



## Rev. Michael A. Farano

December 21, 1942 - March 24, 2021

Loudonville- Rev. Michael A. Farano, died peacefully on Wednesday March 24, anno Domini 2021. Fr. Farano was born in Glens Falls, New York on December 21, 1942 to Michael A. and Laura Palangi Farano.

He was baptized at St. Mary's Church on January 17, 1943. Fr. Farano graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1960 and entered Mater Christi Seminary in Albany in September of that year. He completed his studies for the priesthood at Our Lady of Angels Seminary in Glenmont, New York, a division of Niagara University. He was awarded his Bachelor Degree (1964) and Master Degree (1967) from Niagara University. Fr. Farano was ordained to the Roman Catholic Priesthood for service in the Diocese of Albany on May 18, 1968 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany, by the Most Rev. Edward J. Maginn, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Albany. He was assigned to St. Joseph's Parish and St. Joseph's Academy, Albany from June 1968 until August 1973. He then spent several months assisting at St. Bonaventure's Parish in Speigletown, New York, and in January of 1974 was appointed Secretary to Bishop Edwin B. Broderick and Vice-Chancellor of the Albany Diocese. In October 1979 Father was appointed Chancellor of the Diocese, a ministry he exercised until December 1990 when he was appointed Pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Loudonville, a post he held until June of 2013, and was Vicar General of the Diocese of Albany for many years.

During his years as Chancellor and Vicar General, Father Farano served in a number of capacities on the diocesan level, including Diocesan Director for the Pontifical Mission Societies (Propagation of the Faith). Over the years he also was a member of a number of Church and community boards. In 1998 he was appointed by the Albany County Legislature to be the Chairperson for the Albany County Airport Authority, a position he held for over eight years.

Father was the brother of Mrs. Angela (Michael Smith) of Glens Falls, New York and the late Concetta Funicello; brother in law of John Funicello of Port Charlotte, Florida. He is also survived by his nephews Raymond (Lisa) Gifford of Latham, Michael (Wendy) Gifford of Ballston Lake, Anthony Gifford of Glens Falls, Laura (Eric) Buonviaggio of Punta Gordo, Florida, Michael (Kim) Smith of Queensbury, and Richard (late Kim) Smith of South Glens Falls. He is also survived by a number of grand and great grand nieces and nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents and by his niece, Kim Smith.

The Rite of the Reception of the Body will be celebrated in St. Pius X Church, Loudonville on Sunday March 28, 2021 at 4:00 pm. Visitation will then continue until 7:00 pm. Please only enter the church from the front doorway; masks and social distancing are required.

Fr. Farano's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville on Monday March 29, 2021 at 11:00am with Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger as Principal Celebrant. The homilist will be Fr. Dominic Ingemie, a classmate of Fr. Farano.

Due to Covid spacing restrictions, seating at the Funeral Mass will be limited and cannot be guaranteed. Please only enter the church from the front doorway; masks and social distancing are required; church ambassadors will be available to help with seating and questions; and please attempt to arrive before 10:45 am.

St. Pius will broadcast the Funeral Mass live on both their Facebook page, and their website [stpiusxloudonville.org](http://stpiusxloudonville.org)

Fr. Farano will be buried next to his parents at St. Mary's Cemetery, South Glens Falls, New York.

Fr. Farano expresses his gratitude for the gift of faith in Jesus Christ. He is grateful to all who have been part of his journey in this life. Please pray for his soul.

For those who wish, donations may be made to Farano Center for Children, 27 North Main Avenue, Albany, New York 12203, or St. Pius X Parish, 23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville, New York 12211.

