



## Rev. Edward Peter Szpiech

November 24, 1941 - June 3, 2019

Reverend Edward Peter Szpiech, 77, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday, June 3, 2019. Born in Newark, Father Ed was raised in Irvington and attended Archbishop Walsh High School, then Seton Hall University for 4 years, followed by 4 years at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. Father Ed was ordained on May 27, 1967 and served at St. Adalbert R.C. Church in Elizabeth until 1990, when he began his long-time tenure at St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church in Garfield. He was the Pastor for over 28 years, retiring on July, 1 2018. Father Ed settled in St. John Vianney Residence in Rutherford for his retirement. He was truly a beloved, integral part of the Garfield community and will be sorely missed by all who crossed his path. Father Ed served as the Chaplain for the Garfield Volunteer Fire and Police Departments for many years prior to his retirement. Father Ed was the beloved son of the late Peter and Lottie (Kwiatkowski) Szpiech, dear brother of Walter and his wife Betty, of Stanhope, loving uncle of Diane Fattorusso and her husband Hank, of Stanhope, and Cheryl Kozubal and her husband Adam, of Somerset, and great uncle to Andrea, Marissa, Lauren, Jenna and Emma.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Father Ed's name to St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church (184 Ray Street, Garfield NJ 07026), St. John Vianney Residence (60 Home Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070) or Villa Marie Claire

Hospice (12 W Saddle River Rd, Saddle River, NJ 07458) would be kindly appreciated by his family.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

340 Ridge Road  
North Arlington, NJ 07031

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church  
184 Ray Street  
Garfield, NJ 07026

## Prayer Service

JUN 11. 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church  
184 Ray Street  
Garfield, NJ 07026

## Visitation

JUN 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church  
184 Ray Street  
Garfield, NJ 07026

## Funeral Mass

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JUN 12. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church  
184 Ray Street  
Garfield, NJ 07026

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Edward Peter Szpiech*

September 27, 2023 at 07:17 AM



“ *Just learned of the passing of my best friend from said t adalberts church in Elizabeth New Jersey rest in peace father Ed you will be in my prayers always*

**Corinne VanAuken(Lenard)** - July 17, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ *We just learned of the passing of our good friend Father Ed. He married us in Saint Adalberts April 18, 1970 and visited us in Eatontown, NJ when our daughter was an infant. We exchanged cards and letters over the years. Our sincere sympathy to Father Ed's family and friends for such a sorrowful loss.*

*Ray & Carol Stanley  
Apollo Beach, FL*

**ray stanley** - November 29, 2019 at 12:38 PM

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“ Being long time parishioners at St. Adalbert's, we knew Fr. Ed straight from his ordination in 1967. Loved and respected him so much. Enjoyed some great pinochle games, family barbecues and lots of fun times. A great priest and a great man. Rest in peace Fr. Ed!

*Terry and Drew Swider*

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**Andrew Swider** - June 13, 2019 at 09:01 PM

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“ Fr. Ed will truly be missed by so many! He was an amazing priest. May he R.I.P. 🙏



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**Marta Zamora (Castellanos)** - June 12, 2019 at 10:18 PM

AS

“ Fr. Ed was a wonderful priest and pastor. He will be missed by so many, especially my family. We knew him for 28 wonderful years. He was always there, for my parents, for weddings, baptisms, and funerals. He always had a smile on his face no matter how difficult a situations was. A true friend. Rest in Peace, Father Ed.

*Ann, Ed, Andrew Suscreba  
Danielle & Michael Maiorino*

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**Ann Suscreba** - June 11, 2019 at 03:23 PM

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“ *Father Ed was a dedicated priest and truly caring Pastor, he will be missed always. Joan and Joy E Kovalytsik*



**Joy E Kovalytsik** - June 10, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ *Rest in peace, Father Ed. You were truly one of a kind. It was a privilege being an altar boy at St. Stan's under your watch from 1990 - 1992.*

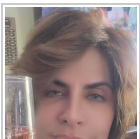
**Peter Tabisz** - June 09, 2019 at 10:28 PM

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“ *Anna Fattorusso lit a candle in memory of Rev. Edward Peter Szpiech*



**Anna Fattorusso** - June 09, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ *RIP Father Ed, a truly special man. Loved hearing him say Mass*

**Leila Joan** - June 09, 2019 at 02:41 AM

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“ *Father Ed was always so kind. My family and I always enjoyed his mass. You will be truly missed.*

**Marijana Lisica** - June 08, 2019 at 05:53 PM

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“ You will forever be in our hearts - