



Reverend James Clement Gulley

April 21, 1935 - May 17, 2014

Albany-Reverend James Clement Gulley, 79, was born into Eternal Life Saturday, May 17, 2014 at Teresian House.

On Easter Sunday, April 21, 1935 James Gulley was born in Watervliet, NY. He was the final child born to Anthony and Mary Hynes Gulley and their family: John, Marie, Anthony and Joseph. All the children were graduates of St. Patrick's School. James and his brothers graduated from La Salle Institute, Troy, NY where he graduated in 1953. On February 14, 1954, the Wedding Anniversary of his parents, James began his novitiate at the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. After his five years of formation and education as a De La Salle Christian Brother, his assignments were in Barrytown, NY, Washington, D.C., New York City, Albany, NY, Detroit, MI and Lincolndale, NY. In these assignments he was involved as a staff member in the Formation Programs of the Brothers, as well as, teaching English, Religion, Speech, Drama, Debate and directing high school plays and musicals. As a La Sallian Christian Brother, his educational preparation for these assignments included: a B.S. Degree in Speech and English from New York University, and a MSW from University of Iowa.

In September of 1978, James began his theological studies at St. Mary's Seminary and University of Baltimore, MD where he earned his B.A. Degree in Theology and a Master's Degree in Divinity.

On August 25, 1981, James as a Deacon, began ministry at the Parish of St. Mary's, Amsterdam, NY. The Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard, Bishop of Albany, ordained Father Gulley on October 10, 1981. Bishop Hubbard assigned Father Gulley as Associate Pastor at St. Mary's Parish, Amsterdam. Together with Pastor, Msgr. Edward R. Glavin, Fr. Gulley shared in the various ministries for the People of God. Over the years, Monsignor Glavin guided and inspired Fr. Gulley with the spiritual and practical theme for two parish priests: Service to the People. Over the years of loyalty to the Church and to the Parish, a wonderful friendship grew, and they worked together easily serving the community. Upon the retirement of Monsignor Glavin, Bishop Hubbard, in the autumn of 1998, appointed Father James Gulley to succeed his friend and mentor. Several years later Father James's brother, Reverend Anthony David Gulley, Ph. D., a priest ordained for the Diocese of Albany on May 26, 1956 by Albany's seventh Bishop, Bishop William A. Scully, took up residence in St. Mary's Rectory and joyfully shared in the ministerial duties too, as Fr. James would say, "the good people of Amsterdam, and St. Mary's Church and School"

Father James Gulley was former Dean of Clergy of Montgomery County. He was a former member of the Albany Diocesan School Board and Advisory Board of St. Mary's Hospital. Father Gulley was also former Chaplain of the Amsterdam Fire Department. He was on the Founding Board of the Inmann Senior Citizens Organization. Father Gulley received the "Good Neighbor" Award of Liberty Enterprises, The Amsterdam YMCA "Distinguished Citizen's" Award and The "Priest of the Year" Award given by the Albany Diocese Committee for Scouting.

Father James was the beloved brother of the late John Gulley, Marie T. Phillips, Rev. Anthony D. Gulley, Ph.D., and Joseph Gulley; dear uncle of John, Russell and Roger Gulley, Caryle Guyatte Herr, Joseph and Kathleen Gulley, Patricia Luce and Maryann Hannay; brother-in-law of Katherine Gulley; beloved friend of the Parente, McVeigh, Dwyer, Brennan and Constantine

families.

Reception of the Body will be Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Church, 156 East Main Street, Amsterdam, NY with Visitation continuing until 8:00 pm.

Funeral services Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 11:00 am in Father's beloved St. Mary's Church, Amsterdam where a Mass of Christian Burial will be Concelebrated.

