

Rev. Anthony Sidoti

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ALBANY Rev. Anthony R. Sidoti, 89, Pastor Emeritus, the Church of St. James, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004 at his home. Father Sidoti was born on June 14, 1914 in Amsterdam, N.Y., the son of the late Angelo and Anna Saltalamacchia Sidoti. He attended Saint Mary's High School in Amsterdam, Niagara University for undergraduate studies and then Our Lady of Angels Seminary at Niagara University for philosophy and theology. He was ordained as a priest on May 18, 1940 in Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Albany by Bishop Edmund F. Gibbons. He first served as associate pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Gloversville for two years before entering the United States Army to serve as a chaplain from 1942-1946. During the War, he served in the European Theatre and received the Silver Star, Purple Heart and numerous other commendations. Upon his return to the Diocese, he served as an associate pastor at St. Mary's Parish in Frankfort for two years before serving as the associate pastor at St. Anthony's Parish in Albany from 1948-1963. In 1963, he was named the administrator of St. Anthony's. Father Sidoti was named as the pastor of St. Anthony's Parish in Albany in 1966 and served there until 1970. From 1970 until his retirement in 1990, he served as the pastor of St. James Parish in Albany. He was the first director of the Bishop's fund and served as director from 1955-1966. He was appointed as Diocesan Consultor from 1969-1970. In 1948, Fr. Sidoti became the

division chaplain for the 27th Infantry Division of the New York Army National Guard. In 1957, he was promoted to full colonel in the N.Y. Army National Guard and served in the capacity of the staff chaplain for the entire State of New York Army National Guard. In that position, he was the advisor to the commanding general of the guard on all matters pertaining to religion, welfare, morals and morale for the approximately 26,000 guardsmen. He also supervised the work, training and activities of all guard chaplains. Father Sidoti was the beloved cousin of Raphaela (Stephen) Soulla, Constance (William) Frey and Antoinette Salamack, all of Amsterdam, and Victor DeSantis of Albany. Also survived by numerous other cousins and relatives. Relatives, friends, parishioners, priests and religious are invited to the Liturgy of Christian Death and Burial to be celebrated on Saturday, 11:30 a.m. in St. James Church, 391 Delaware Ave., with the Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, D.D., Bishop of Albany presiding. Burial will be on Tuesday, June 1, 2004 at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Cemetery, Amsterdam. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Father Sidoti may be made to St. James Memorial Fund, 391 Delaware Ave., Albany, NY 12209.



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MEMORIAL EVENTS

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June 2, 2004

I am very sorry to hear about Father Sidoti, he married me in 1954 in Saint Anthony's Church. He has been a constant friend and priest for me and my family. Rest in peace Padre. Esther Tateo

Esther Tateo

June 1, 2004

It is with deep sorrow when I learned of the passing of Father Sidoti. I attended St. Anthony's School and graduated in 1952. Father Sidoti has given me the strength to continue thru the hard times of life. I'll pray for him and remember him always. God bless.

angelo tomaszicki

May 29, 2004

Father Sidoti was a most inspiring, inspirational and dedicated man of God. It was my privilege and honor to serve his parish of St. James and all who lived nearby, from 1985-93, when a Democratic Committee member.

May all of his family, friends and fellow religious, left behind, be filled with the hope of seeing him again when we depart as this will mean we too have attained eternal salvation.

Edward J. Bradley

May 29, 2004

Evertime i ever talk about growing up on Grand st. i have spoken of Father Sidoti. I knew this man most of my life. Its hard to believe so much time as passed. But i know he has many friends and family to have gone home to. Bless you father, and thankyou for all you have done for us all.

Louann Ingraham

May 29, 2004

It is with sadness that I received the news of the passing of Fr. Sidoti from this world; but with holy joy of knowing of his entry into Life Eternal. He will be remembered by all he met as a man of uncompromising fidelity to his family and friends, his "flock" in the parishes and ministries he so ardently served, and most of all his faithfulness to Christ and His Church. His untiring devotion and firm committment to his priestly vocation have served as a beacon to many throughout his years as priest and pastor, and will continue to do so to many who have benefited from his care as shepherd of souls. His constant concern for the welfare of his parishioners and all he served, especially those who were less fortunate either with the riches of this world or the their position in life's social standing will be remembered by thousands who knew him as priest, counselor, and friend. His door was never closed to anyone and he never greeted anyone with prejudice.

I will always be thankful to God for the opportunity to have worked with

him at St. James Parish, for the constant support he always gave me during the rough times in life - and the stern admonishments when necessary, and most of all for the love and concern he showed to me and my family, a support always accompanied by fervent prayer.

May Christ our God grant to His servant Fr. Anthony everlasting repose and MEMORY ETERNAL! We will remember him in prayer this weekend at the Parish of Holy Trinity/Saint Clair in Nantes, France.

Francis DesMarais
Nantes, France

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May 28, 2004

I knew Father Sidoti ever since I was little, I am 49 years old. I grew up on Grand Street and I also went to, St. Anthony's school and church my family is named, Tateo.

Father was an excellent priest and friend to all of us in St. Anthony's parish, we will all miss him.

Rest in peace!

Cheryl Anne Measack

May 28, 2004

It is impossible to remember my childhood without remembering you and St. Anthony's.

Thank you for your guidance and kindness. You are forever in my heart.

Linda Bouyea

May 28, 2004

May God Bless you, Father Sidoti. I will miss you and keep you in my heart as I hold on to the many memories of you during and after my school years at St. James. Thank you for everything!

Kelly VanHattum

May 27, 2004

Fr Sidoti emulated the Army Chaplain motto "Pro Deo Et Patria", "For God and Country." May the Lord reward his faithful servant with newness of life.

Rev Donald Rutherford

May 27, 2004

You lived your life well Father.

We are proud to say we met an honest man and, today, this world has lost a true Patriot.

Yves & Martin Santoire

May 27, 2004

May the Lord Bless you and keep you.

Thank you for your constant support.

barbara powers

May 27, 2004

Rest in peace, Father. You served your parishioners and your country well.

Mrs. J. Hughes

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