



Reverend George Rutkowski

June 6, 1934 - February 27, 2016

Father George Rutkowski, passed on from this life on February 27, 2016 at the age of 81. Father Rutkowski was born on June 5, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan and ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on June 4, 1960.

Father Rutkowski served 24 years as pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Detroit. He also served as associate pastor at St. Stanislaus Parish, Detroit; Corpus Christi Parish, Detroit; and St. Louis the King Parish, Detroit; and as administrator at St. Philip Neri Parish in Columbus, Michigan.

Beloved son of the late Peter and Clara. Dear brother of the late Myron. Loving uncle of Thomas (Brenda), Steven, the late Jerome and great uncle of Jessica, Erica and Patrick.

Visitation Wednesday 2-9 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (west of Hoover) Warren. Father George will lie in repose Thursday 9:30 a.m. until the celebration of his Funeral Mass 11 a.m. at St. Faustina Catholic Church, 14025 Twelve Mile Road (east of Schoenherr) Warren. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

17100 Van Dyke St
Detroit, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

Rosary

MAR 2. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Instate at Church

MAR 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Faustina Parish
14025 12 Mile Rd
Warren, MI

Funeral Mass

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Faustina Parish
14025 12 Mile Rd
Warren, MI

Tribute Wall

W

“ *Just returned from Florida and learned of Fathers' passing. A WONDERFUL Man! Just loved him. Will continue to pray for him and hope to see him in the next life. So sorry for your loss. Know that so many will miss him. God Bless your family*



/Renee Warrick - March 26, 2016 at 06:35 AM

AR

“ *Father George was someone you could always talk to, who always had time. He helped me through the most difficult period in my life with his patient ear and sage advice. I am sorry to lose my advocate and my friend here on earth, but rejoice to know that he is in Heaven free of his health concerns and worldly cares and is still a dear friend and advocate.*

Brenda and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Anne Rowland - March 07, 2016 at 02:24 PM

SP

“ *2 files added to the album Tribute Wall*



Slawek Pettke - March 06, 2016 at 05:33 PM

BZ

“ *Father George was a kind, compassionate and talented priest. It was my privilege to know him. He sat with me while my Mother was dying in North Detroit Hospital. At that time, I was not allowed in her room and he stayed the whole time sitting with me in the hallway. When some friends and I wanted to put together a Children's Christmas Parade in Hamtramck, he was the one who taught us how to make the papier mache heads that were worn in the parade. He came week after week making sure we got them right. He did so many good things for so many. You will be truly missed, Father George, but everyone who knew you will have fond and fun memories. May God Bless you...*

Betty Zwolak

Betty Zwolak - March 03, 2016 at 11:44 AM

CC

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Reverend George Rutkowski*



Cynthia Cartmill - March 03, 2016 at 11:15 AM

JL

“ *Lived across the street on Oliver. Served at fathers breakfast after his ordination at Resurrection Church. It was a pleasure and privilege to know this great man God bless*
Joan Laszczak

joan laszczak - March 02, 2016 at 10:51 PM

TG

Lived upstairs from Father George. Must have known you. Tom Guzek.

Thomas Guzek - February 28, 2021 at 08:40 AM

DU

“ *Father George was a kind and loving priest who, in my opinion, truly epitomized the religious life. It was an honor to have lectored when he celebrated Mass, from our days at St. Louis the King in the 70s, up until only months ago at the St. John Paul II-St. Ladislaus worship site. One could always count on Fr. George to know what musicals were coming to town at the Fisher and Fox, and which one DeLaSalle was putting on that school year. Thanks for everything Father, and enjoy your eternal reward; you deserve it.*

Dave Uchalik - March 02, 2016 at 12:59 PM

PS

“ *My wife Mary Lou and I have had the honor and pleasure of knowing Fr. George for more then 35 years. Fr. was more then just our friend he was part of our Family. He was a part of many significant moments in our lives, such as our Marriage, the birth of our two daughters, the death of our parents, and my Ordination to the Diaconate. We and our family will miss him dearly. May God hold him in the palm of His hand very close to his most Sacred Heart!*

With All of Our Love,

Deacon Paul & Mary Lou Stevens

Paul Stevens - March 02, 2016 at 11:31 AM

CV

“ I knew Father George from Our Lady Help of Christians in Detroit.
He was a very good and happy man.

He will be missed, Let the Angels surround Him and His Family and grant you Peace and Joy.

Be strong in the Lord and the Lord will be there to Love you always.

Carole Vogt(Wojciechowski)



Carole Vogt - March 02, 2016 at 06:11 AM

RP

“ Rest in peace father George you will be missed by members of St Louis the King parish

ronald plesz - March 02, 2016 at 05:17 AM

RK

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Rosemary Konwerski - March 01, 2016 at 11:00 PM

RK

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Rosemary Konwerski - March 01, 2016 at 10:53 PM

RK

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Rosemary Konwerski - March 01, 2016 at 10:46 PM

DZ

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D Zak - March 01, 2016 at 07:04 PM

DZ

Father Rutkowski with Sister Joannette Kudla @ St. Florian Divine Mercy 04.11.2010. Both religious from Our Lady Help of Christians.