To leave a message for the family, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

225 Main Street  
South Glens Falls, NY 12803

# Previous Events

## Reception of the Body

MAR 28. 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Rd  
Loudonville, NY 12211  
(518) 462-1336

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Michael A. Farano*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Dear Family Members of Father Farano:*

*I knew Father from St. Joseph's Church and School. He was so patient with us and we would all look forward to his visits to the school. My Aunt would take me Church every Sunday faithfully and she just adored him and his sermons. it's because of him that I became the first "alter girl" St. Joe's Church had. He made such an impact on so many of us.*

*My deepest sympathies on your family and the communities loss.*

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**Celeste (Hutson) Ecker** - April 01, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ *Dear Angie,*

*I was so sad to hear of Father Mike's passing. You may not remember me*

*But I went to St. Mary's and your brother and I were good friends and I have so many wonderful memories of him and your family.. My thoughts and prayers are with you always.*

*Blessings and love,*

*Nancy Smith Williamson*

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**Nancy** - March 30, 2021 at 03:24 PM

DC

“ Around 2006 the pastoral council asked me to establish the original St.Pius web site. I was told be careful not to surprise Father Farano. So every Sunday morning I came for the 10 am mass early and talked to Father about my progress and plans. He was very supportive and helpful. Told me to add more photos. "You can't take too many photos." As I think back, how generous he was of his time, now knowing how busy he always was. You would never know it when he was with you.

- Dick Connery

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Dick Connery - March 30, 2021 at 03:09 PM

EH

“ To Father Farano's Family, St. Pius X Parishioners and Priests of the Albany Diocese,

*I just want to extend my condolences on the passing of Father Farano. He was pastor of St. Pius X when my uncle, the late John A. Lyons, Jr., was a long-time parishioner. Father Farano took the time to visit Uncle John when he was in his last stages of cancer at St. Peter's Hospice, and celebrated Uncle John's Funeral Mass in 1995.*

*He also know both of my late parents quite well, Robert J. Hedderman, Sr., and Eleanor Lyons Hedderman (Uncle John's only sibling.)*

*Again, please accept my sympathies on your loss, and I am thinking and praying for both Father Farano and you during this difficult time.*

*Yours truly,*

*Ellen M. Hedderman  
Delmar, NY*

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Ellen M Hedderman - March 29, 2021 at 07:24 PM

SS

“ *Father Farano, thank you for all the years of dedication and service to St. Pius. I remember only 6 short years ago your coming out to my sisters and my dad's wakes after they passed a few day's apart from each other. My dad was an ambassador at the Albany Airport while you were there and he was thrilled that you came to visit him in the hospital before he passed. My condolences to the family of Father Farano. He will surly be missed.*

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**Susan Smith** - March 28, 2021 at 02:27 PM

RD

“ *Dear Angie, we just heard of Fr Mikes passing. We are so sorry for your loss. Remembering all the good times at Caroga Lake. He will be missed by many.  
So sorry we won't be able to attend services as we are in Florida.  
Again we are so sorry.  
Ralph and Carol DeMatteo*

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**ralph and Carol DeMatteo** - March 28, 2021 at 10:11 AM



Patricia Leahy

“ *Angie I was so sorry to read of Mike passing. Please accept my sympathy for you and all of his family. I have such great memories of my time with Tina and you all. My prayers are with you. Patty Caprood Leahy.*

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**Patricia Leahy** - March 28, 2021 at 10:10 AM

EH

“ *Ellen M. Hedderman  
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**Ellen M. Hedderman** - March 28, 2021 at 02:08 AM

TM

“ I love our beloved Father Farano so much!! He was my Confessor and mentor for so many years... and probably the kindest, most gentle and funny man I will ever know. I will never forget.... at the end of every time we were together, Father always said, “Pray for me.” Father Farano... now with deep gratitude, lots of tears and joy.... I am asking you to “Pray for me.”

