



## Father Peter Henry

September 27, 1944 - June 20, 2021

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Reverend Peter Henry.

Father Peter Henry died on June 20, 2021, at the age of 76. Born into a large extended Catholic family in Northern Ireland, Father Henry's faith was strongly influenced by his parents, a priest friend of the family, priests at his high school and his two aunts who were religious sisters.

"Faith was very unconsciously at the center of family life and convinced me in my early years that everything beautiful in my life – family life, life's goodness, God's goodness, joy and compassion, all such things came to me through my Catholic faith," said Father Henry.

It was during his final years of high school that Father Henry began to feel a call to the priesthood. In his senior year, he confided to his twin brother, Paul, that he had mailed off an application to the seminary, only to find out Paul had mailed in his own application a month prior.

The brothers continued their journey side-by-side from their studies at All Hallows College Seminary, to their Ordination on June 16, 1968, to their first assignments to the newly-formed Diocese of Orlando.

Father Henry served two years at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Orlando,

which was the Cathedral at that time, and then two years at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Winter Park. In 1972, he moved to Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Indialantic where he stayed for fourteen years, first as associate and then as pastor. His next assignment would be an even farther move, to Geneva, Switzerland to serve as Pastor of the Pope John XXIII Catholic Center for the English speaking community. He served on the Presbyteral Council from 2008-2010.

When Father Henry returned to the Diocese fourteen years ago, he was assigned as pastor of St. Ann Parish in DeBary.

“I’m very grateful to God for my faith, my family, my vocation and for my diocese. It’s a great diocese; we’ve had a series of wonderful bishops, including and especially our Bishop John Noonan,” reflected Father Henry. “How did I get to be so fortunate?! God is so good.”

Funeral Information:

Viewing: Tuesday, June 29, 10:00 a.m.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 p.m.

Viewing and Funeral Mass will be held at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 526 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park.

Interment will be held in Ireland.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
526 N. Park Ave  
Winter Park, FL

## Funeral Mass

JUN **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
526 N. Park Ave  
Winter Park, FL

# Tribute Wall

O'

“ *What beautiful memories we have of Fr. Peter Henry every Sunday at Church in Geneva. As a young Irish Couple , we loved our Sundays and our Church Community. You enriched our lives, you were indeed a true Spiritual leader.*

O'Shea - January 11 at 05:44 PM

DC

“ *Our deepest sympathy from our entire family to you Fr Paul and your family. In 4 wks, we will celebrate our 51st wedding anniversary that your wonderful brother Fr Peter officiated at St Charles Borromeo Parish in 1970. We were so blessed 37 yrs later in 2007, that you officiated at our daughter and son in law's wedding at St John Vianney. (Laura and Edson Navarro) Our Thoughts and Prayers to you and all you family. Heaven has gained another angel. With Our Heartfelt Sympathy, Phil and Diane Clark*

DIANE CLARK - June 30, 2021 at 04:05 PM

AR

“ *Ann Reilly lit a candle in memory of Father Peter Henry*



Ann Reilly - June 30, 2021 at 03:40 PM

JC

“ happy memories from st patricks college Armagh N Ireland vincentians same year of enrolment 1956 MOST RECENT VISIT TO FLORIDA WAS TO SON RONAN AT FLORIDA INT UNIV MATH and NASA later moved to Dallas TX My sympathy on this sad occasion is extended to Rev Paul and the family circle at magherafelt John J Conlon

John J Conlon - June 28, 2021 at 05:09 AM

AM

“ We remember attending a wedding Mass on the same day and just after a wedding Mass with Father Paul. Of course, Father Peter reminded us that we saved the best for last. LOL



Annette & Gary Moskop - June 27, 2021 at 07:19 AM

CM

“ Many years ago when I was in my late 20's. I was a total mess. He tried to help me. It kind of worked. So happy. I became a better person because he cared. That's what helped me. He cared. He tried to lead me on the right path and he did. I will never forget this man. I know many of us will love Fr. Henry forever!

