



Reverend Monsignor George Joseph Schlegel

February 26, 1940 - April 12, 2018

Reverend Monsignor George Joseph Schlegel died on April 12, 2018 at the Ohio State University Ross Heart Hospital. The son of George and Elizabeth (McDonald) Schlegel, he was born on February 26, 1940 in Columbus, Ohio, and was baptized on March 17, 1940 at Saint Aloysius Church (Columbus). He graduated from Saint Aloysius Elementary School in 1954 and in 1958 graduated from Saint Charles Preparatory School (Columbus). He received his college and philosophy degrees in 1960 and 1962, respectively, from the former Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary (Columbus) and in 1966 completed his theological studies at Mount Saint Mary's of the West Seminary (Cincinnati). Msgr. Schlegel also studied Latin at Ohio State University and Xavier University during the summer months between 1959 and 1965. He was ordained a priest at Saint Joseph Cathedral on May 28, 1966 by Bishop John J. Carberry. During his priestly ministry and service to Christ, His Church and His people, Msgr. Schlegel served in a number of parishes, including: associate pastor, Saint Francis DeSales (Newark); associate pastor, Saint Mary (Lancaster); associate pastor, Saint Mary (Marion); pastor, Saint Paul (Westerville); pastor, Saint Joan of Arc (Powell); and pastor, Sacred Heart (New Philadelphia). He also served as an instructor at Newark Catholic High School and Bishop Fenwick High School (Lancaster), in addition to Judge in the Diocesan Tribunal and his service to a number of diocesan boards and committees. Msgr. Schlegel retired in 2010 but remained very active in his retirement assisting primarily at Saint Joan of Arc Parish (Powell), but also at

a number of other parishes in the Diocese. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by brother, Edward Schlegel. Survived by sisters, Betty Thurn & Theresa (Bill) Overholser; brother, Donald (Loretta) Schlegel; nieces & nephews, Martin (Nina) Thurn, Ashburn, VA, Trinidad, Alisa (Justin) Beal, Widomar, CA, Kate (Edgar) Ortega, Brooklyn, NY, Claire Schlegel, Jersey City, NJ, Nicholas (Davi Ann) Thurn, Clement Thurn, Sarah Overholser, Lynn Overholser, Lydia (Michael) Curtis, and Emily (Adam) Daron, all of Columbus; eleven great-nieces & great-nephews. Calling hours will take place at Saint Joan of Arc Parish, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell, on Monday, April 16, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., concluding with a prayer service. Visitation will resume Tuesday, April 17, 11:30 a.m. at Saint Joan of Arc, continuing until the Mass of Christian Burial at 1:00 p.m.; Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate the Mass, concelebrated by Bishop James Griffin and priests of the Diocese; burial will immediately follow at Resurrection Cemetery (Lewis Center). In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Saint Aloysius Church (2165 West Broad Street, Columbus, 43223).

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Previous Events

Visitation:

APR 16. 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
10700 Liberty Road
Powell, OH 43065
<http://www.stjoanofarcpowell.org/>

Prayer Service

APR 16. 7:30 PM (ET)

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10700 Liberty Road
Powell, OH 43065
<http://www.stjoanofarcpowell.org/>

Visitation:

APR 17. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

APR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend Monsignor George Joseph Schlegel*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *From the entire Smock Family, we extend our condolences on the passing of Father Schlegel. We remember fondly all the times he spent time with us at our home, the dinners, sharing, laughing (lots of laughing) and supporting us with his prayers as our pastor. We send good thoughts of peace to the family.*

Paul Smock - April 22, 2018 at 07:50 PM

HY

“ Long before he was Monsignor Schlegel, Fr. Schlegel and my family enjoyed quite a few homecooked meals together at my parents' home in Westerville, near Hoover Dam. I remember these as fun and lively occasions, in large part due to the bonhomie, wit and frequent laughter that accompanied Fr. Schlegel wherever he went. How he carved out time to have dinner with us with such a large parish to manage, I'll never know, but I'm very glad he did. He also did his best to crush us all in Trivial Pursuit or other games after dinner, with his same trademark good humor but with very little mercy. :-) We are blessed to have a priest in our blood family, but it was a new experience to enjoy such comfortable "family" times with a pastor and priest we hadn't grown up with. Fr. Schlegel was willing to be real and down-to-earth with us, and we had a very soft spot in our hearts for him. When I married, it was Fr. Schlegel who celebrated our wedding Mass, bringing special joy to the occasion. <3 I reconnected with Msgr. Schlegel some thirty years later, when my mother was in the last months of her life. He graciously and memorably co-celebrated her memorial Mass. I will not soon forget his kindness, his humility and humor, and his presence as a pastor and priest. Praying God's peace and comfort for his family.

Heidi Yoakum - April 16, 2018 at 11:33 PM

BS

“ My sincerest sympathies to George's family. George and you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bernie Schick, Class of '58

Bernie Schick - April 16, 2018 at 09:49 AM

KC

“ My husband & I worked with the marriage preparation program for many wonderful years at Sacred Heart in New Phila. We worked closely with Fr. George & he gave so much of his time to the engaged couples. He will be missed by so many people. He was a soft-spoken man who was a great leader of our church. I will always hold him in my heart. Rest in eternal peace, Fr. George. Kay Compton

Kay Compton - April 15, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Reverend Monsignor George Joseph Schlegel.



April 15, 2018 at 03:07 PM

DH

“ George, you have a VERY old and proud Schlegel name. You will be remembered at the annual Schlegel reunion the third Sunday of August every year no matter where it is held! Rest in peace and don't forget to sing "Schnitzelbank" in heaven. George and Dottie Haggard (George is the son of Elizabeth Schlegel) P.S. All the Schlegel families are invited to the reunions.

Dottie Haggard - April 15, 2018 at 07:24 AM

JH

“ *Msgr. , Was a dear friend of my parents Pat and Bob Hoch! And all the dinner's at 721 N. High St. He will be truly missed by the lives that he has touched in the parishes that he served. Thoughts and Prayers!*

Sincerely,

The Hoch Brothers and Wives of Lancaster, Kentucky, Texas and Oregon.



John Hoch - April 15, 2018 at 05:46 AM

SP

“ *Sacred Heart Parish, New Philadelphia purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Reverend Monsignor George Joseph Schlegel.*



Sacred Heart Parish, New Philadelphia - April 14, 2018 at 05:31 PM