



Rev. John A. Moineau

June 19, 1961 - October 25, 2025

Rev. John A. Moineau died at home, Saturday, October 25, 2025, in the presence of friends and family. He was 64 years old having been a Roman Catholic Priest serving the Diocese of Greensburg for 38 years as Parochial Vicar and Pastor.

He was born on June 19, 1961, and graduated from Saint Joseph High School in 1979 and the Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1983. He did his Priestly formation at Mount Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD, and was ordained May 2, 1987 by Bishop William G. Connare at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg.

Father John was preceded in death by his parents Robert J. and Joan (Busch) Moineau; his godparents Kenneth and Marcia Bearer; his Uncles Rev. Vernon Busch OFM Cap., Charles Busch and Karl Thurber; and his cousin Lloyd Thurber. He is survived by two sisters Clare and Gail Moineau; a brother Robert J. Moineau Jr.; along with two Aunts Mildred Thurber and Judith Busch. He was also survived by his best friends of 38 years Ray and Kathy Takacs, their children Kate, Tom, Tim and Stacy and their ten grandchildren.

Family, friends and parishioner's will be received from 2:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday October 29, at the Immaculate Conception Church, 308 Second St., Irwin. The Vigil for the deceased will be held from 6:00 to 6:30p.m. All are encouraged to attend. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in the

church at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 30. Private interment will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be offered to St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Agnes Chapter, or the Immaculate Conception Cemetery. The William Snyder Funeral Home, Irwin, is handling arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

431 Bridge Street
Irwin, PA 15642

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Immaculate Conception
308 2nd street
Irwin, PA 15642

Vigil Service

OCT **29**. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KK

“ *Father John was a excellent Priest. We did many funerals together. May he rest in Peace.*
Kathaleen A. Kauper



Kathaleen A. Kauper - October 30, 2025 at 04:05 PM

KA

“ *As Father John completed his homily, which were always relevant & impactful I will forever treasure his segway to "So what shall our mission beand after stating a proposed mission, he would always with sincere humility say, " and I will do the same"..I hope to continue this in my life weekly in memory & celebration of Father John....*

Karen - October 29, 2025 at 08:35 PM

GS

Father John was the closest person I knew to a living walking saint. He was a holy man who did God's work here on earth. Rest in peace you faithful servant of our Lord.

Geraldine Saracco - December 03, 2025 at 07:15 PM

MW

“ *Fr John served the diocese of Greensburg well... he was a holy priest who served as a model for all of us. I remember him best when he served as Parochial vicar at St. Bernard church in Indiana Pa. He celebrated Mass with great reverence. He is now with his Lord and Savior... his ultimate goal. Struggles with pancreatic cancer and the treatment are now over. Enjoy your eternal destiny Fr John and please keep us all in your prayers. Mary Williams*

Mary E Williams - October 29, 2025 at 06:28 PM

TD

“ My family was deeply saddened by the passing of Father John. He married my wife and I in June 1989 at St. Agnes Parrish. I always enjoyed his post mass greeting, often we discussed sports. We extend our condolences to his surviving family and friends.

Thomas Dolgas - October 29, 2025 at 03:28 PM

GO

“ Gregg & Suzie Ornowski purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Rev. John A. Moineau.



Gregg & Suzie Ornowski - October 29, 2025 at 10:26 AM

LS

“ Father John's heart and spirit were as big as he was. He was the most relatable priest I've ever known. When I was in town visiting and went to Mass, he came right over and gave me the biggest hug. He lived every day with such a passionate faith. As he would always say at the end of his homilies, I promise that I will do the same. ❤️

Lisa S. - October 28, 2025 at 07:25 PM

CB

“ Carrie Marie Baker lit a candle in memory of Rev. John A. Moineau



Carrie Marie Baker - October 28, 2025 at 02:49 PM

NM

“ Fr. John was a true servant of God and most effective priest! For 18+ years we've been enriched by his presence in our lives. Every word that he spoke or preached was inspired through the Holy Spirit. Words of instruction to lead us closer to Christ and his Blessed Mother. Words that encouraged us to delve deeper into Holy Scripture to find meaning. Words that brought comfort and healing forgiveness during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Words of praise and thanksgiving for the Blessed Sacrament that gave us true food , the Real Presence of Christ' s Body and Blood. Words that inspired us to follow him and pick up our own crosses of suffering with him and lay them at the feet of Christ Crucified. Our memories of Fr John will be forever a blessed gift in our lives! Grant eternal rest and peace unto him, oh Lord. May perpetual light shine on him forever. Amen
Nick and Toni Michel

Nick and Toni Michel - October 28, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. John A. Moineau.



