



Rev. Henry Balchunas

May 6, 2024

Reverend Henry Balchunas of Niantic, CT and Juno Beach FL entered into eternal life on May 6, 2024.

Born in Smilgiu Village Lithuania January 8, 1937. He was the son of the late Vaclovas and Malvina Balchunas. He experienced the horror and hardships of World War II with the occupation of Russian and Germany troops in Lithuania. Father along with his parents fled Lithuania for Germany and then they immigrated to the USA in 1949 settling in Hartford CT.

Father Balchunas was a graduate of Saint Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield CT and Saint Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, MD. Father was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood on May 27, 1965 by the late Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, CT.

Father Balchunas served in parishes throughout the Archdiocese including the communities of Sharon, Canaan, Waterbury, New Haven, Wallingford and lastly in Wolcott where he served as Co-Pastor, Pastor and Administrator of St. Pius X Church in Wolcott for more than twenty-seven years until his retirement on January 8th of 2012.

Father Balchunas through his priestly ministry formed lifetime friendships with many of his parishioners.

Father Balchunas is survived by his loving niece Jurate Staneviciute, with whom he made his home. He is also survived by his sister Maryte and her husband Bronius Stanevicius of Vilnius, Lithuania. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne, Archbishop of Hartford, on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 11:00 am, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave. Hartford, burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of arrangements. Directions and online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Live Stream of Mass <https://www.youtube.com/@cathedralofst.josephhartfo8576/streams>

Cemetery Details

Mount Saint Benedict

1 Cottage Grove Road
Bloomfield, CT

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral of St. Joseph
140 Farmington Ave.
Hartford, CT

**Parking lot is in the back of Church on Asylum Ave. Hearse will be parked there.*

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Among many other gifts Hank was to me, he encouraged me to sing before that ever occurred to me. Big blessing, Joe Wise

joe wise - May 22, 2024 at 10:38 PM

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“ Many years ago (1970-1974), it seems and at the same time a blink of an eye when as a high school student I met Father Balchunas. I continue to remember and live by some of the lessons learned and discussions during CYO classes he taught at St Joseph's church and school in Waterbury. Father Henry was truly a gifted individual who could bring a discussion down to the level for teenagers to want to explore our faith further and return every Monday for another Christian discussion on what it means to be a practicing Christain. I will pray for the repose of his soul to our father in heaven knowing our LORDS promise made to the faithful.

Thomas Dreher

thomas dreher - May 17, 2024 at 12:48 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to Father Henry's family. We shared many wonderful times with him both in Florida and Niantic. May he rest in peace.

Joe and Elaine Puzzo

Joseph & Elaine Puzzo - May 12, 2024 at 11:43 AM