

## Rev. Richard J. Welch

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Funeral services for the **Rev. Richard J. Welch**, 71, a native of Adams who died early Wednesday morning in Grant Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, will be Monday afternoon at 3 in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Adams.

Fr. **Welch**, who served at Holy Cross Church in Columbus, died after a short illness.

The service will be a concelebrated pontifical High Mass of Requiem. The Most **Rev. Christopher J. Weldon**, Bishop of Springfield, will be celebrant, assisted by the **Rev. William H. Smith**, pastor of St. Francis Church, North Adams, the **Rev. Thomas F. Curran** of St. Joseph Church, Pittsfield, the **Rev. Francis Rupprecht** of St. Mary's Church, Uxbridge, the **Rev. John J. Foley** of St. Charles Church, Pittsfield, a classmate of the deceased, the **Rev. Joseph A. Lussier**, pastor of Notre Dame Church, North Adams, and the **Rev. Timothy J. Champoux**, pastor of St. Thomas, who will also deliver the eulogy.

The body will be transported to the church at 9 o'clock Monday morning to lie in state until the funeral.

Burial will be in the family plot in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours at the McBride Funeral Home, Adams, will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.