



Rev. Fr. Francis David Mossholder

July 10, 1962 - September 11, 2018

Rev. Fr. Francis David Mossholder, went to eternal life on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 56 years of age. He leaves behind Mai, his beloved pet and companion. He is survived by his sister Ann (John) Johnson; nieces Casey A. Greer, Billie "Allie" Greer and devoted life long friend, Nancy Rambacher, all in North Carolina; two nephews and a great-niece in Colorado. Preceded in death by his parents John Mossholder and Phyllis Mezzano of Ohio; sister Tammy Mossholder of Colorado; maternal grandparents C.L. and Ann Spencer and paternal grandparents Floyd and Ethel Mossholder. Francis leaves behind many brothers and sisters in the Diocese Of Lansing, P.I.M.E. brothers and many individuals he befriended all over the world. Mass of the Christian Burial will take place on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. with a visitation starting at 10:00 A.M. at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Saline, MI. Visitation will take place at the church on Sunday, September 16, 2018 from 3:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. with a Scripture Service at 7:30 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to refresh and update the parish hall and envelopes will be available at the church. To leave a memory you have of Fr. Francis or to sign his guestbook, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Columbarium

910 Austin Road
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Visitation

SEP **16**. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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Scripture Service

SEP 16. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
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Mass of the Christian Burial

SEP 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Luncheon

SEP 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Fr. Francis David Mossholder*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Father Francis! He was an amazing person-- joyful, caring, and loving. Our deepest sympathies to his family. I consider myself blessed to have known him.*

Mary (Butler) Mac - September 16, 2018 at 07:55 PM



“ *Laura Maurer lit a candle in memory of Rev. Fr. Francis David Mossholder*



Laura Maurer - September 16, 2018 at 06:20 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Nancy Gibson - September 16, 2018 at 12:27 PM

FU

Thank you for sharing your son, brother, uncle Fr. Francis with the Church. We are blessed from his service which he always did so joyfully! Peace as you await meeting him in eternal rest in the presence of the King he served so faithfully.

Fuller - May 09, 2021 at 01:47 PM

NR

*“ Rejoicing in eternal life...our joy in Christ Jesus, our elder brother, welcoming Fr. Francis in Love's full embrace.
Noraleen Renauer, emeritus Pastoral Associate 1990-2000*

Noraleen Renauer - September 16, 2018 at 04:36 AM

LG

“ Lynne G lit a candle in memory of Rev. Fr. Francis David Mossholder



lynne g - September 15, 2018 at 03:49 PM

AM

*“ My deepest condolences to the family and friends.
I met Fr. Francis once at St. Andrews church two years ago. He was very welcoming and kind. He will be greatly missed by so many whose lives he touched. RIP Fr. Francis.*

AnitaMerritt



Anita Merritt - September 15, 2018 at 12:33 PM

RM

“ *Richard Martin lit a candle in memory of Rev. Fr. Francis David Mossholder*



Richard Martin - September 15, 2018 at 08:44 AM

RM

“ *I remember when Pope Francis was chosen, and he chose the name Francis, Father Francis said that the new Pope had specifically chosen his name. Richard Martin*

Richard Martin - September 15, 2018 at 08:43 AM

LW

“ *My deepest sympathy to Ann who probably doesn't remember me. My parents lived across the street on Emmett Drive in Mt Vernon when you were growing up. And I baby sat for you all. My parents were Dick and Marie Veatch. I am saddened to see of your brother's passing. He was a good young man but it's been a long time since I've known anything of your family. Please accept my love and prayers for you all. Most sincerely, LouAnn Veatch Wolford*

Lou Ann Veatch Wolford - September 14, 2018 at 02:26 PM

AS

I do remember you..Ann

Ann Johnson sister - September 16, 2018 at 11:24 AM

SR

“ We will miss Father Francis. He welcomed us to St. Andrew's when we moved to Saline two years ago. He was our pastor on two pilgrimages and we got to know him as a humble, approachable servant of God. We saw his sense of humor when he bought his Jerusalem cross in Bethlehem, Palestine and said he had to mortgage his home. Everyone had a good laugh. Even the Christian Palestinian tour guide commented that Fr. Francis was a wonderful priest. We will always remember Father Francis in prayer.

