

## Fr. James J. Rosch: Clergy Credibly Accused of Sexual Misconduct With a Minor

### Fr. James J. Rosch



**Ordained: 1972**

**Assignments:**

- 1973-1978: St. Joseph, Scotia, NY (ALB)
- 1979-1981: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Gloversville, NY (ALB)
- 1982: Unassigned, Albany, NY (ALB) 2000-2002 St. Joseph, Fort Edward, NY (ALB)
- 1983-1984: St. Paul the Apostle, Troy, NY (ALB) 2003-2019 Unknown
- 1985-1995: St. Madeleine Sophie, Guilderland, NY (ALB)
- 1996-1997: Our Lady of the Annunciation, Queensbury, NY (ALB)
- 1998-1999: Unknown

In 2002, Fr. James J. Rosch was removed from ministry in the Diocese of Albany following credible allegations that he sexually abused a teenage boy in Schenectady, New York. Fr. Rosch claimed he was removed from ministry because he had fondled a 17-year-old girl when he was 23 years old, prior to his ordination. The Diocese refuted his claim, and said, "If that were the case, he would have never been removed." The Diocese has paid settlements to at least one of Fr. Rosch's survivors. Fr. Rosch is listed on the Diocese of Albany's lists of "Clergy Credibly Accused While Serving in the Diocese of Albany." Fr. Rosch's status as a priest, his whereabouts, and whether he has access to children are unknown.

**Note from BishopAccountability.org:** The Official Catholic Directory aims to report the whereabouts of Catholic priests in the United States on January 1 of the Directory's publication year. Our working assumption is that a priest listed in the Directory for a given year was at the same assignment for part of the previous year as well. However, Kmc;o and Sons will sometimes accept updates well into the year of publication. Diocesan clergy records are rarely available to correct this information. The Directory is also sometimes misleading or wrong. The above assignment record shows Directory years, therefore 1973-1978 reflects 1972-1978, 1979-1981 reflects 1978-1981, and so on.