

# The Rev. Msgr. James E. White

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Mamaroneck - Monsignor James E. White was born September 9, 1947 in Rock Hill, South Carolina. At the age of 7 he moved with his family to

New York City where he attended Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and Grammar School on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. He attended Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx and Iona College in New Rochelle, NY where he felt called by God to enter the Congregation of Christian Brothers taking the religious name Brother Raphael. While at Iona he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Arts Degree in Spanish. As a member of the Congregation of Christian Brothers he was assigned to teach at Rice High School and Power Memorial Academy in Manhattan and then to Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, Rhode Island. Although very happy and successful as a teacher, Brother Raphael felt a calling to the Priesthood and in 1979 entered Saint Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, NY. He was ordained a priest at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on November 5, 1983 by Bishop Joseph O'Keefe, Auxiliary Bishop of New York. His first assignment as a priest was at Saints Clement and Michael Parish on Staten Island. He then returned to his Alma Mater, Cardinal Hayes High School, where he served as Dean of Students. He served as Parochial Vicar at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, New York City and then as Pastor of Saint Mary's Parish in Newburgh, NY. In October 1995 Pope John Paul II named Father White a Prelate of Honor with the title "Monsignor". In 1996 he was appointed Rector of the Saint John Neumann College Seminary in Riverdale, NY. Monsignor White served as Secretary to the late Cardinal John O'Connor, Archbishop of New York until January 2000 when he was appointed Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in the Bronx, NY. His final assignment was as Pastor of Saint Vito's-Most Holy Trinity Parish in Mamaroneck, NY since 2009. Monsignor White was predeceased by his mother Helen, his brother Harold and his sister Louise. He is survived by his brothers Eric and Lavern and his sisters Elizabeth and Brenda as well as his nieces and nephews. On Tuesday December 17, 2019 at 1:00PM Monsignor White's body will be received at Saint Vito's-Most Holy Trinity Church with a wake continuing until 7PM. Mass of the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7PM Tuesday by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Gerardo Colacicco, Auxiliary Bishop of

New York. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday December 18, 2019 at 10AM by His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York. Interment will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla, NY. Arrangements are being conducted by Coxe & Graziano Funeral Home in Mamaroneck, (914) 698-5968.

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## MEMORIAL EVENTS

### DEC Wake

**17** 01:00 - 07:00 PM

Saint Vito's-Most Holy Trinity Church



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### DEC Funeral Mass

**17** 07:00 PM

Saint Vito's-Most Holy Trinity Church



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**DEC** Mass of Christian Burial

**18** 10:00 AM

Saint Vito's-Most Holy Trinity Church

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January 29, 2020

Father White will forever be in our prayers. He was a wonderful, spiritual and gentle priest with so many great stories. Whenever we invited him to dinner he always requested ham with raisin sauce. We had great conversations. He and my husband were the same age, only 3 days apart. His dry sense of humor is something we will never forget. May Monsignor White rest in peace. This news was a shock to us.

#### **Carol Hatcher**

December 15, 2019

Fr. Jim as we called him during his tenure at St Mary's in Newburgh, was an elegant, gentle man and friend. His homily's were were amazing, he could say more in three sentences than most could in 15 minutes. My husband and son were privileged to serve mass with him. We so enjoyed his presence in our home and at our table. Each year, I think of you in a special way as I hang the beautiful ornament you gave on the Christmas tree. Sending love and prayers.

#### **Rosalie DeLuca**