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# Fr. Joseph E. Feltz

July 23, 1953 ~ September 26, 2021 (age 68)



## Services

### Visitation

Thursday

September 30, 2021

2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Raisley Funeral Home and Cremation  
Services

387 Main St.

Prospect, PA 16052

### Visitation

Friday

October 1, 2021

2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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Rev. Joseph Edward Feltz, age 68, of Butler, beloved retired Priest of St Christopher At The Lake Roman Catholic Church of Prospect, passed away on Sunday, September 26, 2021 in the Butler Memorial Hospital following an illness.

Born July 23, 1953 in McKeesport, PA; he was the son of the late Joseph M. and Thelma Sandusky Feltz.

He attended Holy Trinity School, and then graduated from Serra High School in 1971. He obtained his BA from Duquesne University in 1975, an MA in Theology from Mount Saint Mary's in 1979.

Rev. Joseph E. Feltz was ordained into the Catholic priesthood on September 29, 1979. He served the Lord at numerous parishes in the Pittsburgh Diocese, where he cherished his parishioners, enjoyed working with Catholic Priest friends, working with other denominational Pastors in his communities, and friendships he made with many friends along the way. In 2010, he moved to Prospect, and was the Priest at St Christopher At The Lake Roman Catholic Church until his retirement in 2018. Father Joe enjoyed Mass, Holidays, Church Festivals, and time with his family and Church families. Father Joe was loved for his caring soul and was told many times that families returned to church because of his devoted Ministry.

In addition, he was CCD Deanery Director at the Washington East Deanery from February 1995 until July of 2004. He also served as a Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus from 1992 until 2010.

Father Joe loved his mother Thelma, he also leaned and prayed on Mother Mary for advice and strength. He was a pristine collector of many things. Many would refer to his residence as his Museum because he loved collecting coins and stamps; also religious, Civil War and Indian artifacts. He enjoyed cooking, especially Slovak dishes, watching Svengoolie on Saturday nights, and sitting on his porch with a good cigar and a little sip of scotch.

Joseph is survived by his brother Dennis M Feltz; his nieces: Laura (Sean) Feltz Griffith, Mary (Eric) Feltz, and Beth (Tony) Fleming; nine grand nieces and nephews; and many cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death his stepfather Larry Riazzi, his brother Vincent "Buddy" Feltz, and his nephew D.J. Feltz.

**Mass of Christian Burial**

**Saturday**

**October 2, 2021**

10:00 AM

St. Michaels Greek Ukrainian Catholic Church (Hansen Ave)  
610 Hansen Ave  
Butler, PA 16001

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**Graveside Service**

**Tuesday**

**October 5, 2021**

11:00 AM

Corpus Christi

Port Vue, PA

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Visitation will be on Thursday, 9/30/21 from 2pm to 7pm and on Friday, 10/01/21 from 2pm to 7pm at the Raisley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, pc., 387 Main Street, Prospect, PA.

Funeral Mass will be Saturday, October 2, 2021, 10am at St. Michael's Greek Ukrainian Catholic Church, 610 Hansen Ave., Butler; with Fr. Pastor Douglas J. Lorange officiating.

Graveside interment service will be on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 11am at the Calvary Cemetery, 510 Dersam Street, Port Vue, Pa 15133.

For more information or to leave an online tribute, please visit [www.raisleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.raisleyfuneralhome.com)

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## Guest Book



**Expression of Sympathy**

May 18, 2022 11:27 AM

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A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Fr. Joseph E. Feltz.

Message from **Jane Bercik**

October 21, 2021 11:36 AM

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*Fr. Joe married me and baptized both my children at St. Annes church, back in 1988.  
We loved him so much*

Message from **Maria Magone**

October 16, 2021 2:16 PM

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*Father Joe was a good and wonderful priest, beloved by his parishioners. In his church he created a vibrant and joyful Christian community in which everyone felt happy and included. We have so many fond memories of Father Joe: just a few are of his many acts of kindness; of his wonderful smile; of the many "good works" projects and activities like the Festa, always going on; and of his beautiful, joyful singing -- Ave Maria was one of our favorites! We will miss him greatly.*

Message from **Rita Yasinsky**

October 4, 2021 8:23 PM

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*Rest in peace Fr. Joe. You were a fine priest and you helped me greatly when my husband passed away.*

*Rita Yasinsky and family*

Message from **Tamara Coates**

October 2, 2021 8:57 PM

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*It saddened me to hear about your passing. You had an amazing heart and I will be forever grateful for having the chance to know you.*



A candle was lit by **Lou Pocchiari** on October 1, 2021 12:47 PM

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My friendship with Fr Joe began in 1984, when he was Transferred to St Paul's Church in Butler from his first assignment in Midland, Pa. Msgr Glenn was Pastor at St Paul's then Fr Feltz became very involved the Blue Army, the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and the Holy Name Society, which he resurrected. He asked my family to help him with the Epiphany Blessing of Homes, and we drove him all over Butler, Blessing Homes for the Epiphany Season. He had a great love and Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary Fr Joe brought back the May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although he was only at St Paul's for 2 years, and part of that time was on Medical leave for surgery on his jaw, Fr Joe touched many people's lives. When he became Pastor os St Christopher's in Prospect, Pa in 2010, it was so nice to see him again, go to Church dinners and Festivals, and attend his Saturday Vigil Mass after working at the Prospect Library.