D Zak - March 01, 2016 at 07:11 PM

PA

Love this! Beautiful picture!

Paula - March 01, 2016 at 09:36 PM

LL

“ I had the distinct privilege of serving Mass for Fr. George at St. Louise de Marillac as an adult Mass server. Fr. George was a kind , loving soul who truly espoused his vocation as a priest. He had inspiring sermons and he served the flock by administering the Sacraments so respectfully. God bless Father George and I hope his family will accept my prayers and condolences! He was a great man and a devoted minister of God.

Larry Leeper - March 01, 2016 at 05:48 PM

JR

“ You were a wonderful great uncle! You were spiritual, helpful, funny, smart, and an amazing cook! Thank you for everything. I miss you and love you so much! xoxo

Jessica Rutkowski - March 01, 2016 at 07:39 AM

MK

“ Dear Father George! I've known him since I was 7 years old! He taught my sister and I at Our Lady Help of Christians School when we first came to the US. It was always so special to see him over the years. And Sister Fabian. Such a good hearted charismatic man who took care of everyone he met. *Malgosia Kopczynska*

Malgosia Kopczynska - March 01, 2016 at 06:18 AM



“ Rest in Peace Father George from The Vollmer Family who attended Our Lady Help of Christians.

Lauren Vollmer - February 29, 2016 at 08:05 PM

MW

“ I met Father George when I was a teacher at St. Louis the King Parish in the early to mid 1970's. Then I worked closely with Father George at Our Lady Help of Christians when I was Parish Council President and when I was the Parish Festival Chairperson. Father George was a very able administrator. You could see the love he had for God as one of his special servants in whom God was pleased. I knew of his love of Disney characters. By his garage he had Snow White and the seven Dwarf statues. He was a friend and a mentor to me in any of the positions I held in the Parish. Heaven has received one of God's special servants. He will truly be missed.

Michael M. Wojciechowski

Michael M. Wojciechowski - February 29, 2016 at 07:13 PM

AN

“ Father George's first year at OLHC.



angie - February 29, 2016 at 04:39 PM

KD

Father George was a kind hearted man who always made me smile and loved his Disney characters rest in peace

Kandy DiPaola - February 29, 2016 at 05:01 PM

RE

“ How many times I needed encouragement while under the cross and my brother was always there as my Simon the Cyrenian. Yes, I will miss him. May our lovely mother, Mary, lift him into Paradise....Fr. Dan

REV.D.ZALESKI - February 29, 2016 at 11:14 AM

DJ

“ Our prayers to the family of a truly dedicated servant of God's people. I was honored to assist him at many masses. We will miss his kind and compassionate care for people.

Deacon Marion Jurewicz - February 29, 2016 at 06:41 AM

TS

“ God has welcomed his faithful servant. Never could thank you enough for the time you spent with my mother during her illness. Your ministry at Our Lady Help of Christians was most rewarding. Rest in Peace.
Tim Stopczynski

Timothy Stopczynski - February 29, 2016 at 03:18 AM


Dawnmarie
O'Dell

“ Thank you Fr. George for all the wonderful life lessons you taught me, and as an adult I know appreciate those lessons even more. I will never forget you. Rest in peace.

Dawnmarie ODell (Musialowski) aka: Annie

Dawnmarie O'Dell - February 28, 2016 at 10:00 PM



SE

“ God Bless you Fr. George! Thank you for making all those festivals at St. Louis the King so memorable! This is a photo I took of Fr. George with my youngest daughter at SLK P.R.C.U.A breakfast. He always had a smile to share!!!



Sharon Sprszak Eusebi - February 28, 2016 at 06:51 PM

JL

“ Father George,
You passing is a loss for this world. Now you are an Angel in Heaven my God Bless you always . You will be sadly missed.
Love and God Bless
Jennifer Laszczak

Jeniifer Laszczak - February 28, 2016 at 11:14 AM

JF

To our Dear Fr. George,

It was great being your neighbor for 25 years. Thank you for concelebrating our Wedding Mass in 1980 when you were just new to the parish, for the beautiful Kitchen Madonna which we will always cherish and for giving Jan the honor of singing Silent Night on Christmas Eve.

May pink roses surround you and say hi to Mom, Dad and Gerry.

We love you!

Joe and Jan Faron
xoxo

janet faron - February 28, 2016 at 01:01 PM

IA

Now you are in the arms of The Lord Of Divine Mercy, I will miss you friend and pastor. Many good memories you had left behind.

irene Alex - February 28, 2016 at 06:17 PM

JG

I remember Father George dressing up as Mickey Mouse at the festivals at St. Louis the King Church. He was such a kind and gentle soul with a smile on his face all the time. God has another angel in his midst. Thanks for all the memories.

Janice Hunter Goodwin - February 28, 2016 at 07:35 PM

RK

Fr. George - I am so glad I had the pleasure of spending time with you and sharing my holy water from Poland with you. I am proud to have been your neighbor while growing up on Olover street. Thank you for always bring there when needed. My family will miss you. God bless! Rest in peace!

