



## Rev. John C. Chwalek

October 7, 1922 - March 9, 2018

Rev. John C. Chwalek, retired Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Adams, died Friday, March 9, 2018 at the age of 95.

He was born in Ludlow, MA on October 7, 1922, a son of the late John and Anna (Chrzan) Chwalek. He graduated from Cathedral High School in Springfield, and then from St. Anselm's College, Manchester, NH. He then entered the Grand Seminary in Montreal, Canada, where he pursued his priestly studies in philosophy and theology. He was ordained a Priest of the Diocese of Springfield on January 24, 1948 by the late Most Rev. Thomas M. O'Leary, DD, then Bishop of Springfield. He celebrated 70 years as a priest this past January 24th.

Following his ordination, Fr. Chwalek was assigned as an assistant pastor at Holy Rosary Parish, Hadley; Sacred Heart Parish, Easthampton, and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Springfield. He was assigned as an assistant pastor at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Adams, in 1966, at which time he began his 36 years of ministry there.

He was named Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka in 1970, and embarked on a pastorate which saw many improvements to the church, school, and cemetery properties, including a major renovation of the Church for the 75th Anniversary of the Parish in 1977, the conversion of the church basement to the Kolbe Hall parish center, the establishment of the Shadow of the Cross grotto at St. Stanislaus Cemetery and the Polanka picnic pavilion. He retired as pastor of St. Stanislaus on August 15, 2002, and retired to his beloved

home in Windsor, where he grew acres of blueberries that he sold, the proceeds of which he sent to various charities for the less fortunate. He had also served for a term on the Diocesan Building Commission.

He is survived by his brother-in-law, Edward G. Perlak of Ludlow, MA; as well as several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

He was predeceased by his three brothers, including Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles Chwalek, Edward Chwalek and Valentine Chwalek; and by his four sisters, including Helen Perlak, Rosalie Kairys, Sr. Mary Regina, CSSF, and Sr. Mary Laurette, CSSF.

Fr. Chwalek will lie in repose at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, 25 Hoosac St. Adams, today, Sunday, March 11th, where all are invited to calling hours from 3 to 6 PM.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, March 12th, at 11:30 AM in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, celebrated by Most Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski, Bishop of Springfield.

Burial will follow in the Chwalek family lot in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Indian Orchard.

At Fr. Chwalek's request, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Stanislaus School, 108 Summer St. Adams, MA 01220.

The PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, is directing arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to [www.paciorekfuneral.com](http://www.paciorekfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

PJ

“ *Fr. John did so much for St. Stan's. He was really appreciated by the parish. He was the best priest I have ever knew in my 78 years. Spoczywaj w pokoju.*

PETER ZABEK JR. - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

PN

“ *So sorry to hear of Fr. John's passing. I remember serving as altar boy for the very first Mass celebrated at the Shadow of the Cross grotto at St. Stan's Cemetery.*

Paul Nowicki - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

CB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you*

Cathy (Phelps) Bruce - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ *I'am sorry for your loss you will be in my prayers I will miss him Joan maznicki to Powered*

June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

FD

“ *Prayers and condolences to Fr. Chwalek's family , friends and former parishoners. We both are graduates of CHS with family lots at St. Aloysius Cemetery in Indian Orchard. He indeed was a dedicated and appreciated servant of the Lord whose heavenly reward await him. May he rest in peace.*

Fr.Francis H. Dionne - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

JC

“ To Our Family and Friends of Father John, Sharing in our collective sorrow over the loss of a wonderful, kind man, full of humor and strength, and always a man of God. Sorry that we are not able to attend the services, but share in celebrating his life and mourning his passing.

John and Maryann Chwalek - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

PM

“ My husband and I played many wedding ceremonies officiated by Father John. His "rolly polly" homily is forever etched in our memory. He was the most down to earth man and he truly loved his calling. Thank you Father John. Tom and Pat Markland

PAT MARKLAND - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

PN

“ REV. JOHN C. CHWALEK FAMILY EDWARD PERLAK My sincere condolences losing a very special person, one of the kind FR. JOHN. Seeing Fr. John growing up as a youngster. REST IN PEACE FR. JOHN, my relative. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!

Peter P Nowak - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

MD

“ Heaven has another angel. Came to St Stan's when I was 11 yrs old -- great Pastor

Mary Dudziak - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

JM

“ My condolences and prayers at this sad time. Joseph

Joseph Maciora - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

LK

“ My condolences to the family of Fr. John. As a longtime pro-lifer in the area, I well remember his constant support and words in support of unborn babies right to live. May God bring him to his eternal rest with him, and all those like myself whom he counseled and helped during his priesthood. "Thou art a priest for ever" in the Courts of His Lord and Savior Jesus. May he rest in Peace and may the little babies' lives he tried to save here greet him in Paradise. I will never forget him.

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**Linda C. Kinsey Kinsey** - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

RL

“ A true Diamond to St. Stanislaus Parish. Thank you for all you have done for our Church and community. Deepest condolences to the Chwalek family. May you Rest In Peace Father John.

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**Roger Lanski** - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

AC

“ The world lost an incredible human being, Father John Chwalek or Uncle John to his nieces, nephews and many grand nieces and nephews. He was a man of deep faith and courage, joy and laughter, of wisdom and humility, and of many talents and generosity. He loved people and nature, travelled the globe, and marveled at the wonders of the world. He appreciated the spectacular accomplishments of humans over time. He felt deeply about the tragedies of the poor and uneducated of the world and, and in his own way, made many personal contributions to their welfare. On our numerous visits to his home, we never failed to be inspired by his passion about the state of the world, humanity, and the church. We are so fortunate and grateful to have had this truly great man in our lives. He will never be forgotten. May he rest in peace. Ed, Marcia & Adele Chwalek

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**Adele Chwalek** - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

BH

“ *Rev. John C. Chwalek*

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**Bonnie Hartwig/Whitney** - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

TH

“ *Loved, respected, and available when my children attended St Stanislaus School. With a nod to holy potatoes, God bless you and all who know and will miss your kindness and devotion.*

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**Theresa** - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM

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“ *My deepest condolences to my unknown family on the passing of my cousin Rev. John C. Chwalek. My regret is that I never had a chance to meet Him. Wieczne Odpoczywanie Racz Mu Da Panie.*

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**Alicja Morawiec** - June 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ *RIP Father John. I attended St. Stans from 1982-1985. Father John is the best priest I have ever come into contact with. In my years at St. Stans myself and another classmate would ring the bells before each Mass and he would always say "Great job Boys." He was a great man and priest. My sincerest sympathies to his family. God Bless!*

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March 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM