



DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN SECRETARIAT FOR CLERGY

24 December 2023

THE REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN P. MURPHY

Pastor *Emeritus*, Saint Thomas More Parish, Allentown, died 22 December 2023 at the age of 86 years old.

Born in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, Monsignor Murphy is the son of the late John Henry and the late Estelle (Darowish) Murphy. Monsignor is survived by his sister, Mary Louise Padolick and his nephews Joseph Padolick and Kenneth Padolick.

Monsignor Murphy attended Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, Shenandoah. He graduated from Shenandoah Catholic High School, Shenandoah. He entered Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, Pennsylvania in 1955. He was ordained to the Priesthood on 7 March 1964 by the Most Reverend Joseph M. McShea, D.D., Bishop of Allentown, at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown.

Monsignor Murphy's first assignment was Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Allentown.

Monsignor Murphy was first named a Pastor at Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Allentown. In 1980, Monsignor Murphy was appointed Pastor, Saint Thomas More Parish, Allentown, and remained in that assignment until his retirement in June 2021.

During the course of his priestly ministry, Monsignor Murphy served as Dean of the College of Consultors; Director, Pontifical Mission Societies for the Propagation of the Faith; Regional Catholic Youth Organization Director, Lehigh Deanery; Diocesan Director, Catholic Youth Organization; Diocesan Director, Catholic Physicians Guild; Member, Committee for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life; Member, Allentown Central Catholic High School Advisory Board and Budget Board; Member, Vocations and Priestly Formation Committee; Appointed Member; Council of Priests; Member, Commission for Orders and Ministries, and Chaplain, Lehigh Valley Chapter of Legatus.

Monsignor Murphy was named Pastor *Emeritus* of Saint Thomas More Parish, Allentown, on 15 June 2021.

FUNERAL MASS

A Mass of Christian Burial for Monsignor Murphy will be celebrated at Saint Thomas More Church, 1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown, Pennsylvania on Saturday, 6 January 2024, at 11:00 AM by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown. Reverend Christopher S. Butera, Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Bath, will be the Homilist.

Major Concelebrants include Reverend Monsignor David L. James, Vicar General and Pastor, Saint Peter Parish, Coplay, Very Reverend Eugene P. Ritz, Vicar for Clergy, Reverend Monsignor Daniel J. Yenushosky, Vicar Forane of Lehigh Deanery and Pastor, Holy Trinity Parish, Whitehall, Reverend John S. Pendzick, Pastor, Saint Thomas More Parish, Allentown, Reverend Joseph J. Kweder, Pastor, Saint Rocco Parish, Martins Creek, Reverend Stanley M. Moczydlowski, Pastor, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Whitehall, and Reverend Eric R. Arnout, Pastor, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Slatington.

VIGIL SERVICE

Calling hours will be held at Saint Thomas More Parish on Friday, 5 January 2024 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, 6 January 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

A Vigil Service will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. Monsignor Yenushosky, Vicar Forane, Lehigh Deanery will Preside. The Homilist will be Father Kweder.

BURIAL

Interment will be at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cemetery, Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

Expressions of sympathy may be directed to:

Mrs. Mary Louise Padolick
1889 Kingsview Road
Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062

May God grant him the joys of Eternal Life.