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**Taryn Macary** - March 27, 2021 at 04:49 PM

TM

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**Taryn Macary** - March 27, 2021 at 04:52 PM

CT

“ Dear Angela,  
To you and your family I send my deepest sympathy on the loss of your brother. I remember meeting him when I knew your mother, whose beautiful afghan I still have in my home. He was a very special man who made quite an impression on me. May you be supported in your grief by your family and friends,  
Cheryl Tucker

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**Cheryl Tucker** - March 27, 2021 at 12:59 PM

SK

“ *Father Farano, I believe you're already in Heaven singing with the angels and Be Blessed by our Father for all the wonderful works you did on Earth . You married us Confirmed me and taught me so much on my faith j. Your laughter and smile were Wonderful. Mass was definitely a time to learn and grow . You will be missed forever.*

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**susan kenneally** - March 27, 2021 at 11:34 AM

SK

“ *Susan Kenneally lit a candle in memory of Rev. Michael A. Farano*



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**susan kenneally** - March 27, 2021 at 11:27 AM

JP

“ *A wonderful, kind and intelligent man with a great sense of humor to boot! Fr. Farano married my husband and I, celebrated my mother's funeral mass and visited me when I was sick in the hospital. He also accomplished the nearly impossible....making his sermons engaging and inspirational! He was much loved and will be much missed.*

*My sincere condolences to his family and friends.*

*Jane Poklemba*

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**jane poklemba** - March 27, 2021 at 10:54 AM

SS

“ I was so blessed to know Fr. Mike. He was a "Hometown" boy. I had the pleasure of being involved in many of his family's religious events, including the funerals of both his parents, weddings of his nieces and nephews, and more. Please know you are all in my prayers. God has gained a great man.

*Sue DelSignore*

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**Susan J. Del Signore** - March 27, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ Mike and I connected on many levels when I was a Sister of St. Joseph living at St. Pius convent. We would share stories about growing up in Italian families and the laughter was so genuine. We also shared the love of family and food which go hand in hand. I taught his nephews the Smiths when they were at St. Mary's in Glens Falls. So family and ethnic stories was the quality of our encounters. My condolences to the Smith boys and to Mike's sisters! Mike, Rise in Glory!

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**Ellen Secci** - March 26, 2021 at 04:33 PM

MS

“ We have lost a wonderful priest and a great man. He always was kind and had a great sense of humor. Rest In Peace father, well deserved.

*Marie Stein*

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**marie stein** - March 26, 2021 at 03:03 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the album *St. Vincent dePaul*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home** - March 26, 2021 at 02:05 PM



*You are so missed, so loved. Thank you* ❤️❤️

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**Gail Waring** - March 26, 2021 at 05:47 PM

GP

*Very beautiful remembrance of Father Farano. Thank You. Love, The Padula Family*

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**Gina M. Padula** - March 27, 2021 at 09:07 AM

JN

*Father Mike was such an awesome man. I loved knowing him, working with him at FARANO house and being his friend. He was just as I imagine Jesus to be. My heart is sad but I know he is with Jesus and at peace. Much missed and loved. I thank God for you*

*Jackie Nash and family*

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**Jackie Nash** - March 28, 2021 at 12:53 PM

CH

*Father Farano is and will ever be such a great man he was there for all of my family when my dad passed away and did his funeral mass as well . Father was such a kind man with a great sense of humor and always looked forward to his masses. We will miss you but I'm completely positive you are up in heaven and at peace. Our symphies go out to everyone in his family what a wonderful man ! We are all very grateful and very honored to have known you, Father Farano. We are glad we have met you from going to St Pius as your masses and talks afterwards all kept us on a positive note . -parisoner/family from Loudonville*

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**christine** - March 29, 2021 at 12:07 PM

FP

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**Fr John Provost** - March 26, 2021 at 01:04 AM

TM

*A beautiful tribute to a wonderful priest and humble man.*

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**Theresa Mason** - March 26, 2021 at 02:09 PM

JF

*Father Farano was a Saint walking among us all. A very humble servant who knew by serving us he was serving God at the Highest level. He has done his work time to rest amen*

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**Jerry Forenzo** - March 26, 2021 at 04:26 PM

NA

*I learned a great deal working with Fr. Farano at St. Pius X. He was a wonderful priest and administrator. He related well with everyone, and he was respected and admired for all his good works. Thanks for all the memories and support over the years. Rest in peace, Father.*

*Nick Audi*

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**Nicholas Joseph Audi** - March 26, 2021 at 07:34 PM

