



## Rev. James L. Lefebvre

August 18, 1934 - March 6, 2018

Albany-Reverend James L. Lefebvre, 83 years old, 59 years a simple priest for the Diocese of Albany and Pastor Emeritus of the Historic Church of St. Mary on Capitol Hill, Albany, NY entered Eternal Life Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

James Lefebvre was born in Montreal, Canada on August 18, 1934. Mr. Lefebvre received his seminary training at St. Andrew's in Rochester for minor seminary, and St. Joseph's in Yonkers for Philosophy and Theology. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop William A. Scully at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on May 23, 1959.

Father Lefebvre served as associate pastor in St. Francis de Sales in Troy, St. Jean Baptiste in Troy, St. Patrick's in Cohoes, and later as Administrator. Father James served on faculty at Catholic High in Troy and Guidance Counselor and Principal at St. Joseph's Academy in Albany. He was also Assistant at St. Joseph's and St. Mary's in Albany, Chaplain at Resurrection Rest Home in Castleton, and Administrator at Sacred Heart in Watervliet. Father James was appointed pastor of St. Mary's in Albany in 1986 and retired in 2009.

On the diocesan level, he served on the Priest Personnel Board, was Dean for the City of Albany, Auditor for the Tribunal, and Diocesan Consultor – Presbyteral Council. Civically, Father James was very involved in the City of Albany. He served as Chaplain to the Albany Police Department from 1964 up to his death, and since 1992 Chaplain to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Since 2000, he served with the Federal Law Enforcement Chaplain Service/Department of Treasury. Father served since 2002 as Chaplain to the Fraternal Order of Police Officers, and since 2004 as Chaplain to the Northeastern Police Chiefs of Police. He was a member and Chairman of the City of Albany Human Rights Commission, Albany Housing Authority, City of Albany Mayor's Judicial Screening Committee, and many other organizations. Father Lefebvre was also made Honorary Assistant Chief of Police in 2014 for the City of Albany.

He was a faithful servant of the Lord who tended to the spiritual needs of the faithful both in the sanctuary and in the streets of the City of Albany.

Father Jim was predeceased by his parents, his sister Madeleine Plumadore and her husband Leo of Troy, NY; sister Monique Laforce and her husband Hal of Syracuse, NY; nephew Thomas Plumadore of Troy, NY ( who is survived by wife Denise and daughter Darielle); and brother-in-law John L Ferraro of Little Falls, NY. Father is survived by his sister Audette Louise Ferraro of Little Falls and the following nieces and nephews: Michelle Nicklas( Donald) of Bethlehem, NY and their children Corey and Kylee; James Plumadore ( Julie) of Rexford, NY and their children Ryan, Timothy and Luke; Renee Darcy (Michael) of Troy, NY; Danielle Liberty ( Kevin) of Troy, NY and their children Justin and Taylor; Mark Plumadore of Clifton Park, NY and his children Mark and Mathew; Rachelle Alexion ( Perry) of Fulton, MD and their children Sylviane and William; Michael Laforce of Scranton, PA; Scott Laforce

of Mount Dora, FL; Matthew Laforce (Roxanne) of Westlinn, OR and their children Zennon and Boden; Jay Ferraro (Marie) of Townsend, DE; Jeffrey Ferraro of Voorhees, NJ; and Lynne Ferraro of Liverpool, NY.

Relatives, friends, brother Priests, Religious, Law Enforcement and First Responders are invited to visit with Father Lefebvre's family Monday, March 12, 2018 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm in his beloved Historic Church of St. Mary on Capitol Hill, Albany, NY.

The Visitation on Monday will begin with the ceremony of Reception of the Body at 3:30 pm

Funeral services Tuesday, March 13, 2108 at 11:00 am, in Historic Church of St. Mary on Capitol Hill, Albany, NY where his concelebrated Funeral Mass will be offered with Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger, Bishop of Albany presiding.

The Rite of Committal will be held in the Mausoleum at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass.

Those wishing to remember Father Lefebvre in a special way may send a contribution to the Food Pantry at St. Mary's Church, 10 Lodge Street, Albany, NY 12207

To leave a special message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit [www.LGFuneralHome.com](http://www.LGFuneralHome.com)

May the Lord welcome Father James L. Lefebvre into the heavenly kingdom and may he be granted Eternal Life for his 59 years of faithful priestly service.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Historic Church of St. Mary on Capitol Hill  
10 Lodge Street  
Albany, NY

## Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

PB

“ Although I never met you I just read about your Life and service to Our Lord and his Church. I am deeply touched by reading the Funeral Homily so beautifully given by Father Doyle. I feel a loss for never have met you but inspired and strengthened in knowing your story. God Bless

*Peter J Bracci  
St. Peter  
Delhi, NY*

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**Peter J Bracci** - March 24, 2018 at 07:09 AM

FA

“ Fr. Lefebvre my dear friend,  
I spent 23 years at St. Mary's as your associate when I came from Dublin Ireland and learnt so much from you my spiritual director. You were a very spiritual and humble priest.  
Due to your kindness and love we were the only parish with 54 active altars boys  
Sadly I retired a few years ago due to poor health  
Unfortunate I will be unable to attend your funeral as I am the chaplain on a cruise ship and we are at sea.  
You will be remembered in my masses and prayers.

*Father Lloyd Rebeyro  
labeiro@aol.com  
518 860 5040*

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**Fr. Lloyd Rebeyro St. Marys. Albany** - March 12, 2018 at 11:36 AM

KN

“ Thank you fr. for being there for my family when Tony had his unexpected medical emergency. You were a source of peace to us as we faced the challenge of saying goodbye. I will never forget the kindness given to our family.

On behalf of the family of Detective Anthony S Arduini  
Most sincerely,  
Kathy (arduini) Naumann

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**kathy naumann** - March 11, 2018 at 11:00 PM



“ Thank you for looking out for my family. When my Uncle told you to keep an eye out for us you did and never stopped. You married my sister and me, baptized both my boys. We will miss you.

The Gardella  
The Root  
The Barnett Families

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**Mary Gardella-Root** - March 11, 2018 at 06:16 PM

KL

“ Such a beautiful soul who impacted hearts in all he met wiiith joy and comfort and reassurance in our Lord. We will all see you again in God's Kingdom.

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**Karen LaMountain** - March 10, 2018 at 07:47 PM

LH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Lisa Harder** - March 10, 2018 at 03:11 PM

LH

“ *Father Jim will be missed. He performed the wedding ceremony for my wife Bette & I at St. Mary's in Watervliet on April 30, 1971. In all the following years, he always sent us a Christmas card at Christmas.*

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**Leo J. Hebert** - March 10, 2018 at 03:08 PM

JF

“ *A wonderful Parish Priest, he welcomed me back to the church a long time ago, he was there for my sons during their Eagle Ceremonies, he was there for my son upon entering the APD, he was there at the FBI for my wife and I, and we looked forward to him, every year joining our Parish Priest, in celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our church of Blessed Sacrament. We looked forward to his gentle slap of recognition and we will fondly remember his guidance and lessons taught, not just by his words, but the life he lived. God Bless You Father, Joe & Sue Fiorino*

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**Joe Fiorino** - March 10, 2018 at 01:13 PM

JH

“ *I remember Fr Jim as a kind and loving priest. I’ve known him since I went to St Joseph’s academy in the early 60’s. He did a lot for my family. I’m going to miss the Christmas cards he always sent me. God Bless you Fr Jim.* 🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**judy Schwartz Hayes** - March 10, 2018 at 07:12 AM