Rosemary Konwerski - February 28, 2016 at 08:47 PM

MO

I too remember the Mickey Mouse days and enjoyed knowing you Father George! You were always everyone's favorite and you will truly be missed. God bless your kind soul!

Monica Masseth Wyrzykowski

Monica - February 28, 2016 at 09:53 PM

BT

*FR. GEORGE.
I REMEMBER THE FESTIVALS AT O.L.H.C AND HOW IN GRADE SCHOOL ALL THE CLASSES WOULD SING DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SONG " IT'S A SMALL WORLD" FOR YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY. YOU USE TO LOVE THAT SONG.
R.I.P
BECKY TRIPP*

BECKY TRIPP - February 29, 2016 at 10:13 AM

MH

I met you some 35 years ago when you came to Our Lady Help of Christians. We all had great times working on the hall at all the festivals and parties. My DAD will be glad to see you so he can get some of your great CZARNINA. Love always, MaryAnn Dudek Hill

MaryAnn Dudek Hill - February 29, 2016 at 03:53 PM

SS

I am very saddened to hear of the passing of Fr. George. I was in first grade when Fr. George came to Our Lady Help of Christians. I have many nice memories such as the festivals and his love for disney characters.

*Rest in Peace
Shannon Smith*

shannon smith - February 29, 2016 at 06:18 PM

DA

Fr. George often closed his homily by referring to the open door into the sacred heart of Jesus, he gets to make that journey now. He said our son's funeral mass, so we have a very deep connection to Father George. He was a very good priest.

david - February 29, 2016 at 06:18 PM

LS

My mother in law worked in the rectory at St.Louis the King and just loved him. He also helped at St. Stanislaus Kostka when I was a parishioner and he came faithfully to the Strawberry Festival at St.Florian. What a loving and personable priest."Well done good and faithful servant."

lorraine schwartz - March 01, 2016 at 05:13 AM

DV

fr. George we will all miss you .at sweetest heart of Mary church..you were always glad to help. know you are just a special Angle in heaven.. miss you Dorothy Valvano

DOROTHY VALVANO - March 01, 2016 at 12:12 PM

KW

Dear Father George:

I have been truly blessed knowing you through the years at St. Louis the King parish. After I married and had children, we ran into Father in Hamtramck. With my two young children in tow, he went out of his way to give them a special blessing and offered up a "Mickey Mouse" figurine to my daughter. I still have it some 28 years later on a shelf and remember him with such affection. God be with you, Father, as you continue your journey to Heaven. So many people will miss you.

Karen Wojtowicz (Plesz)

Karen Wojtowicz - March 01, 2016 at 04:21 PM

JK

Dear Fr. George, Thanks for all the great memories. I was an altar boy at St. Louis the King, and served many masses, Fr. George was my favorite priest to serve mass for....he didn't get mad at us boys if we messed up. I especially remember Father's generosity. As a teenager, Fr. George and Fr. Roodbeen took many of us from the teen club to see concerts and plays at the Fisher theater. The evenings always ended up at Lou Rosa's for pizza. Also, when ever the guys asked for the keys to the gym at St. Louis to play basketball (in the evenings),,,,,,,,,,,,,,Father George always delivered. I think it was his way of keeping us boys off the street. Rest in Peace.

Joe Klesko

Joe Klesko - March 01, 2016 at 05:47 PM

LK

Dear Fr. George, What a wonderful surprise to have been introduced to you by accident through our neighbors only to find out we went to the same grade school of Resurrection and you shared some time with my brothers in various classes. Thank you for your blessings in the past during some trying times in my life and for having shared some of the good times during your birthday party and anniversary of 50 yrs in priesthood. Your generous work in sharing for those who greatly needed only brought you closer to our Lord. We shall dearly miss you. Sincerely. :Louise KOczab

Louise Koczab - March 01, 2016 at 07:37 PM

CK

Rest in Peace Father George! I will never forget your beautiful words at our wedding Mass in 1969 at Resurrection Parish. Your words have carried us through many trying times in our married life. So, I thank you and May God welcome you into eternal peace that you so richly deserve for all your wonderful years serving the Lord. Our deepest condolences to your entire family!

George and Cynthia (Kapa) Kurzym

cynthia kurzym - March 02, 2016 at 09:34 AM

LB

I met Father George when he was at St Stanislaus parish in Detroit. He was a good friend to my parents. My husband, Bob, lived near the rectory and used to wash his car on the weekends. The last time I saw him was at my Mom's funeral when he led the rosary. rest in peace, my friend.

Lorraine and Bob Barba

Lorraine Barba - March 04, 2016 at 09:30 AM

SP

*Drogi Przyjacielu - Kochany Fr George!
Miałeś wielkie i otwarte serce dla Przyjaciół, swoich Parafian i Polski.
Uczyłeś nas, że nawet najmniejsza parafia może mieć największe serce. Pamiętamy o Tobie i oddajemy Cię Zmartwychwstałemu Panu, a Ty Bracie wstawiaj się za nami.
Przyjaciele i bliscy Tobie z Polski
Fr Sławek*

Sławek Pettke - March 06, 2016 at 05:23 PM