Cindie Mara - June 25, 2021 at 09:10 PM

SM

Love and god bless and keep us under you're wings Susan Farotto

susan farotto martocci - June 30, 2021 at 09:54 AM

RC

“ *Father Peter was a loving and selfless priest and pastor. I will always be grateful for him and his families kindness and support while parishioners at Holy Name of Jesus Parish.  
God bless you all*

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**Regina Cronin** - June 23, 2021 at 05:35 PM

SW

“ *Susan and I were blessed to have Father Peter (her pastor at Holy Name of Jesus) and Father Paul ( my Principal when I taught at Melbourne Central Catholic HS) concelebrate our wedding mass in May, 1983. May this wonderful disciple of God Rest In Peace. Your memory is forever etched in our lives!*



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**Susan and Bob Walters** - June 23, 2021 at 01:55 PM

BP

*Beautiful! Father Paul was my Religion teacher at Bishop Moore*

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**Brenda powell** - June 26, 2021 at 07:07 PM

PF

“ Ben, Mikki and I are so blessed to have known you. You always, had a smile, a hug or a joke to share. Such a gentle soul. For our own selfish reasons we are sad that you are not here, but we are so happy knowing that you are in God's kingdom. Thank you for being our Shepherd, you guided these three sheep to place that we love, St. Ann's, and you left your imprint in our hearts forever. Thank you for giving out Communion the way it is meant to be, what it felt like receiving from Jesus himself. Until we hug again, rest in eternal peace our dear Fr. Peter.



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**Parojino Family** - June 23, 2021 at 01:45 PM

JC

“ Father Henry was an inspiration to my whole family and it extended to encompass our parish community. He was a very dear friend and he will be missed. I pray that the good Lord sends comfort to his family in this time of great loss. Until we meet again in the loving arms of our savior, we will hold you in our hearts.  
*Jan Clampffer*

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**Jan Clampffer** - June 23, 2021 at 01:31 PM

SA

“ 3 files added to the album Father Peter Henry



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**samantha** - June 23, 2021 at 08:59 AM

SW

“ Father Henry was an inspiration to us all. He was my pastor at Holy Name of Jesus Church. He always made every event special. His smile and support made everyone feel the love he gave. My husband and I were honored to have had Fr. Officiate at our wedding. He will always be in our hearts and prayers. Father Henry say hello to mom and dad in heaven 🥺

Sally Rowlette Walker - June 23, 2021 at 08:44 AM

SB

“ Our family has so many wonderful memories of dear Fr. Peter Henry... This photo is of Audra at her first holy communion with Fr Henry... When Diana was in 8th grade, she suffered from Reyes Syndrome and was in a coma at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. Fr. Peter had a parishioner fly him there to be with her; Diana woke from her coma when Fr Peter arrived... He will always be in our hearts ... God bless his brother, Fr Paul Henry, and his family as they send him on to heaven...



Sandra Faulkner Bodfish - June 23, 2021 at 07:41 AM

AA

“ I had so many wonderful memories of Father Henry growing up at Holy Name of Jesus. My favourite is when we went on the church trips, especially the Keys trip. He has a heart of gold. I will miss him. Audra Bodfish Agramonte

audra bodfish agramonte - June 22, 2021 at 09:53 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Father Peter Henry



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - June 22, 2021 at 09:37 AM

DH

*Fr. Peter, You were an inspiration all our family in every way ... we were so blessed to know and love ... R.I.P. dearest friend... Bill&Diane Hall Family ... HNJ*

Diane Hall - June 23, 2021 at 10:51 AM

AI

*Father Peter, We are blessed to have met you, known you, heard mass, prayed with you. Thank you for inspiring us to be closer to God. You will always be in our Heart. Pray that you rest in peace in the Lord's mercy.*

Andy Itso - June 24, 2021 at 03:52 AM



*When he was parish priest at St John XXIII in Geneva, Switzerland, my daughter had her first communion but no confession. I asked Fr Peter, it was customary to have the sacrament of penance first before the Holy Eucharist. He said, why burden the young beautiful children with sin. They don't know sin yet.*

Henry Cardenas - June 25, 2021 at 03:32 AM



*How could I forget Fr. Peter Henry, He has been my spiritual guide and my very best friend from 1969 till 1971 , while ministering at Saint Margaret Mary, Winter Park, Florida, in a difficult and painful period of my life. Always in my heart, Father Peter. Anna Maria Innocenzi, Rome Italy*

Annamaria Innocenzi - November 15, 2022 at 02:14 PM