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Rev. Richard J. Carrington, Jr.

May 2, 1951 ~ November 22, 2023 (age 72)

Services

Visitation

Monday

November 27, 2023

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church

300 Central Ave

Mountainside, NJ 07092

Vigil Service

Monday

November 27, 2023

7:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church

300 Central Ave

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Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday

November 28, 2023

10:30 AM

Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church

300 Central Ave

Mountainside, NJ 07092

Interment

Tuesday

November 28, 2023

Maryrest Cemetery

770 Darlington Ave.

Mahwah, NJ 07430

Rev. Richard J. Carrington, Jr., 72, born to eternal life on November 22, 2023.

Visitation will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside on Monday, November 27, 2023 from 4 to 8 PM. A Vigil Service will be held at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 10:30 AM at the church. Interment will follow at Maryrest Cemetery in Mahwah.

Fr. Richard graduated from Seton Hall University and continued on to the Immaculate Conception Seminary and was ordained on May 29, 1976.

A Catholic Priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, Fr. Richard dedicated his life to service in the Catholic Church and touched countless lives in the following parishes: SS Joseph and Michael in Union City, where he also served as Pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle in Bloomfield, St. John the Baptist in Jersey City, St. Joseph of the Palisades in West New York, Our Lady of Grace/St. Joseph in Hoboken, where he also served as Pastor and Our Lady of Lourdes in Mountainside, from where he retired as Pastor.

In addition, he served in the US Navy as a Chaplain for 20 years, retiring as a Commander.

Fr. Richard was predeceased by his parents, the late Richard and Genevieve Carrington.

He is survived by his sister, Jeanne Carrington and her husband Brian Keane of Toms River, his nieces, Kaitlin Carrington Keane and her husband, David O'Flanagan of London, England and Elizabeth Anne Keane and her husband, Conor White of New York City and his grandniece Ripley Orla O'Flanagan Keane.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Fr. Richard's memory to Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Ave., South Orange, NJ 07079

Arrangements have been entrusted to Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Ave., Westfield. www.higginsandbonner.com (<http://www.higginsandbonner.com>)

Guest Book

Message from **Zackary Kisciras**

December 6, 2023 11:47 AM

Fr. Richard was the pastor at my church, Our Lady of Lourdes in Mountainside, NJ starting from when I was in middle school until about halfway through my time in college when he retired. I served as an altar server for Fr. Richard for all the years that he was a pastor at OLL, and he was a great mentor and teacher to me about the Catholic faith and life overall. He took his position as a priest seriously and always performed his duties with respect and diligence. As altar servers he always made sure that we understood our jobs and took them seriously. Under his direction, we as altar servers were able to learn more about the mass itself, and how to truly master the task of serving the mass. During his time as priest at OLL, I was also a student in the religious education program and after making my confirmation served as a volunteer in the program along with my mom. Something that I always appreciated was how Father Richard would consistently show up every week before the religious education classes and talk with everyone about what was happening in the church and teach important faith lessons along with some funny jokes. I had to go back to school and didn't have the opportunity to serve at his funeral mass unfortunately but felt it was right to add this tribute to the obituary. I will always miss having Father Richard around OLL and hearing him yell from the sacristy for me to "get dolled up" to serve when he would see me walk into the church for a mass. Attached is a picture of me with Fr. Richard after his last mass at OLL in June 2021. I send my condolences to his sister and all of his family.

Message from **Richard A Watson**

November 26, 2023 4:22 PM

My son, Peter Damien Watson, had a true friend in Father Richard. Peter, who is severely handicapped physically and developmentally by Down Syndrome, would always sit right up in the front row at Mass, and he would wave to or shake hands with parishioners, as they returned to their pew from Holy Communion. Father called him the "Mayor of the 9:30 Mass"! Peter and his family will remember Father Carrington in our prayers together.

Message from **Rev. Andrew Calandriello +**

November 25, 2023 3:03 AM

Father Rich was assigned to me as my "Little Brother" when he entered Seton Hall. He was such a good and pleasant soul with a Hardy and infectious laugh. He had quite a journey with his priesthood and many lives have been touched by him and made the better because of him. Reverend Andrew Calandriello+