JE

*What a beautiful tribute to a man that truly reflected God's love for all his people.*

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**James Ercolano** - March 26, 2021 at 07:48 PM

SR

*Beautiful tribute to an amazing man.  
I am so sorry and sad to hear that Father Farano passed away. 🥺💔*

*He was an amazing man and an inspiring leader who was passionate about being a Priest. I admired his spirituality, business sense, humbleness and sense of humor. I loved working for him as Coordinator of Youth Ministry at St. Pius X many years ago (he'd correct me by saying work 'with him'). From him, I learned so much about being pastoral, holding space and being present as people went thru the grief and loss process. He was one of the best people I've ever had the pleasure of working for and with.*

*One example of the kind, compassionate man he was; when my grandfather died he and a priest friend drove all the way to Johnstown for the wake to support me and my family.*

*I was working at St. Pius when 9/11 happened. It was reassuring and consoling as he lead us (the Parish and School Community) through a horrific time in history with his compassionate leadership.*

*I considered him not only my boss and Pastor but a friend. He will always have a special place in my heart. He was always there for me whenever I needed a listening ear, advice or just to chat. I have so many awesome memories of this special man. 🎁❤️*

*Rest In Peace great and faithful servant of God. 🙏*

*Healing Prayers, Peace and Blessings to all who knew and loved him.*



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**Sharon Randall** - March 26, 2021 at 08:54 PM

GP

*A very special Tribute Video sharing the wonderful life and career of Father Farano. Thank you for sharing the video. Father Farano continued to show the example of living what you learn. We are blessed to witness his dedicated life of caring for others. Father Farano is an inspiring example of a life well lived. Sympathy and Love from The Padula Family*

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**Gina M. Padula** - March 27, 2021 at 09:51 AM

KL

*Father Farano is a bigger than life person to whom you are drawn to. His magnetic personality, quick wit and smile and laugh always made everyone welcome. I will miss him. He was more than a friend, he was family. Warm and generous with his many gifts and so very modest about his many accomplishments. I will never forget the positive effect he has had on my life. Rest in peace, my friend, I am well aware that you are still with us, only on a higher plain - Heaven!*  
*Kathy Lawlor*

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**Kathleen M Lawlor** - March 27, 2021 at 07:57 PM

FR

“*Fr Mike Farano was a friend and mentor to many of the priests who now serve our parishes. He taught us with kindness and his wonderful sense of humor. We will miss his pastoral skills, his kindness and above all his love of the diocese, and God’s people. I am sure he heard the words of the merciful God he served so well, “enter the kingdom good and faithful servant.”*”

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**Fr Don Rutherford** - March 25, 2021 at 10:39 PM

RZ

“*1 file added to the tribute wall*”



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**Richard Zazycki** - March 25, 2021 at 05:49 PM

DF

“*In my sorrow, I try to imagine the celebration in heaven and all of the people who were waiting to welcome him home. Thankfully I have wonderful memories of an exceptional friend.*”

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**Diane Forenzo** - March 25, 2021 at 05:46 PM

PT

*A great Priest who had such compassion and love for people. His words and actions were ahead of the times. So grateful to have known Father.*

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**Pat Tobin** - March 25, 2021 at 09:05 PM

RM

*Kathleen and I lost a person very dear to us, he blessed our marriage along with Rabbi Martin Silverman, his close friend. He claimed it was the first mixed marriage he had ever blessed. I have had a long and wonderful relationship with Michael which includes a humorous story as to how he became chair of the Albany County Airport Authority. His intellect and sense of humor made him a very special person. He is a great loss to his Church as well as to the community as a whole.  
Richard M Meyers*

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**richard meyers** - March 27, 2021 at 07:47 AM

EB

*Father Mike was my neighbor for the past 25 years, and I could not have asked for a better one. His goodness, kindness and generosity will never be forgotten. He always reminded my of my late father In so many ways. He filled a void in my life, and I will miss him so much. You have my deepest sympathies. Love to all - Beth*

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**Elizabeth Baehrel** - March 30, 2021 at 09:48 PM