October 27, 2025 at 03:55 PM

AN

“ Father John baptized my 2 sons. His homilies were relatable and he was a wonderful priest. May he rest in peace. Condolences to his friends, family, and parishioners.

Angela - October 27, 2025 at 03:32 PM

MA

“ *Father John was a great person and an excellent Priest. May he rest in Peace.*

MARIA - October 27, 2025 at 03:07 PM

RG

I remember when my husband passed away and Father John payed his respects to our family we welcomed him as well as consoling him as the sentimental individual he was he felt our pain. FATHER JOHN OUR Angel is now in the arms of Jesus Christ Our Creator and Redeemer AMEN 🙏

ROSE GOMBOS - October 27, 2025 at 05:56 PM

FB

Fr. John Moineau was residing in a small house on McKee Road, North Huntingdon where I arrived in the late afternoon of October 21st. Ray Takacs who lives next door with a yard sign "Pray for Father John," met me as I pulled into the driveway. He took me into Fr. John's house. I noticed A side room was turned into a chapel with a table/altar with a missal in place. Fr. John was seated in an easy chair in the front bedroom; a breathing tube was in place. I began our conversation referring to the statue of St. Joseph with the Child Jesus stroking Joseph's beard. It's located in the parking lot across Oak Street from I.C. church. I asked if that and a similar one outside the church had anything to do with the large number of children in the parish. The fact of the artistic representation of the active fatherhood of Joseph was an encouragement for the men of the parish to exercise a similar role. We also talked about recent priest retreats, including the one in Indiana this year that he couldn't attend.

I then told John about my visit with Fr. Henry in hospice at Jeannette Hospital and how Fr. Henry had insisted on giving me a blessing. And that I was now at his side to ask him for his blessing. That he did, using some phrases that were clearly reminding the attentive Lord, that despite my having a reputation for ruffling feathers, I should still be looked upon kindly.

Afterwards I asked Ray if he understood what Fr. John was referring to. Ray said with an impish smile "Oh yes, I've read some of your flyers when I attend Mass at I.C."

After some additional mixed conversation, I reminded both that I have trouble driving at night and that the sun was setting. I said to Ray: "Please show me to the door," which he did. Later from others I found out that Ray and Father John had worked closely doing St. Vincent de Paul society type work at Immaculate Conception parish which included caring for the dying. That reminded me of a member of Pax Christi USA in Denver whom I visited years ago traveling the Country visiting PCUSA members. His ministry he told me was to bring peace to the dying. It was full time hospice work. Was it paid or voluntary like Ray's, I never asked but it was a reminder for me that "peace work" takes on many forms.

Fr. Bernard - October 28, 2025 at 11:02 PM

AN

“ *Requiescat in pace, Christus vincit*

*Shawn, Patty
and Alec (in Spirit)*

Anonymous - October 27, 2025 at 01:11 PM

CG

“ *Camille G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. John A. Moineau.*

Camille G. - October 27, 2025 at 10:01 AM

MF

“ *Meszar family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. John A. Moineau.*



Meszar family - October 27, 2025 at 08:54 AM

MR

“ *Father John touched every single person he met in some way. He is so loved because he loved us all and made sure we knew it and felt it. He has been so missed at IC and we are blessed that his final arrangements are here where he belongs. instead of praying FOR Fr. John we can now pray TO Fr. John. Eternal Rest Grant onto Him, Oh Lord.*

Mary Lou Triggiani Rothwell - October 27, 2025 at 08:29 AM

BY

“ After moving back to the area 19 yes ago I wanted a parish deep in spiritual soundness and a priest who was the Shepherd. I shopped around for close to a yr. My husband suggested I C. The first time there with Fr. John, I knew I found home. Thank you Fr. John for your blessings, love and guidness. You baptized my grandchildren and gave first communion to the oldest. Just as Christ, you gathered the children to you as well as young and older families. There are indeed saints among us. Now we must forge ourselves towards sainthood. Thank you dear friend and shepherd. Prays now for family and his close friends.

