

Rev. James Tamburrino, O.Carm. – Assignment History

Summary of Case: James Tamburrino was ordained for the Order of the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel (Carmelites) in 1998. There are indications that he worked with the Carmelite missions in Peru prior to ordination. In the late 1990s he was assigned to St. Simon Stock parish in the Bronx.

Tamburrino was accused in a March 2000 lawsuit, along with three St. Simon Stock priests, of having sexually abused a teenage boy during 1996-1998. The boy was working as a secretary in the parish rectory where he said the priests plied him with alcohol and "gay child porn," paid him for sexual favors, had him watch them perform group masturbation, then threatened to harm him if he told. The boy and his family reported the alleged abuse to the archdiocese and the Carmelites in 1999; they said they were pressured to sign a release. All four priests were transferred out of St. Simon Stock the same year. Tamburrino was assigned as chaplain to a psychiatric center while residing at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown NY. The alleged victim claimed he was receiving anonymous harassing phone calls which led him to fear for his life and move out of state. After news reports about the case in June 2001, Tamburrino was suspended from ministry. He continued to be supported by his Order through at least 2002.

Tamburrino was living in Rome, NY in July 2005 when he was arrested for taking erotic photos of a 15-year-old boy at a Rome hotel, and approaching another teen boy for the same purpose. He was convicted in March 2006 and sentenced in June 2006 to 5-15 years in state prison. He is a registered NY State Level 2 Sex Offender.

Ordained: 1998



Start	Stop	Assignments	Town/ Allegations	State/ Country	Position	Notes
Pre-1993			• May have	Peru		

1993	1995	Pope John Paul II High School	been disciplined for sexual misconduct while in Peru. Boca Raton	FL	Teacher	
1996	1999	St. Simon Stock	New York (Bronx) Accused in a March 2000 lawsuit, along with three other St. Simon Stock priests, of the sexual abuse of a teenage boy during 1996-1998. The other priests were pastor Ruben Rodriguez, Esteban Rodriguez and John Albino. The boy was working as a secretary in the rectory when he allegedly was paid by the priests for sexual favors. He said he was plied with alcohol and	NY		This assignment is per news reports. Tamburrino in not indexed before the 1999 <i>Directory</i>, nor is he listed in the New York pages as at St. Simon Stock or as at his next assignment. The <i>Directories</i> show his ordination year as 1998. The boy and his family said they reported abuse by the three priests in 1999 to the archdiocese and to Carmelite superiors and that they were pressured to sign a release. All four priests were transferred out of St. Simon Stock in 1999. The lawsuit was eventually settled.

			"gay child pornography," that he witnessed the priests engage in group masturbation, and that he was threatened with harm if he told. He claimed, too, to have been receiving anonymous harrasing phone calls which led him to fear for his life and move out of state.			
1999	June 2001	Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Center	Middletown	NY	chaplain	The St. Simon Stock allegations became public in June 2001 ; Tamburrino was subsequently removed from this assignment and suspended by his Order.
1999 Archdiocese of New York Archbishop was	2002	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Middletown • Tamburrino was arrested in September 2002 and charged with the aggravated harassment and stalking of an upstate New York man and his family. The two had met at a	NY	6/7, 5/6 In residence.	Our Lady of Mount Carmel had a school with 286-288 students, and a CCD program with 450 students. It also had missions: Our Lady of the Assumption in Bloomburgh and St. Paul's in Bullville .

			lower-Manhattan nightclub. He was still being supported by the Carmelites at that point.			
2002			Rome • In July 2005 Tamburrino was arrested after taking erotic photos of a 15-year-old boy, and for approaching another teen boy for the same. He was found guilty in March 2006, He was sentenced in June 2006 to 5-15 years in state prison.	NY		Tamburrino is registered as a New York State Level 2 sex offender .

Priests in a Parish: We use the following convention to show a priest's place among the clergy of a parish: 1/2 means that he is the first priest listed in the *Official Catholic Directory* (usually the pastor) and that there is a total of two priests at the parish. The shorthand 3/4 means that the priest is listed third on a four priest roster. See our [sample page from the Directory](#).

Source: *Official Catholic Directory* (Kenedy & Sons, 2000-2002).

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- [Ex-Priest Awaits Verdict in Sex Case](#), By Rocco DeLuca, Utica Observer-Dispatch, March 30, 2006
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- [Former Priest Sentenced on Sex-Related Charges](#), By Rocco LaDuca, Utica Observer-Dispatch, June 7, 2006
- Spokeo.com, June 1, 2017
- [James Tamburrino](#), nysexoffenders.com, accessed June 1, 2017

Note: 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, Kenedy 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. We have tried to create an accurate assignment record, given the source materials and their limitations. Assignment records are a work in progress and we are always improving the records that we post. Please [email us](#) with new information and corrections.

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