peace Dear Father O'Leary. Thank you for all you have given in your lifetime. Love, Dina Bianga  
You will be missed by so many...”

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**Dina C** - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM