



## Rev. Donald A. Sopiak

September 8, 1949 - March 4, 2021

Rev. Donald A. Sopiak, of Sterling Heights, passed away Thursday, March 4, 2021, at the age of 71. He was born September 8, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan. Loving son of the late Peter and Diana Sopiak. Dearest brother of Kenneth (Carol) Sopiak. Dear uncle of Kenneth (Debra) and Kevin; great uncle of Carter, Hannah, and Paige; and great great uncle of Natalie. Rev. Don was the long time pastor of Our Lady, Queen of Heaven Parish and member of the Knights of Columbus Council 2835 in Center Line. Father Sopiak served as Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, Detroit; and as Associate Pastor of St. Dennis Parish, Royal Oak; St. Dorothy Parish, Center Line; and St. Suzanne – Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish, Detroit.

Instate Saturday, March 13, 2021 from 10 a.m. until an 11 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Malachy Parish, 14115 E. 14 Mile Road (East of Schoenherr) Sterling Heights. Rev. Don's ashes will be inurned in the Mausoleum of the Most Holy Trinity at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd  
Clinton Township, MI 48038  
(586) 286-9020

# Previous Events

## Instate at Church

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Malachy  
14115 East Fourteen Mile Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI

## Funeral Mass

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Malachy  
14115 East Fourteen Mile Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ *Julia Ann Ertzbischoff lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald A. Sopiak*



Julia Ann Ertzbischoff - June 06, 2021 at 08:38 AM

JE

*My deceased brother, Fr. Edmond Ertzbischoff, was Fr Don Sopiak long time friend in the Seminary & throughout their Priesthood. Fr. Don was a very kind, generous & Faithful Priest. He will always be remembered in my prayers. Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord & Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him. May His Soul & All the Souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, Rest In Peace. AMEN*

Julia Ann Ertzbischoff - June 06, 2021 at 08:50 AM

CB

“ *Diane, Frank, and I would like to express our sincere sympathy to the Sowiak family. We all have memories of Donny growing up, since we were neighbors on McDougall. Diane and I would see him at the cemetery for the Memorial Day mass with our mom, Jean Kijek. In thought and prayer, Corinne*

Corinne Brown - March 16, 2021 at 08:36 PM

TT

“ *The Tachuks lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald A. Sopiak*



The Tachuks - March 12, 2021 at 09:01 PM

TF

“ *The Tachuk Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald A. Sopiak*



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**The Tachuk Family** - March 12, 2021 at 09:00 PM

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“ *The Tachuk family sends their deepest condolences to Fr. Don's family, friends, and loved ones - our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. My family (my parents, Paul and Kristen, and my sister, Corinne) and I attended Our Lady Queen of Heaven for many years while Fr. Don was the priest. My sister and I were altar servers with Fr. Don for I believe 4 years. Fr. Don was the kindest priest - he clearly cared for his parish so much, and I remember recognizing that even as a child. He was so patient with my sister and I as we learned the ropes of altar serving, and was the one to baptize us along with completing our First Reconciliation and Communion. I would credit Fr. Don to being a strong influence on my religious upbringing as a child, and I am so thankful for that foundation now in my adulthood. My family and I all have very fond memories of our time with Fr. Don. He was a true servant of God, and his kindness, generosity, and good humor made an impact on our family, as I am sure to many others. May his soul may rest in peace with our Heavenly Father.*



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**Teryn Tachuk** - March 12, 2021 at 08:59 PM

DK

“ I have had the privilege of knowing Fr. Don for over 40 years. He is one of the kindest persons I ever encountered, Fr. Don had a big heart and a sense of humor to go along with that big heart. I'm sure that he is resting in the peace and love of our God in Heaven. Deepest condolences to Fr. Don's family and loved ones. He will be missed here on earth, but will be most welcome in the Heavenly community. Thanks, Fr. Don, for being such a good friend to me; I have always considered it a blessing. No doubt you are partaking of the Heavenly Banquet, you always enjoyed a great meal. Eternal memory, good and faithful servant.



---- Don Kometz

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Don Kometz - March 10, 2021 at 03:45 PM

MW

“ I have to credit Fr Don with being the nudge I needed to take a big step forward. Though we were school chums at SHS, both loving history and music and having some other friends in common, it was not until Fr Don worked in the program with which I was associated in Ann Arbor that he relayed some information to me. Fr Don also was working at another parish across town, and I had met a certain young lady from that parish at a young people’s group there and at an Irish Pub no less. (Well, it’s almost St. Patrick’s Day and I am half Irish and half Polish, think it was Providence.)

In any case, I was hesitant to call thinking perhaps I was too dull for her and when I saw Don the next time, he told me that she is waiting for my call. With that assurance, I made the move and 44 years later, the lady is my wife, and we have a new grand son, Patrick, born 7 weeks ago.

We shared many a meal with Don and many laughs as he really did like to tell you a joke to take along with you. The world and the Church will be a less funny place now. RIP D

Mike and Theresa Whalen

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Michael Whalen - March 10, 2021 at 08:27 AM

DJ

“ My prayers are with the Sopiak family. i knew him and admired his dedication to serving the people of God. Dcn. Marion Jurewicz



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Dcn. Marion Jurewicz - March 07, 2021 at 10:15 AM

FP

“ *fFr. Walter J Ptak lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. Donald A. Sopiak*



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**fFr. Walter J Ptak** - March 06, 2021 at 10:49 AM