



## Rev. Joseph A. Angotti

July 30, 1963 - May 20, 2018

The Reverend Fr. Joseph Angotti, died quietly of heart failure on Sunday, May 20, 2018, in his home in the rectory of St. Mary Catholic Church in Westville, Indiana.

He was born at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas July 30, 1963. He attended high school in White Plains, New York, graduated from Indiana University and St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana.

After serving in several parishes in the Diocese of Gary, IN, he joined the armed services, serving as Chaplain to the troops at Ft. Benning, Georgia, in Germany and the soldiers in the field during a two year tour in Iraq during the height of the Iraq war.

Upon his return from Iraq, he served the parishioners of St. Peter's Church in La Porte, Indiana for six years. His most recent appointment to serve the Lord was Chaplain to the inmates in Indiana State Penitentiary. His service as a priest in such varied places brought him great joy.

He leaves behind his parents, Karen Bowman Angotti and Joseph Angotti of Monmouth, Illinois, brothers Mark of Monmouth and Andrew Angotti of Galesburg, IL, Uncle Arthur Angotti, (Barbara) Aunt Phyllis Angotti Parker, Aunt Sally Bowman of Monmouth, Uncle Gay Bowman (Mary) and many wonderful loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

Father Joe was preceded in death by his grandparents Everett and Bernadine Bowman of Monmouth, IL and Arthur and Pauline Angotti of Gary, IN.

All services honoring the life of Fr. Joe will be held at St. Peter's Church in La

Porte, Indiana, 1104 Monroe St, La Porte. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 23, 2018 from 2– 8:00 pm, prayer service at 7:00 p.m.. Bishop Donald Hying will offer the Mass of Christian Burial Mass after the 10:00 prayer service Thursday morning. Interment Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville. Arrangements entrusted to Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, IN.[www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 23. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St Peter Catholic Church  
1101 Michigan Ave  
La Porte, IN 46350  
(219) 362-6186

## Prayer Service

MAY 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Peter Catholic Church  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 24. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I like to share my recent letter to the Editor of the Magnificat with a brief story of how Fr. Joe was such a blessing to me when we served together at Ft. Benning, GA.

Dear Fr. Sebastian,

I was first introduced to the Magnificat publication through a fellow US Chaplain and Catholic priest while we were both stationed at Ft. Benning, GA from 2000 to 2002. I later learned that Fr. Joe Angotti had passed in 2018 after he left the military chaplaincy and went back to pastor in Indiana (Indiana <https://www.burnsfuneral.com/obituaries/Rev-Joseph-Angotti#!/Obituary>).

Fr. Joe once told me that he greatly appreciated the Magnificat because as a very busy US Army Officer, chaplain and priest, he did not always have the time to pray through the Daily Office at length. The conciseness of the Magnificat helped him to stay focused spiritually while joining the Church in prayer and always having on his possession the resources he needed to celebrate Mass whenever it was possible.

Because of Fr. Joe's faithfulness, I was encouraged by him to start using the Magnificat as well. I retired in 2013 as an Army Chaplain with 27 years of service. The Magnificat has proven to be a reliable help, encouragement and daily companion for me as it did for Fr. Joe. I continue to draw much inspiration from its pages every day. I am very grateful to Fr. Joe and to all who contribute in making the Magnificat a living witness to the ever expanding love of God. Thank you for all you do! My prayers are with you. Blessings

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John Molina - January 05, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ *Caring Condolences Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Joseph A. Angotti .*



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June 08, 2018 at 01:56 PM



“ *We received news this morning that he passed late last month.*

*For our 9th Engineers brothers and sisters he was "Chaplain/Father Joe." A high light of my deployment was when I was assigned as his temporary chaplain's assistant, during which time we traveled all over the brigade's area of operations by helicopter, humvee, and Bradley Fighting Vehicle. We also traveled into the center of the city of Samarra to visit C Company, 9E, which held a school in the city after the brigade had retaken the city. We weathered sand storms and last minute travel arrangements together.*

*Father Joe had a love for the people wearing the uniform. He made time for confessions when the soldier needed it, not when it was convenient for him.*

*It was during this period of trips that Father Joe and I had marvelous and intimate discussions about faith, doubt, the condition of man, the church, history, Italian food, and our own lives in our daily discoveries of what it meant to be a person of faith. I witnessed his deep reverence for the Eucharist when he would hold Mass at the different FOBs.*

*I do not weep, for I am too grateful for the time that we shared, both as brothers in uniform, and as brothers in faith.*

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**Clayton Shackelford** - June 05, 2018 at 10:07 PM

JB

“ Dear Joe and Karen,

*When I saw the obituary for the Reverend Fr. Joseph Angotti, I realized that the wonderful Angottis I knew at NBC in Chicago back in the '70s had lost a son who was undoubtedly a wonderful person. I extend my sincere condolences to you and your family.*

*Like the Angotti family with Gary ties, my ties remain true to Hammond, Saint John and Northwest Indiana. When you and I worked in the NBC Nightly News office, Joe, I was Jane Bomberger Bohling. The years since then have flown by but wonderful memories remain of a group of great people/professionals in the workplace. I ran across photos recently of our NBC bus trip to Grand Beach, Michigan when we honored Charlie Ray and Deborah, his then fiancée.*

*May we value each moment and cherish family and friends. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Warm regards to you and Karen,  
Jane  
jbwriter4@icloud.com*

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**Jane Bomberger** - May 28, 2018 at 11:18 PM

DP

“ Donna Perschke lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. Joseph A. Angotti



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**Donna Perschke** - May 25, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Joseph A. Angotti .*



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May 23, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ *Dear Joe, Karen, Mark, and Drew.....*

*My heart goes out to all of you....We all loved Joey and have wonderful memories as kids on the river and in Monmouth. I remember the laughter the most..... May peace and grace lead you forward....*

*Love and prayers - Laura Cavanaugh and Elizabeth*

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**Laura Cavanaugh** - May 23, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ *The Cavanaugh Family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Rev. Joseph A. Angotti .*



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**The Cavanaugh Family** - May 23, 2018 at 09:09 AM

MB

“ *Father Joe spent many Sunday afternoons with us at my Mother's home while he was a Ft. Benning. A friend of my brother from seminary, he became just another one of the nutty Talley gang each week. He was kind and generous and I loved him. I am confident that he rests now in perfect peace. I will pray for you, the family and friends, who ache for his loss.*

*Meg Burkhardt*

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**Meg Burkhardt** - May 23, 2018 at 08:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Joseph A. Angotti .*



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May 22, 2018 at 08:22 PM

IJ

“ *Joe and Karen so sorry to her off Father Joes's passing You will be in my prayers. Irene Johnson*

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**irene Johnson** - May 22, 2018 at 07:32 PM

BT

“ *During his time at Ft. Benning (in Columbus, Georgia), Fr Joe would often visit my family on Sunday afternoon. He would eat whatever was served, and would fall asleep on the couch. My family loved him.*

*Bishop David P. Talley*  
*Diocese of Alexandria*

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**Bishop David P. Talley** - May 22, 2018 at 12:31 PM