

Fr. Thomas J. Glackin

October 29, 1938 - March 5, 2020

Fr. Thomas J. Glackin, 81, of Naples, FL passed away Thursday, March 5, 2020 at North Collier Hospital. He was born October 29, 1938 in Bronx, NY a son of the late John and Bridget Agnes (Nelson) Glackin.

Fr. Glackin graduated from Manhattan Prep in New York City and entered Don Bosco Seminary in Newton, NJ. Ordained in Rome on December 1, 1968, he taught Math, Geometry, Physics, English and General Science at Archbishop Shaw High School in New Orleans, LA. He then taught at Don Bosco Preparatory High School in Ramsey, NJ before serving as Principal.

Various assignments saw Fr. Glackin serve in Parishes in Tampa, FL, Pine Island, FL and finally Naples, where he undertook the building of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in 1988, saying Mass in the early days at Naples Park Elementary School. The building was completed and the first Mass was celebrated in the new sanctuary on Christmas Eve 1992. The church was dedicated on March 14, 1993.

In 2001, a group was formed under the direction of Fr. Glackin to begin design on what would be the future St. Agnes mission. He arranged numerous trips statewide to visit parishes that had a vision similar to what he had in mind. Groundbreaking of St. Agnes took place in August of 2002 and after countless delays, the first Mass was held on August 15, 2006 and the church was

dedicated on November 19, 2006.

During retirement, Fr. Glackin continued to serve at St. John the Evangelist, St. Agnes Catholic Church and St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Fort Myers. He was an avid golfer who also enjoyed traveling and playing tennis in his younger years.

Survivors include his loving brother, John "Jack" (Kathleen) Glackin of Naples, FL, and nephews, James (Kimberly) Glackin of Overland Park, KS, Daniel (Tracy) Glackin of Danville, KY and Douglas Glackin of Denver, CO. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Edward Glackin.

Father Glackin will lie in state at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Ave. N., Naples, FL 34108 on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. A prayer service will begin at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10:30 AM. A reception will follow in the Parish Life Center. He will be buried in the church memorial garden.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Fr. Glackin's name may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Center, 4451 Mercantile Ave., Naples, FL 34104. Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, FL 34108

Scripture Service

MAR 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, FL 34108

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

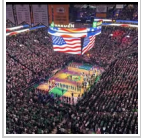
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *Fr. Thomas J. Glackin*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I never told him in the brief encounters we had after mass, but Fr. Glackin was the person who brought me back to Mass. His homilies were, for me, spot on. I felt as though he was talking directly to me. I'm so sorry for all of his family and parish family. He was a true ambassador of God. RIP Father and thank you.*

Marie LaGreca - August 24, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ *Graduated Sacred Heart, Highbridge 1952. Had a Thomas Glackin in my class.*

Gene Tortone - March 13, 2020 at 10:50 PM

DO

“ I was extremely saddened by the news of Father Glackin passing away. It was amazing how much our paths and lives crossed and how blessed we were to be able to share in various memories. He was my principal at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, New Jersey. I graduated in June 1976 and he was there for our two day graduation. Than years later in Naples Park I was teaching my daughter to ride her bicycle and looked in the school and there he was getting ready to start a church in Naples. What a small world. We exchanged surprised hello's and we started to get together again. I remember where he was building the church that they found a turtle sanctuary. It cost the church around \$20,000. So when the church was about to open I remember asking him if we should have Turtle Soup as part of the grand opening. He laughed and then gave me a stern look and smile saying that would not be christian. But it was fun to see him smile. He baptized my son Fred and when the Baptism was over he held my son up to the congregation and said "I hope that Freddie gives Dave just as much trouble as he gave me!" He had a wonderful smile, was a great tennis player, and I am sorry that we did not get a chance to golf together.

To the Glackin Family you are truly in our thoughts and prayers. We hope that your memories of Fr. Thomas will guide you through these difficult times ahead. We pray that Saint Peter and Saint Patrick are both there to welcome him into God's heavenly kingdom. We also pray that perpetual light shine upon him and may he Rest in Peace.

DAVE O'Lenick - March 12, 2020 at 03:56 PM

MA

“ I remember Fr. Glackin as a kind and friendly person. I was involved with the church as a Sunday school teacher and worked on a committee trying to implement a parish council. My children made their first communions at the church/school and were alter servers with Fr. Glackin. He will be missed.

Maureen Aughton - March 10, 2020 at 02:35 PM

JE

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



John Emden - March 10, 2020 at 12:21 AM

JE

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



John Emden - March 10, 2020 at 12:15 AM

JE

“ John Emden lit a candle in memory of Fr. Thomas J. Glackin



John Emden - March 10, 2020 at 12:08 AM

JE

“ *Fr. Tom Glackin was my school principal from 1970-1972 at Don Bosco High School, Ramsey, NJ. I was never in any of his classes, but I did need to see him fairly often. I remember him as cool, calm, and quiet. Very understanding and quite compassionate.*

I did not know until today that he was in the Naples area. We have been coming to Naples for 20 years and did not know he was in the area. It would have been nice to have shown him that his influence helped turn me around and even become successful.