Barbara and Gene Hazelfeldt

Stephen Robison - September 14, 2018 at 11:44 AM

CD

“ Cora And Dick DeLano lit a candle in memory of Rev. Fr. Francis David Mossholder



Cora and Dick DeLano - September 14, 2018 at 10:54 AM

KH

“ One Sunday morning in his wonderful homily at St. Mary Church in Charlotte, MI Fr. Francis asked, "Are you where God wants you to be? Are you doing what God wants you to do?" Those words changed my life! The very next day I tendered my resignation at work and began an incredible journey of faith. Thank you, Fr. Francis! I will remember you always.

Your sister in Christ,

Kathy Hopkins

Kathryn Hopkins - September 14, 2018 at 10:49 AM

JG

“ I was a geeky freshman, with no friends, a long way from home and missing my family terribly. One Sunday afternoon while the basketball team was away from the seminary for a road game, I wandered into the dorm and just sat with Frank (I was the first to start calling him that), Dennis Koltz, Bill Farrand, Chuck Tupta and Damien Dziepak. Thus began the Royal Gluttons Society (long story). They took me in. They made me feel welcomed. That began a friendship that took me through the first three years of my four-year sentence at PIME. I am so saddened to hear that "Frank" is no longer with us. I will cherish every moment that I spent with you, I will miss you terribly and I love you. RIP Heffelmossfingerholder. Say hi to Ma Gert for me. May Carol Barrel sound better than she ever had.

Joseph Goldbach - September 14, 2018 at 09:07 AM

MA

Joe, I'm Matt Shonk. I was at PIME the same time you were. Do you remember? Write me at mshonk@comcast.net if you see this. ~ Matt

Matt - June 18, 2023 at 04:15 PM

HD

“ Herb & Debi Diehr lit a candle in memory of Rev. Fr. Francis David Mossholder



Herb & Debi Diehr - September 14, 2018 at 07:24 AM

WG

“ Linda,my wife and I have many things to share about Fr.Francis...here are two of them...Linda was on the finance council when Fr. Francis came to St. Mary in Charlotte and they became good friends...therefore,when we had our first Pig Palooza fun weekend to raise funds for our school it gave Fr.Francis the chance to have fun with Linda...after a balloon toss,it seems Fr. Francis had a balloon still left in his hand...so,as Linda was only a few feet away,and with her back to Fr.Francis,he said,Linda,and as soon as she turned around he tossed the balloon before she could step to the side to avoid it and it broke against her and they had a great laugh...it was 90 degrees, so the water cooled Linda and dried in about 3 minutes. I would talk to Fr.Francis about his beloved Buckeyes and other sports...so at one of our communal penance service,I went to Fr.Francis and when I got a few feet from him he said "We can't talk about sports today." and we had a great laugh as many people stood in line behind me. Bill and Linda Groleau

William Groleau - September 14, 2018 at 06:35 AM

LF

“ Lowry Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Fr. Francis David Mossholder



Lowry family - September 13, 2018 at 10:42 PM

JB

“ Fr. Francis served us as Pastor of Holy Trinity for several years before moving on to St. Andrews. Always Cheerful, with a booming sermon that was to the point and never needed a microphone. He supported all of our charitable works, and will be missed by our family. I was very glad to hear that he had Celeste and Karen and his sister by his side when he passed. He will be missed.

Joe and Amy Butchart and family.

Joseph T Butchart - September 13, 2018 at 08:26 PM

BD

“ I worked for Father Francis in Charlotte at St. Mary Catholic Church. He was a great friend and I enjoyed our back and forth about my Spartans and his Buckeyes. Rest in peace my friend.

Brad Dow - September 13, 2018 at 08:11 PM

KS

“ Kay E Snowden lit a candle in memory of Rev. Fr. Francis David Mossholder



Kay E Snowden - September 13, 2018 at 07:04 PM

KS

“ I was so sorry to hear about Father Francis. He was previously our priest in Bellevue and Charlotte. He was Pastor for my husband' s funeral in 2012 and said the most kind words. He will be dearly missed. He had a heart of gold and always there when you needed him. RIP Father. (Kay Snowden, St Ann Parish, Bellevue.) Prayers to all the family.

