

## Reverend Monsignor William F. Fitzgerald

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**R**ev. Msgr. William F. Fitzgerald TRENTON - Rev. Msgr. William F. Fitzgerald, P.A., J.C.D., (86) passed away Monday, January 13, 2014 at St. Francis Medical Center,

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Seminary, Baltimore and Catholic University of America, Washington DC, from which he received a doctorate in Canon Law. He was ordained to the Priesthood by the Most Reverend George W. Ahr, Bishop of Trenton, on June 28, 1950. In the course of his long

and exemplary service in the Diocese of Trenton, Msgr. Fitzgerald served in several parish ministries. He served as Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Trenton (1967-1973) and Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, West Trenton (1973-2011). He held significant posts of leadership and administration in the Diocese of Trenton as Chancellor as well as Vicar General. Among the many ways he served the people in the Diocese was through his membership on the Board of Trustees of Morris Hall-St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center, Lawrenceville, and St. Peter's Hospital, New Brunswick. On three occasions Msgr. Fitzgerald was recognized by His Holiness, the Pope, for his outstanding contributions to the Church. On October 5, 1963 he was appointed a Papal Chamberlain with the title of Reverend Monsignor; on September 15, 1977 he was promoted to the rank of Prelate of Honor of His Holiness and on December 11, 1983 he was given the rare honor of being named a Protonotary Apostolic. Throughout his ministry as a Priest, Msgr. Fitzgerald served the people of the Diocese of Trenton with great distinction in his many pastoral and administrative assignments. He was a model of Christian love and commitment. The Rite of Reception will be on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 137 W Upper Ferry RD, West Trenton. Visitation will follow until 7 p.m. when the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., Bishop of Trenton. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, South Amboy, will be Saturday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to Villa Vianney, 2301 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville NJ 08648. Arrangements are under the direction of the M. William Murphy Funeral Home, 935 Parkway Ave., Ewing NJ 08618. Please visit [www.murphyfh.com](http://www.murphyfh.com) for additional information.

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27 Entries

Still missing you Monsignor- but I know you're in heaven, surrounded by loved ones- you'll always be in my heart and prayers!

## Jennifer DeGregory

Acquaintance

January 8, 2021







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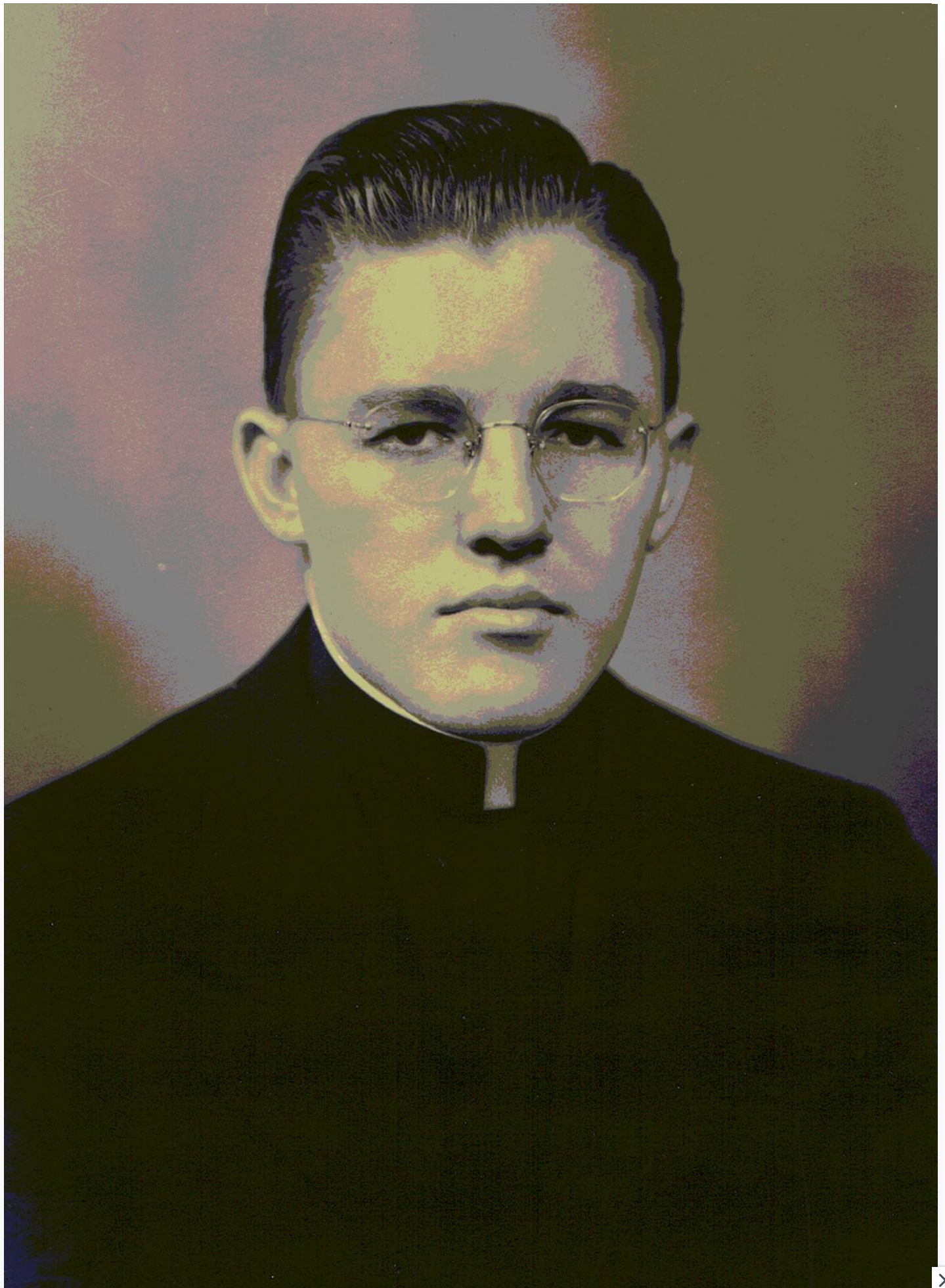