Bridget Yuvan - October 27, 2025 at 08:04 AM



“ Father John is one for the ages. His sermons were always relatable and meaningful. He baptized both their kids and everyone’s Wright something about those babies and father John during his baptism walk. It just made you feel so proud to be part of his parish. I know he’ll be seated amongst the most holy in heaven may enjoy eternal everlasting life. Will be loving you from here until we see you again amongst the angels.

Sarah Picciano - October 27, 2025 at 07:55 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Rev. John A. Moineau.



October 27, 2025 at 01:56 AM

DC

“ *Deborah And William Cumpston sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John A. Moineau*



Deborah and William Cumpston - October 27, 2025 at 01:10 AM

DC

*Dear Fr. John,
You will remain in our prayers, hearts, and souls. You have loved us with an everlasting love, and now God has called you home. God has blessed us with knowing you and the blessing's you showed unto us with your heavenly homilies. Thank you for all you have given unto us. We will remain in our thoughts, and prayers Always! Always! May your soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace . Amen
With our love to your family,
Deborah and William Cumpston*

Deborah and William Cumpston - October 27, 2025 at 01:26 AM

MM

“ *John and I were classmates and friends at St. Margaret Mary's catholic school in Lower Burrell. I was fortunate to meet him after a mass at the church in Lower Burrell before he passed. He was a great person and friend. There is no doubt that he is in heaven with God and in peace.
Michael Mester*

Michael Mester - October 26, 2025 at 11:22 PM

SB

“ One memory? With Fr. John, there’s never one memory. In this case, though, the memory I would like to share occurred September 14, after Fr. John’s last public Mass. Most people were gone. He came over to me, gave me a long hug and whispered in my ear, “It’s okay.” I realized the next day, after he released his update, he had been saying goodbye to me.



Sr Lisa Balcerek - October 26, 2025 at 10:52 PM

MA

“ Growing up in the church, Fr. John was a light to young people and encouraged the younger generation to get involved . I was honored to have Fr. John be the one to conduct my wedding to my husband. And how he would carry the babies around the church for Baptisms was my favorite. So when my daughter was baptized by him and got to be carried around the church in the air, it was an honor. I will always remember his homilies with him ending “and I will do the same” His smile was contagious and his loving personality was too. May he be free From pain and live with god in eternal rest.

Maria - October 26, 2025 at 10:07 PM

LB

“ My first memory of Fr. John is and always will be the first weekday mass I attended. His homily was so inspiring. At the time of the Consecration when he lifted the Host and looked at it I saw for the first time ever a holy priest who was deeply in love with our dear Lord. I was moved and touched in a way that is indescribable. He was so loved by so many. I know he is now praying for each and everyone of us. So happy he is no longer in pain and is enjoying being with his Divine Master and his family. Love you Fr. John you forged to be a saint and I am positive of your success.

Lucy Zarochak b - October 26, 2025 at 09:23 PM

LG

“ I did not get to know him, but observing his spirituality and humbleness made him a Saint in my eyes. I will never forget Father John. May he Rest in our Saviour's arms in heavenly peace.

loretta Gatto - October 26, 2025 at 09:09 PM

DP

“ His baptisms were always a treat. The little ones never cried because, as Father John said, "the air is thin up there."

Dom Palmieri - October 26, 2025 at 09:00 PM

KL

“ Peace and consolation to the family and friends of Fr. John & his parishioners. He was a wonderful priest. Immaculate Conception Parish will miss him forever! He was a saint among us! Rest in Gods love and peace and pray for us! Amen

Katherine Laird - October 26, 2025 at 08:40 PM

BW

*So Blessed to have known him and loved him!!! Thank you Lord Jesus!
AT REST WITH his God!!!*

BARBARA wolff - October 26, 2025 at 08:58 PM

BB

What a blessing it was to get to know Father John and work with him in various ministries for the church. Definitely a blessing to all in the parish- a man and priest who walked his talk- a real example to follow. In my mind he is Saint Father John of the church on the corner of Irwin. He will not be forgotten. Thank you to his family for sharing such a beautiful person. My prayers to all of you and especially to Ray and Kathy for their care. Barb Balcerek

Barb Balcerek - October 27, 2025 at 12:16 AM

AF

There will never be another Fr. John in our lifetime - he was an example to live life by - both spiritually and as a friend. He will never be forgotten, our deepest sympathies to his family and his church family.

Abraham Family - October 28, 2025 at 01:12 PM

FO

Eternal Memory, Fr. John, priest, pastor, and Third Order Carmelite!

Fr. James Hess, O.Carm. - October 29, 2025 at 05:14 PM