Kay E Snowden - September 13, 2018 at 07:03 PM

MC

“ *God Bless your beautiful soul. Father was a very kind and understanding priest. We will miss him greatly.*

*Our sincerest sympathy,
Bud and Mary Jo Campbell*

mary jo campbell - September 13, 2018 at 02:37 PM

FP

“ *Fr. Mike Petroski lit a candle in memory of Rev. Fr. Francis David Mossholder*



Fr. Mike Petroski - September 13, 2018 at 01:11 PM

FP

“ *When I retired and moved to Saline nearly 3 years ago, Fr. Francis welcomed me to the parish with open arms. I am not "on assignment", just a regular parishioner. He also welcomed me to concelebrate Mass any time I wished. He cared for me when I had open heart surgery in 2016. He was my pastor, and my friend. Although I am stunned and sad at his transition from death to Life, I want to assure his family that we stand in solidarity and prayer with them in their sadness.*

"The Lord bless him and keep him. The Lord make His face to shine upon him. The Lord lift up His countenance to him and give him peace. The Lord bless him and keep him."

Fr. Mike Petroski

Fr. Mike Petroski - September 13, 2018 at 01:08 PM

CW

“ So sorry to hear of Fr. Francis' passing. He was a wonderful priest. Prayers to his family.

Carol Walker - September 13, 2018 at 10:36 AM

RM

“ When we left to move to South Florida, we saw Father Francis after the mass to say goodbye. He has just burned his hand severely and we were so concerned by that. So he said when are you coming back and we said we were not, we're going for good. We all had a chuckle, said our goodbyes and that we would keep him in our prayers. St. Andrews was our home for ten years and even after our move nine month ago we still think of it as home. We have thought of Father often and how his hand healed and after just hearing about his health prayed for him and Father Jim . I miss his laugh every Sunday when we greeted him upon leaving. May he Rest In Peace.



Richard and Diane Massimino - September 13, 2018 at 09:21 AM

LW

“ Father Francis was a member of our family for 38 years, since the time he came to Detroit to study on his way to the priesthood. We shared many events: happily with Baptisms, First Communion, Weddings and birthdays and sadly with health crises and funerals. May the Lord bestow His loving comfort on you. Love, Louise Wright

Louise Wright - September 13, 2018 at 08:11 AM

RK

“ *Father Francis officiated at my daughter and son-in-law's wedding. He gave sacraments to my nephew and niece. He was a great friend to my parish priest of 29 years, Fr. Dan Wheeler. How we will miss him. God be with you always. Rhea and Neal Kupisz.*

Rhea O'Toole Kupisz - September 13, 2018 at 01:03 AM



“ *Deepest condolences to the family and many friends throughout the world of Fr. Francis. He was a blessing to all of us who knew him, especially our parish family at St Andrew. His quick wit, easy going manner and welcoming personality will be sorely missed and never forgotten. God Speed, Fr. Francis!
Chuck and Jean Lesch*

Chuck Lesch - September 12, 2018 at 08:43 PM

LS

“ *Lynn Strach lit a candle in memory of Rev. Fr. Francis David Mossholder*



Lynn Strach - September 12, 2018 at 07:14 PM

SS

“ *St. Andrew Office Staff lit a candle in memory of Rev. Fr. Francis David Mossholder*



St. Andrew Office Staff - September 12, 2018 at 05:11 PM

EB

Several times I joked with him about Michigan & Ohio State football and hoping for a good game. I was born in Ohio and live in Michigan....I couldn't lose... we always laughed.

Ed Benko - September 17, 2018 at 09:15 AM

RH

We are members of another local parish but attend Mass at St. Andrew from time to time. We always appreciated his ability to clearly convey the Christian message. He was a wonderful servant of the Lord and his decision to become a priest made a big difference in the lives of many. Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord.

Richard Hendricks - September 17, 2018 at 02:29 PM