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Bill Fitzgerald was a wonderful man! He was devoted to "God's calling" and his parish. He was supportive to all who needed him. Bill was also devoted to his family, especially his sister, Sr. Marian (Marianne) Fitzgerald - who stood by his side, especially helping him through the last 1-1/2 years of health and physical challenges. I also looked up to Bill, as my oldest 1st cousin, visiting him with my parents in DC when he was a student at Catholic University. He would often have dinner with us when he was a student at St. Charles College in Catonsville, Maryland, since we lived just down the street. His father (Uncle Bill) and my Aunt Anne were so very proud of their son's accomplishments, as was the rest of the family. He graciously visited my parents for their 50th wedding anniversary (Sept 1989); and eight months later, officiated at my dad's funeral (Howard Fitzgerald - May 12, 1990) when he recounted family memories with good humor. How fortunate my mother (Constance Fitzgerald) visited him at Villa Vianney in Trenton with my husband and myself in recent years, when he was so proud of the retirement home he helped build! From all the comments we heard at his funeral, Fr. Bill was well loved and respected - from the families in his Parish, to the Bishop of Trenton! May we all remember Fr. William Fitzgerald as an exceptional administrator, caring priest, and humble, loving man.

**Constance Robinson**

February 16, 2014

Farewell to a kind and devoted Priest. I have fond memories from all our years at Our Lady of Good Council. May your soul rest in the loving peace of our Lord and Savior.

**Kris**

January 19, 2014

My dearest Sister Marian, I am so saddened over Monsignor's passing. I was blessed to have known him and it was a great privilege to care for him. He will always hold a special place in my heart. He was an inspiration with his strength, his character and his wonderful sense of humor. I can still see him grinning ear-to-ear at the mention of tira misu! Oh, how I will miss him! May God bless the

both of you and may flights of angels lead Monsignor to his rest. - Catherine Kostrzewa, RN

January 19, 2014

Our thoughts and love are with you, Sr. Marian. We are honored to be a part of your family. We will always remember our time with you and the Monsignor at Grandpop's. The Monsignor exemplifies the very best of the Catholic church.

**Paul and Lori Soltis**

January 19, 2014

We were deeply saddened by the news of Monsignor Bill's passing. We are truly sorry for your loss. Monsignor Bill will be missed dearly and we will cherish our fond memories of him forever. May his soul rest in peace.

**Monica and Emmie**

January 19, 2014

You were the priest of my childhood and you also married me. Your homilies brought me great comfort during my childhood and helped me develop a strong faith. May your soul be happy and at peace in heaven where Jesus will welcome you with a big hug and say "well done my good and faithful servant"! Thank you for everything!

**jennifer**

January 18, 2014

Sister Marian,  
Please know I am keeping you in my prayers. You were a wonderful sister to your brother.  
May God continue to bless you and keep you.

**Carolyn Lewis-Spruill**

January 17, 2014





**Kath Burkert**

January 16, 2014



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" Fr Fitz." is a part of my memories from ewrkiest chikdhood through to officiating my wedding and baptizing my children. At times, people will scoff at those of us who remain practicing Catholics but I always push back. " I was fortunate to know and grow up with Priests and Sisters who represented all that is meaningful and important about the Cathiolic Church. They showed me what it means to be Catholic. ". And always, when I say this, I am thinking of Monsignor.

Janet Dillione Connor

January 16, 2014

May you rest in peace, and be joyful with The Lord.

**Rosemarie and Thomas Buker**

January 15, 2014

My deepest sympathy in the loss of Msgr. Fitzgerald. What a beautiful Priest and a asset to the Diocese. It was always such a joy to see Monsignor at any services. He joins many of his classmates who have also gone to their Eternal reward. May he now rest in peace. God Bless You All.  
Chaplain, Mercer County Vets Council

**Walter P. Kramarz**

January 15, 2014

My heart is broken to hear that Monsignor has gone to the other side of life. He was the kindest man, a good and holy priest, and just a beautiful person. I first met him at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. The times he and I had will remain in my heart forever. He had the most beautiful, Irish smile. He and his loved ones are in my prayers.

**Brigid Macellis**

January 15, 2014

Sr. Marion I am so sorry for your loss. You took good care of him. You are in my prayers.

**Marianne Pollock**

January 15, 2014

Msgr. You were an inspiration to many of us....thank you for all you did. My respect and admiration always!

**Fr- Caesar Rubiano**

January 15, 2014

It can be so hard to face the new year without your loved one, but the love of family and friends can carry you through.

**Ps. 34:17, 18 ~ Kim**

January 15, 2014

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