



Fr. James Williams

May 9, 2011

Fr. James Martin Williams passed away on Monday May 9th, 2011. Fr. Jim as his is known by his former parishioners and friends was born in Ingersoll Ontario on March 30, 1931. He is the son of the late John and Emily (Whitwell) Williams. His brother Ralph died March 30, 2005 and is survived by his wife and daughter in Kitakyushi-Shi Japan. Fr. Jim was ordained to the priesthood on June 1st, 1957 by the late Bishop Cody. His priestly ministry was spent in serving the people of St. Peter's Cathedral London, St. Joseph's Chatham, St. Joseph's Stratford, St. Joseph's London, and Blessed Sacrament Chatham. He also spent eight years in Diocesan administration with Bishop Sherlock. Fr. Jim's body will lie in state at Blessed Sacrament Church, Chatham on Thursday May 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 9 p.m. A service of liturgical prayer and remembrances will be held at 8 p.m. The funeral Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fabbro on Friday May 13th, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Church. Burial for Fr. Jim will take place in the Williams family plot at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Ingersoll at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday May 14th, 2011. Rest In Peace. Arrangements entrusted to the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson St., Wallaceburg, 519-627-3231, www.cavanaghfuneralhome.ca

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **12**. 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
145 Victoria Ave.
Chatham, ON N7L 3A7 (CA)

Service

MAY **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Keith Allison lit a candle in memory of James Williams*



Keith Allison - April 20, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ *Fr. James Williams*

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM

DS

“ *I have great memories of my old friend Tiny He was the finest priest I knew. Very very missed*

Daniel Shaheen - August 25, 2021 at 02:19 PM

CB

“ *Father Jim was the priest at Blessed Sacrament when I started attending church and going through RCIA. He was always very intriguing to listen to. He had a way of keeping your attention fully. I am sure we will all miss him immensely and ,of course, his stories "that didn't happen in Chatham-Kent" too.*

Connie M. Blair - May 13, 2011 at 02:56 PM

FD

“ Our family has known father jim for atleast 20 years. He was a true friend as well as a darn good priest. When we were presented with difficulties or hardships of our own he was there to guide us and comfort us with his genuine words of wisdom. And always with a hug, with your head usually resting near his heart. Your really gonna be missed Tiny.
Francis Denomy Jr.

Francis Jude Denomy - May 12, 2011 at 06:29 PM

BW

“ As a funeral director who had the privilege of serving families that were members of Fr. Jim's parish. I always appreciated his tender and compassionate care he showed to families and his ability to bring comfort to them from God's word.
My sincere sympathy to the family on the passing of a fine man.
Bill White.

Bill White - May 12, 2011 at 11:16 AM

DB

“ Fr. Jim was never my parish priest, but was definitely one of the priests that had a positive influence on my Spiritual journey. RIP Fr. Jim.

Denise Byrne - May 12, 2011 at 06:15 AM

TS

“ "Let me tell you a story..." That was Father Jim's one liner to begin his homily reflections. He was a man of deep faith and prayer. I will always remember his kind words and his sense of humor.

Tony Sales - May 10, 2011 at 11:41 PM

JS

“ *Fr Jim, You were a great priest, friend, and mentor. I have learned a lot from you. I am hurting knowing that you are no longer with us, but i have comfort knowing you're in heaven. I will see you again in paradise.*

Joe Sales - May 10, 2011 at 05:52 PM