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## Peter Scagnelli Obituary

Rev. Dr. Peter J. Scagnelli, 68, died on July 12, 2017 at his home surrounded by family and friends. He faced his cancer diagnosis peacefully with prayerful hope. Born in Framingham, he was the son of the late Henry W. and Valeria "Dixie" (Meneghini) Scagnelli. Fr. Peter graduated Carmelite Junior Seminary High School in Hamilton, MA. He received his B.A. from the University of Connecticut in 1971 and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Fr. Peter entered St. John Seminary in Brighton, received his M.Div. and was ordained for the Providence Diocese in 1976. He lived with St. Anselm Abbey for a time and later continued his studies at St. John's Seminary and earned his M.A. in 1995. Fr. Peter achieved his Doctorate in Theology from Boston University in 2003. As a sophomore at UConn in 1968, Peter began translating Latin texts into English for the International Committee for English in the Liturgy (ICEL). This association with ICEL continued for thirty years as a translator and later as an author. From the early 1980's through 2001 Fr. Peter was consultant and author for Liturgy Training Publications (LTP). He became associated with World Library Publications (WLP) and J.S. Paluch Company in 2003. He has written homily helps, prayers, hymn texts and translations. Peter also worked as a disk jockey at WHUS and later at WILI in Willimantic, CT. He is survived by his sister: Diane T. Scagnelli, many cousins and friends, and his cat Rex. In accordance with his family's wishes, there are no public funeral home visiting hours. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday July 19 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Tarcisius Church, 562 Waverly Street, (Rte. 135) Framingham. Burial will follow in the family lot at St. Tarcisius Cemetery, Framingham. Kindly omit flowers. Instead, please consider a memorial gift in Fr. Peter's name to either: St. Tarcisius Parish, c/o St. Tarcisius Rectory, 35 Cedar Street, Framingham, MA. 01702 or to: The MetroWest Humane Society, 30 Pond Street, Ashland, MA. 01721. Boyle Bros. Funeral Home of Framingham is assisting with arrangements.

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## Memories and Condolences for Peter Scagnelli

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**Mike and Annie Procopio** July 10, 2024

Still missing Fr. Peter. Excellent priest and dear friend. We will remember him in our family Rosary tonight. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord..."

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Still miss Fr. peter dearly. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest In peace. Amen.

[↗ Share](#)**Joan Toone** July 1, 2019[See More](#)[↗ Share](#)**David Howells** January 23, 2019

Not sure what drew me to check up on Peter today but it has been many years since I saw him. I was sad to come upon the obituary. I got to know Peter in the summer of 1973 when he spent the summer at Marblehead's Star of the Church as a resident Seminarian. We remained friends for many years after. My condolences to Peter's family and friends.

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**Father Angel** March 5, 2018

Fr.Peter purchased many books from my collection. He was a fine man. Requiscant in Pace Rev Father.Fr. Christopher Angel IHM

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**James Ignatius McAuley** August 30, 2017

Father Peter was a great guy and the source of many books, especially Short Breviaries (he was the King of the Short Breviary) and Collegeville Breviaries. He was a great friend who always was a great Catholic. More Orthodox than most conservatives and liberal, but not progressive - a true son of Mary and friend of saints. A wonderful priest and survivor of the turmoil of Vatican II. Little known, but a true fact is that he was a champion of the Anglican Use

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I will recite the Office of the Dead from my 1964 Collegeville Breviary for Peter, which I purchased from him.

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I love you Peter and miss you here on earth. I look forward to seeing you in Heaven.



**Michael Trahar** August 2, 2017

Diane,  
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I never met your brother but I'm sure he was wonderful man. I wish you well and again I'm very sorry for your loss.  
Mike Trahar from (JJ Brady)

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July 29, 2017

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Fr. Peter. He was remarkable preacher and a dear friend when he served in Rhode Island. God rest his soul. Peace to his family.  
Linda Doran

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**Mark DeCollibus** July 22, 2017

Diane, I am so sorry for your loss. All our love and prayers, Mark and Jean DeCollibus

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**James Olson** July 19, 2017

I am so very sorry to hear this news. Peter was a teacher, mentor and a friend when I was at BU, and I am very sad. He will be remembered in my personal prayers this week.

The Rev. Dr. James J. Olson, OCC  
Chicago, IL

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**Colin Rice** July 19, 2017

Fr. Peter, known to his radio fans as "Tom Lyons" brought his energy and enthusiasm to the world of contemporary radio on Good Company 14/WILI in Willimantic. He made all of us in the radio station and the Rice family smile and laugh. Colin K. Rice, Exec. Vice-President, Nutmeg Broadcasting Company.

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**Anne Procopio** July 19, 2017

Fr. Peter was the best! He taught the ;Faith In word and action. He was much loved and will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.  
With love, The Procopio Family

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**Patty Ball** July 18, 2017

Diane, My brother and I will never forget the beautiful eulogy Peter did for my mom. As your mom always said, you were my very first friend and Peter was Michaels. Your family will always have a place in my heart. Love, Patty (Kaslosky) Ball

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**Herman and Eunice Bishop** July 18, 2017

Fr. Peter contributed greatly to the early formation of the East Bay Youth Ministry in Riverside, R.I.. He was a holy Priest, friend and mentor. Be at pease with the God you so greatly loved dear friend.  
Herman and Eunice Bishop

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 July 18, 2017

A man of many talents. He was one of the best DJ's I ever worked with. And we had many fun days at Fenway.

Wayne Norman

WILI/Willimantic, CT

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 **Fr. Christopher Phillips** July 17, 2017

Fr. Peter was the single greatest influence on my spiritual life, and was instrumental in my entering into full communion with the Catholic Church. I owe him more than I could ever have repaid, and he will always be in my prayers. I know he is praying for us.

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 **Cynthia Laurora** July 16, 2017

Father Scagnelli was a brilliant theologian, had a great sense of humor and always kept the congregation transfixed by his sermons when he was a guest priest. He had a humble touch, but was far from ordinary. May he enjoy the glow of God's loving care.

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