



Rev. Henry P. Cody

January 11, 2025

Rev. Henry P. Cody former pastor of the Church of St. Timothy, West Hartford, died on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at his home in Naugatuck. Born in New Haven, CT April 17, 1934 to Henry T. and Mary (Oswald) Cody, he attended St. John the Evangelist Grammar School, Notre Dame High School, West Haven, St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, NY (BA), and the North American College, Vatican City Europe. He received a licentiate in sacred theology (STL) from the Gregorian University, Rome, Italy. He was ordained to the priesthood in the chapel of the North American College Dec. 20, 1958. His assignments as a parochial vicar were at St. Francis, Naugatuck, St. James, Rocky Hill, St. John the Evangelist, West Hartford, St. Ann, Avon and St. Thomas, Thomaston. He was co-pastor of St. Thomas from 1983-88 and became pastor of St. Timothy's in January 1988. He was elected to the Priests' Senate and the Archdiocesan Personnel Board and served as Dean of the Suburban Waterbury and Suburban Hartford deaneries. He was the first Notre Dame High School graduate ordained to the priesthood and was inducted as one of the school's Knights of Honor in 2005. He was also the recipient of the Passionist Heart Award. He was a former editorial writer and columnist for the Bridgeport Post-Telegram. From 1981 to 1992, he was chairman of the editorial board and chief editorial writer of the Catholic Transcript. In 1979 he received his doctor juris (JD) degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law. He was a member of the Connecticut Bar. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and Mory's

Association. Proud to be pastor of “the largest Jewish parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford”, he encouraged contacts between St. Timothy’s and Jewish congregations to foster better understanding and avoid the great sin of anti-Semitism. He leaves his nephews Stephen (Sharon), David (Kathy), and Douglas (Kelly) and his niece Susan Finnegan, all of Lancaster, PA and his sister-in-law Lois Cody of North Haven and his nephew Paul of Queens, NY. He also leaves his great nephews and nieces Thomas, Sarah, Nathan, Matthew, Josh, Christopher, Kaitlyn and Laura, and his great great nephew Flynn all of Lancaster, PA. He was predeceased by his brothers William of Lancaster, PA and Richard of North Haven. His family and friends wish to thank his caregiver and friend, Patricia Dayner, with whom he resided for over eight years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, January 17, at 11:00 am at the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 N. Main St. by the Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne, Archbishop of Hartford. Calling hours will be on Thursday from 4 to 7 pm at the Church of St. Timothy. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to St. Thomas & St. Timothy School (St. Timothy Campus) 225 King Philip Drive West Hartford, CT 06117.

Live Stream of Mass: <https://youtube.com/live/6CxZvhhxhuA?feature=share>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy
1116 North Main St
West Hartford, CT 06117
(860) 233-5131

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Rev. Henry P. Cody*



Molloy Funeral Home - January 16, 2025 at 05:36 AM

AC

“ I met Father Cody in 1993, when I arrived to West Hartford to study my senior year at Hall High School. I was hosted by a Jewish family and I asked them to please drive me to a Catholic church every Sunday, and Providence drove us to Saint Timothy, the closest church. Father Cody was a smiling, joyful and warm priest, we got along since we first met! For me, going to the Sunday Mass was staying in contact with my family back in Spain, who were listening to the same readings and praying the same prayers, just in a different language. I felt at home at Saint Timothy! I then moved to live with other two Jewish host families who lived further away, but they also drove me every Sunday to the afternoon Mass at Saint Timothy. I treasure great memories, for instance, when my grandma passed away and Father Cody remembered her in the following Sunday Mass. Or his speech during my last Mass before coming back to Spain, he was so sweet! And it was so special when he came with his nephew Paul to visit us in the summer of 1995, my family loved him, too! I visited him in April 2005 and Providence wanted us to share the announcement of Cardinal Ratzinger as the new Pope. We have been writing every Christmas for the last 30 years, I'll miss his card!

I will ask my parish priest to remember Father Cody on our Sunday Mass. I am sure he is now enjoying fulfilled, eternal Life with God in Heaven!

My family and I send our warmest greetings to his family and friends!

Ana Cristóbal - February 25, 2025 at 06:43 AM

DD

“ Father Cody was the first priest to welcome me to St. Timothy Church when I first came to work in West Hartford. I met him one morning in Lox, Stock and Bagel and we had a great conversation. At Mass the following morning, he actually welcomed me, by name, to the congregation from the Pulpit! I will never forget his overwhelming kindness and giving spirit during our many interactions. Rest in Peace, Father Cody.