Thank you, Father Tom! You did a great job in helping to mold this young man's future!

*John Emden
Don Bosco Class of 1972*

John Emden - March 10, 2020 at 12:07 AM

MC

“ *Melissa Calcitrai lit a candle in memory of Fr. Thomas J. Glackin*



Melissa Calcitrai - March 09, 2020 at 01:59 AM

MC

“ I’m sorry that I don’t have a memory to share with the family & so I just wanted to send out my condolences to the family & say tl’m sorry & that he will be missed & so. I would like to send you a Virtual gift a dove for a sign of piece & to light a candle in red so when a Red Robin comes that’s a sign that FR. Glackin came over Melissa



Melissa Calcitrai - March 09, 2020 at 01:58 AM

MC

“ Melissa Calcitrai lit a candle in memory of Fr. Thomas J. Glackin



Melissa Calcitrai - March 09, 2020 at 01:34 AM

BF

“ A kind soul, a warm heart, a loving friend, a spiritual guide, a generous benefactor, a dedicated priest, a true defender of his faith, and an Irish spirit filled with fun and laughter. All of these were the essence of Fr. Tom Glackin and are what made him SO endeared to all of us who had the good fortune to know him. We shall miss him dearly, but Our Lord wanted His good and faithful servant Home at last, so we say Rest In Peace, Fr. Tom. You’ll be in our thoughts and prayers, always.
Barbara Foulsham

Barbara C. Foulsham - March 07, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Fr. Thomas J. Glackin.*



March 07, 2020 at 02:23 PM

PH

“ I was at Don Bosco College in Newton NJ from the Fall of 1961 through May of 1963. Tom was a senior in college when I first arrived - he was what would be called a proctor in today's colleges running the building where the per-novitiate students lived and studied. He was a friend, mentor, and a great baseball player. He and another student Brother, Dave (can't recall his last name right now), were sort of in charge of about 30 of us.

Later on, he was the Principal of Don Bosco Prep, also in NJ. I had graduated from Don Bosco Prep in 1961 and visited with him when he was there (I recall it was the late 1970s or early 1980s) and we enjoyed a nice evening. I lived in DC at the time and eventually (about 2010) started volunteering at Don Bosco Christo Rey High School in the DC suburbs.

I was surprised to see his obituary this morning and said a quiet prayer for him as I remembered our days in Newton, NJ. Having been here last winter for a week I was disappointed that I had not known he was here as I would have enjoyed getting together with him.

He was always an inspiration, a kind and happy person, and I regret that I will not be here for the funeral as I am leaving for DC tomorrow. I would have liked to talk to his family about a time almost 60 years ago when Tom and I were students in Newton. You'll all be in my prayers and thoughts.

Peter Higgins

Peter Higgins - March 07, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Fr. Thomas J. Glackin.*



March 07, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ *One of the strongest influences in my life, first as principal of Don. Bosco Prep in Ramsey, N.J. And. Then as pastor of St. John's. What respect we had for him as teens, and then again as a parishioner. One of a kind! R.I.P. Tom Glackin, Gra Mo Respectfully, Rich McCarthy*

Richard McCarthy - March 06, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ *One of our fondness memories was the trip to Rome to celebrate his 40 years ordained, 25 years at St Johns and his 70th birthday. It was such an honor to be part of the celebration. Bob & Kathy Valentine*

Bob & Kathy Valentine - March 06, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ *Fr. Glackin was a wonderful Vatican II pastor who preached of the unconditional love of God for everyone and of our responsibility to care for the less fortunate among us. Mike and Lois Lynch*

Mike and Lois Lynch - March 06, 2020 at 04:34 PM

KM

“ A real Parish Priest who, in his spare time, built both St John the Evangelist and St Agnes. His Irish wit made his sermons special.

ken monroe - March 06, 2020 at 10:41 AM

CH

I remember his first St Patrick's DAY MASS AT ST JOHN'S..SOME READINGS WERE IN IRISH, GREEN FELT SHAMROCKS, THE SCHOOL CHILDREN HAD MADE FOR EACH OF US. A WONDERFUL PRIEST. WHAT A WELCOME INTO HEAVEN! WITH SADNESS AND SYMPATHY, CATHERINE HOTVEDT

Catherine Hotvedt - March 06, 2020 at 03:08 PM

DE

“ Donald Eckert lit a candle in memory of Fr. Thomas J. Glackin



Donald Eckert - March 06, 2020 at 10:10 AM

BD

“ Father Glackin shepherded St. John the Evangelist Church kindly and lovingly. He allowed many, many service groups to flourish. He inspired a 'desire to serve'. The works that began under his guidance are still strong and growing. Father Tom set a good pace on a Parish that continued to grow on the foundation he set. He guided the Parish in his quiet, unassuming manner. Fr. Glackin was a warm, kind leader in Naples. He will remain a good memory within the SJE family. It is true that he served well, encouraged others to serve and now has rest. Farewell to a good man.

Bev (Mrs. Bob) DeVille - March 06, 2020 at 08:00 AM

RM

“ *Rich McCarthy purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Fr. Thomas J. Glackin.*



Rich McCarthy - March 05, 2020 at 09:27 PM