

## Reverend Francis S. Skalski

November 21, 1928 - October 20, 2010

Rev. Francis S. Skalski Passed away October 20, 2010 at the age of 81. He was born November 21, 1928 in Detroit.

Fr. Skalski attended St. Mary's Orchard Lake and St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth. He was ordained to the Priesthood June 2, 1956. Fr. Skalski was an Associate Pastor of St. Florian in Hamtramck (1956-1960), St. John Cantius in Detroit (1960-1965), St. Ladislaus in Hamtramck (1965-1969) and Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Detroit (1969-1971). He served as Pastor of St. Hyacinth in Detroit for over 35 years (1971-2007).

Beloved son of the late Steve and Frances Skalski. Dear brother of Stella (Jim) Przybylski, Richard Skalski and the late Roman (the late Frances) Skalski. Dear uncle of many loving nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Hyacinth  
3151 Farnsworth  
Detroit, Mi

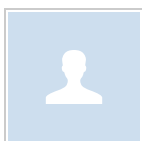
# Tribute Wall



“ I am sorry that I was out of town and unable to pay my respects to Fr. Skalski. As a high school student at St. Ladislaus, I had the pleasure of knowing Fr. Skalski. He is the only clergy in high school who took the time to not only listen but also talk with me about my concerns. I have thought of him often over the past 40 plus years and know that he was a big influence in my life and how I learned to listen to my own students during my own 40 year teaching career. Fr. Skalski will always be fondly remembered. My sincere condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Sue Sabelsky Hill##imported-end##

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October 29, 2010 at 09:13 AM



“ Father Skalski was the best. He was my priest at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, St. Ladislaus and he was a dear friend to our family. I love father skalski to pieces He was always there for us and our family had such great times with him. Rest in peace my dear friend##imported-begin##Mary Ann Wojciechowski Hale##imported-end##

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October 28, 2010 at 01:08 PM



“ I served as an altar boy for father Skalski while he was at St. Ladislaus parish. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Thomas Chadwick##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 03:30 PM



“ HE WAS A LEADER AMONG MEN. I HAVE KNOWN HIM FOR 50 TEARS AND NEVER IN THAT TIME DID HE EVER HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY BAD ABOUT A PERSON.FATHER NOW THAT YOU ARE WITH OUR GOD PLEASE PRAY FOR US AS WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU.YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY FRIEND, BOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU.....ANDY##imported-begin##ANDREW J PTAK##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 07:32 AM



“ I was a 5th grader at ST. Florian Grade School when I first met Father Skalski. He would come in on the first Monday of the month to collect tuition. He was my favorite priest. I lost track of him and then my mother, Josephine Fauer, now 90, used to go to St. Hyacinth with her sister, Genevieve Juszczyk, who just passed away on August 26 at the age of 98 1/2. They used to go to play bingo. Mom would tell me when she'd see Father and it brought back beautiful memories. I'll keep him in my heart and prayers.##imported-begin##Diane J. Fauer##imported-end##

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October 24, 2010 at 09:02 PM



“ I can't forget this wonderful priest who came to St.Florian right out of the seminary. My wedding rehearsal on Nov.30,1956 you said I have never done this before and I said neither have I.You were one of the three priests celebrating our Mass, you also baptized my first child. I spoke to you at St.Paschal when you came for 40hrs devotion,visiting St.Hyacinth and how proud you were of the Disney characters at the side Altar that brought smiles to the children. You were indeed a priest in every sense of the word. Thank you for answering the call.##imported-begin##lorraine schwartz##imported-end##

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October 24, 2010 at 10:45 AM



“ Multiple generations of my family (Kitlas's, Eskey's and DeLap's) were blessed to have known Fr. Frank. He celebrated a very special Mass for my parent's 25th wedding anniversary--more than 25 years ago. He was truly a wonderful priest. Thank you Fr. Frank for setting a superb example of "a life well lived." May you now take your place in the house of the Lord.##imported-begin##Marilyn ##imported-end##

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October 23, 2010 at 08:17 PM



“ Fr. Frank will always be in our prayers. He was kind and compassionate to everyone, and especially so to those of us from Immaculate Conception Church. May God bless his soul, and give comfort to his family. It is said that "a good priest makes Christ visible", and that is true of Fr. Frank.##imported-begin##Marie A. S.##imported-end##

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October 23, 2010 at 08:14 PM



“ *May the angels lead you into paradise and may you rest in peace. We may have lost a good friend and priest for now, but we meet again one day in paradise.##imported-begin##Stephen Bukowski##imported-end##*

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October 23, 2010 at 06:18 PM



“ *As my father's cousin, I remember Fr Frank well although I haven't seen him in over 30 years. Growing up and through my teens, I would see him usually at large family or church functions. I'll never forget that he always found time to look a boy in the eyes (among a gaggle of 7) and ask, "How are you?" Listen, and really mean it. Oh, and of course, there was the firm, farmer's handshake!##imported-begin##Brian Skalski##imported-end##*

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October 23, 2010 at 01:31 PM