Dr. Nancy DePalma - January 16, 2025 at 10:13 AM

LK

“ To quote his obituary, Father Cody was indeed the pastor of “the largest Jewish parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford.” Our Jewish community in West Hartford certainly appreciated things like his sign on the lawn of St. Timothy’s, wishing us all a good Jewish New Year each fall. At Passover, it was always a treat to attend a Seder at church led by my father, Rabbi Nathan Hershfield, at Father Cody’s gracious invitation. Equally as special was having Father attend our own Seder at our home. Father Cody was bright, articulate, compassionate, full of humor, with a beautiful speaking voice. My father and mother considered him to be one of their closest friends, and we were so happy to share many family events with him. His friendship was a blessing to us, and we will miss him greatly.

Leonie (Hershfield) Kramer

Lotte and Joel Hershfield

Leonie Kramer - January 15, 2025 at 11:06 PM

DC

“ *Father Cody was a wonderful pastoral counselor and friend to our family and baptized many of our grandchildren. He and my deceased wife, Valerie Cordiano, worked closely together for many years to provide grief counseling for elderly parishioners of St. Timothy’s who lost a spouse. He will always be remembered by our family as a kind man of great integrity, who exemplified the very best qualities of the priesthood. I know he and my wife will be great friends in heaven. Dean Cordiano and our four children and eight grandchildren.*

Dean Cordiano - January 15, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Rev. Henry P. Cody.*



January 15, 2025 at 12:42 PM

JM

“ *Father Cody was the perfect priest. He welcomed us to St. Tim’s like he welcomed everyone who attended. Fr. Cody was brilliant, funny and witty. He could really write. But most importantly, the parish always looked to him when tragedy struck one of our members and he always came through, providing context and meaning to a terrible situation. Fr. Cody, may you be with your Lord now and forever. We miss you, and love you and appreciate all you did. John and Abby Moore*

john d. moore - January 15, 2025 at 10:06 AM

LG

“ *Rest in peace, Dear Friend. Thanks for the memories.*

Liz Gallagher - January 15, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Henry P. Cody.

January 15, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rev. Henry P. Cody.



January 15, 2025 at 09:05 AM

EM

“ *Rest in Peace my dear friend- Thank you for always being there to help pick up the pieces-we Lost many together-Mom, Daddy, Uncle Doc and our beloved Jeffrey (a/k/a your favorite wasp). You were a wonderful priest that made our lives so much better by your being there to help us through the hard times-and celebrate the wonderful times like Liz and Greg's wedding-the graduations and baptisms-May you rest in peace-for a job well done-send them all my love-With love and gratitude Ellen. Mckone-Stafford. RIP*

Ellen MKone-Stafford - January 14, 2025 at 07:08 PM

CH

“ On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff at the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools, we send our deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Fr. Henry Cody. Fr. Cody was a good man and an extraordinary priest, with a strong wit, kind heart, generous spirit and deep love for humankind. His presence will be missed. May God rest his soul. Cynthia Basil Howard, E.D. FACS

Cynthia Basil Howard - January 14, 2025 at 05:19 PM

MC

“ Fr. Cody was a friend parish priest at St. Ann's in Avon CT. I was an Altar Server at the time, he was always helpful, encouraging and a good friend to the Clark family. God Rest, Fr. Cody.

Michael Clark - January 14, 2025 at 03:58 PM

TF

“ The Gosselin Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Rev. Henry P. Cody.



The Gosselin Family - January 14, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Henry P. Cody.



January 14, 2025 at 12:15 PM

MB

“ Father Cody was “The Best!” Andy and I were privileged to be a member of his St Timothy’s Parish from the beginning to the end... What a joy! He was a true Shepherd. He was kind, caring, loving, compassionate. His whit was terrific. May he rest in peace in the loving arms of God. See you on the other side, Father Cody. Love, Andy and Maureen Brouillard

Maureen Brouillard - January 13, 2025 at 07:30 PM

MM

“ Our family has truly lost a great friend. Both my father and I served the parish on finance, Parish Council, and School Board at different times. Father regularly visited our mother at Duncaster for more than 3 years. Finally we so appreciate Fathers graciousness in welcoming our “Uncle Doc” as a visiting priest. Rest In Peace dear Henry. Mary McKone

Mary McKone - January 13, 2025 at 02:23 PM

SB

I will always think of Father Cody as the exemplar of a priest and pastor, and as a wonderful friend.

Susan M Brown - January 16, 2025 at 12:56 PM

LW

The parishioners of Saint Thomas Church in Thomaston CT are grateful to Father Cody for his genuine regard for each person he ministered in the faith and for the dignity he brought to his role as a Catholic priest. Father Cody's visits via his van driven by Pat Dayner to Saint Maximillan Kolbe Parish continued into this past year to bring crowds to the church lawn in Thomaston to see him. Rest in Peace.

Lesley West - January 16, 2025 at 08:03 PM

CP

So very sorry to hear of Henry's passing. We didn't know him well, or for long, but we remember his humor and compassion.

Cheryl Romano/Rick Peters - January 19, 2025 at 07:02 PM