May his Memory be Eternal and may Perpetual Light Shine upon him. Love, HUGS and Prayers from Mr Lou Pocchiari and Family.

### Expression of Sympathy

September 30, 2021 2:28 PM

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Among the clouds basket was purchased for the family of Fr. Joseph E. Feltz.

*Forever in our hearts,  
Love  
Cousins Wayne & Sue*

### Message from **Patty**

September 30, 2021 9:41 AM

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*Rest In Peace Father Joe. My prayers to you and your family.*

Message from **Tracy Leigh R Manecke**

September 29, 2021 9:06 PM

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*Deepest Sympathy from the family of the late Frank W. Cominsky, Sr., daughter Constance, and brothers Ronald, and the late brothers Bernard and Frank Jr. and families.*



**Expression of Sympathy**

September 29, 2021 2:39 PM

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Dear to us was purchased for the family of Fr. Joseph E. Feltz.



**Expression of Sympathy**

September 29, 2021 1:36 PM

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Purple radiance was purchased for the family of Fr. Joseph E. Feltz by Laura Feltz Griffith .

*Love, La, Sean & the boys*  
*Laura Feltz Griffith*

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🌳 A tree was also planted in memory of Fr. Joseph E. Feltz.

Message from **Suzanne Antonelli Plesha**

September 29, 2021 10:56 AM

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*Fr. Joe was bigger than life ... so was his . He consoled my family after my fathers death on St. Padre Pios Feast day. He accompanied us to Italy, in 2006, where he sang Ave Maria before dinner in Assisi. He will be remembered and loved as the earthy, generous, loving Priest he was ... at St. Anthony, in Monongahela. He was a Monument to the Love of God ... in each of us. My mother kept his address on her bathroom wall, and would ask how he was. God Bless the family that loved and nurtured him. St. MARY Magdalene was waiting for you.*

Message from **Jodi McLaughlin**

September 29, 2021 6:39 AM

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*Father joe you will be dearly missed you were like family my grandma worked for you and i served with you on the alter you loved having people around always went to your place to hang out with you and buddy. Love you jodi McLaughlin*

Message from **Sandy Donohue**

September 29, 2021 6:22 AM

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*When my son Shane passed away, I would have totally lost my mind without Father Joe's help, with much praying with me, and for us..RIP you will be missed..*

Message from **Fr. Pastor Douglas J. Lorance**

September 28, 2021 10:15 PM

*The Parish family of St. Michael Greek Catholic Church would like to offer their prayers for Fr. Joseph Feltz as we remember him. The Parish would like also to offer our heartfelt sympathy for his family and all who will miss him. We pray that you may find comfort and strength in your loss and that you may find hope that Christ brings to all who suffer the loss of a loved one.*

*Blessed is our God, always, now, and forever, Amen.*

*With the souls of the righteous made perfect in faith, give rest to the soul of your servant Priest Joseph.*

*In blessed repose grant eternal rest, O Lord, to your ever-remembered servant Priest Joseph, and make his memory eternal! Amen.*

*The Parish Family of St. Michaels Greek Catholic Church ~ Fr. Pastor Douglas J. Lorance*

Message from **Hermit David**

September 28, 2021 9:55 PM

*Eternal rest grant to your priest servant Joseph, O Lord and make his memory eternal! With the Saints give rest, O Christ to the soul of thy servant priest Joseph, where There is neither sickness, nor sorrow, Nor sighing, but life everlasting. You are immortal, who created and fashioned man out of earth. For out of earth we mortals are made, and unto earth shall we return again, May you priest Joseph find rest! May your memory be eternal! Amen*

*My heartfelt condolences on the passing of our beloved Fr. Joseph. It is a great comfort to me as his friend to know he was in the full sacraments of the Church. His passing reminds me of his namesake Saint Joseph. He died in his sleep on the feast of the passing of St. John the Apostle who was beloved by Jesus. I will be praying for all, his family, his friends, his faithful beloved. I will be having many masses said at my Parish for him. I welcome all to join me as we offer prayers for his soul. Priest Joseph lives in our hearts just like Jesus! My he Rest In Peace.~ Hermit David*



**Expression of Sympathy**

September 28, 2021 6:28 PM

A tranquil light was purchased for the family of Fr. Joseph E. Feltz by The Laughlin Girls.

*A lifetime of memories of Uncle Joey will forever be cherished and remain in our hearts!*

*Love always,  
The Laughlin Girls*

Message from **Linda Green**

September 28, 2021 5:23 PM

*Father Joe... You will be dearly missed. We have had many great memories with you as you will always be a family member to us.. Say hi to dad for us...and will always remember the Cliff walk in Rhode Island your favorite vacation spot as well as your favorite restaurant The Caspian in RHode IIsand..Enjoy many momma moonbeams with everyone in Heaven..Fly high and soar like an eagle..Love you my Friend...Linda Green and famly*

Message from **Claudine Kotomski**

September 28, 2021 5:18 PM

*Father Joe you will be sadly missed. Remembering the good times working with you at St. Christopher's festivals and Celebrating your last 2 birthdays at your house in Butler with several parishoners. May you fly high with the angels and say hello to Ron Kotomski and Buddy your brother as well as your otherfamily members. God Rest your soul. Claudine Kotomski*



**A Memorial Tree was planted for Fr. Joseph E. Feltz**

September 28, 2021 3:40 PM

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Raisley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, PC  
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree (</obituary//1067363/memorial-tree>)