“ *On behalf of your cousin Frank Chlystek and family ....thank you for tending your family's religious needs as well as that of your many parishoners. The spceail occasions and masses we shared at St Hyacinth will be with me always but most impressive is the time you took to be involved with us and be FAMILY.  
Love,  
Lucy##imported-begin##Lucille Bennett##imported-end##*

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October 23, 2010 at 09:15 AM



“ Dear Fr. Frank,  
I'm grateful I was able to say goodbye to You before You left us on Wednesday, and I pray that You did raise Your eyebrow when You heard me say that I Loved You. We already miss You.  
All Our Love,  
Marie, Melissa & Colton Walker  
xoxoxo  
P.S. Tell Ken hello from us...until we meet again!!##imported-begin##Marie Walker (Przybylski)##imported-end##

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October 22, 2010 at 10:37 PM



“ You were a caring and holy Priest. A kind and generous person and a great leader of Polonia. I remember visiting at the Rectory.##imported-begin##Tim Westfall##imported-end##

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October 22, 2010 at 08:52 PM



“ Dearest Father Skalski, there are so many memories and stories to share. I'm so thankful that I had the opportunity to know you while growing up. I can remember serving so many masses by your side as an alter boy. You always had a way to make me smile or laugh at the alter during mass. While growing up, I spent a lot of time at my uncles and aunts house on Palmer Street . I would set up the kitchen table as an alter and have mass. I would pretend that I was Father Skalski. I had a gold vestment that my mother made for me and my own chalice which still sits in our china cabinet. The thick yellow pages was used as my prayer book. My parents have these masses recorded on cassette tape. Father you were a great man and my mentor. St. Hyacinth has and never will be the same again without you there. I know that you will pray for us and personally ask God to make sure that St. Hyacinth will be around for many years to come. I will truly miss you but know that one day I will see you again in heaven. I'm sure you will be right there with your smile and will say “welcome beck”. Father always called me “beck” while receiving communion. This was Fathers short way of saying “Jarzombek”. Eternal rest grant on to you Father Skalski, and let the perpetual light shine upon you.###imported-begin###Michael Jarzombek###imported-end###

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October 22, 2010 at 05:09 PM



“ We will miss our reading sessions. Ed###imported-begin###Dr. and Mrs. Edward J. Skalski###imported-end###

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October 22, 2010 at 04:15 PM



“ Fr. Frank, All those years of your care and concern for our family will never be forgotten. I am a proud to say I was your first baptism at St. Hyacinth. You will always be my favorite earthly spiritual father. You are also my friend who I will miss immensely...thank you. I'm so glad you are home with our Lord whom you have served so well.##imported-begin##Michael Smigielski##imported-end##

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October 22, 2010 at 01:25 PM



“ Much sorrow the passing of a Great Priest, Man & Human Being. I have had no contact with Father over the years but He was always in my thoughts. God Bless us with very presence.##imported-begin##Bob Michalski##imported-end##

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October 22, 2010 at 01:09 PM



“ May the Angels carry you Home Father. Thank you so much for all of your kindness through the years to the Pulice Family.##imported-begin##Debi Pulice##imported-end##

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October 22, 2010 at 10:11 AM



“ Father Frank, We will all miss you,till we meet in Heaven again.##imported-begin##Jim & Stella Przybylski##imported-end##

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October 21, 2010 at 09:00 PM



“ God Bless you Father Skalski. We will all miss you. Thank you for keeping St. Hyacinth alive! Pray for all of us and Rest In Peace.##imported-begin##Marilyn Victoria Mostrag Noonan##imported-end##

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October 21, 2010 at 08:31 PM



“ When the Lord calls our loved ones home, He leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Remembering you Fr. Skalski and the fond memories I have from St. Hyacinth. Tom & Sharon Gorny (Jendrowski)##imported-begin##Sharon (Jendrowski) & Tom Gorny##imported-end##

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October 21, 2010 at 08:26 PM



“ Rest in peace, Father. You were a good man and will always be missed. You are home now! God bless you.##imported-begin##Fred & Mary Schultz##imported-end##

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October 21, 2010 at 06:52 PM



“ Sorry to learn of his illness and death. I will light a candle in your memory. RIP Fr Skalski.##imported-begin##Christine T.##imported-end##

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October 21, 2010 at 06:16 PM



“ *All out great priest and friend. I was so sorry to hear of his illness and his death. Heaven now has a caring man with them. Rest with God, Fr.##imported-begin##Victor Pruchniewski##imported-end##*

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October 21, 2010 at 06:11 PM



“ *Fr. Skalski was the pastor for all my years at St. Hyacinth Grade School. He introduced me to the Catholic faith and set a sound foundation for the future for me to grow in our faith. He was a wonderful and strong influence in my life. His strength and determination to keep St. Hyacinth a strong parish through so many years is a testament to his devotion to our Catholic faith and our Polish heritage. He was loved so much and will be missed just as much. May our Lord welcome him home with open arms!##imported-begin##Vicki Chociemski Holtyn##imported-end##*

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October 21, 2010 at 05:41 PM