Father Gulley will be buried next to his cherished parents and family in St. Mary's Cemetery, Troy, NY.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Although Father Gulley asked contributions be made to either The Fathers Anthony and James Gulley Scholarship Fund, CBA, 12 Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12205 or St. Mary's Church, 156 E. Main Street, Amsterdam, NY 12010, Jim's ministry and love of the Gospel will live on by your deliberate act of kindness towards the sick and dying; the aged and the lonely; the spiritually impoverished; or those confined to hospitals or nursing homes.

"St. John Baptist De La Salle.....Pray for Us!"

"Live Jesus in Our Hearts.....Forever!"

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery of Troy, Inc

54 Brunswick Road
Troy, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
156 East Main Street
Amsterdam, NY

Service

MAY 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
156 East Main Street
Amsterdam, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend James Clement Gulley*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana W. - December 01, 2015 at 08:06 PM



“ *We were good friends with Father Anthony Gulley when we worked at St. Rose. We were fortunate to meet Father Jim several times. He was such a nice man and we enjoyed his company. Tony, we are so sorry for your loss. We'll keep you & Father Jim in our prayers.*

Sheila Van Alstine & Maureen Elliott - May 21, 2014 at 06:29 PM



“ *Fr. Gulley was the original "Cookie Monster". My first memory is him coming into my kindergarten class every morning and pretending to "steal" all of our snacks. Fr. Gully was always in the background of my childhood- from school, to parish life, sacrament prep, and then with the celebration of my marriage. St. Mary's and Fr. Gulley will forever be synonymous in my heart. He was always so calm and steady (even with dealing with very active elementary students :) Love and prayers to Fr. Gulley and his family/friends. Thank you for all you have done over the years. You will be missed!*

Michele Borsy - May 21, 2014 at 11:54 AM

KC

“ *Father Jim was involved in many of the milestones that our family shared over the years. He was peaceful and understanding, and he had a great sense of humor. We will miss him. May he rest in peace.*

Keith, Patsy, and Devin Cushing

Keith Cushing - May 21, 2014 at 09:18 AM

HC

“ *Father Jim played a large and important role in our family over the years, through baptisms and weddings, and in tough times too. He will be missed. Rest in peace.*

Harry Cushing

Harry Cushing - May 21, 2014 at 09:16 AM

MF

“ *We were all fortunate to learn with Father Gulley as students at St. Mary's Institute and later as confirmation candidates. The entire St. Mary's family is in our thoughts and prayers as his life is celebrated.*

Maryn B. & Family - May 20, 2014 at 10:58 PM

LN

“ *My late husband and I, John and Lois Noonan were good friends with Joe. Joe, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May your beautiful memories help you to heal. God bless you all.*

Lois Noonan

Lois Noonan - May 20, 2014 at 08:48 PM

FD

“ On July 3,1993,our 22 yr. son was killed in a car accident.Our parish priest was on holiday. Father Jim. was in our home that very evening,his great words of comfort has sustained our family for the last 20 + years. God Bless Him, The Daley family, St. Mary's Parish, Amsterdam.

Frances M. Daley - May 20, 2014 at 10:31 AM

LU

“ Fr. Gulley was a wonderful, kind, generous man. His wisdom has helped so very many over the years. I so enjoyed seeing him at St. Mary's Hospital on his many visit, he always had a kind word for everyone.. May he RIP.

Lorie May Urquhart - May 20, 2014 at 08:10 AM

TD

“ Father James Gulley will always be in our thoughts and prayers. One of the best priest I ever have ever known. Always treated everyone with respect and dignity. He made it a point to learn everyone's name and your families names as well. He was always there to listen and give good advice. He was someone you wanted to listen to during Mass and he always kept his parishioners in mind. He will be missed by all who knew him and loved him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.



Tom and Kathy DiMezza - May 20, 2014 at 07:20 AM

CR

Father Gulley was with us through every blessing and sorrow. Our memories run deep. You were a treasure and will be missed. Much love to you, Father ...Cindy,Jason, Neil, Heather and children

Cynthia L Rinehimer - May 20, 2014 at 02:25 PM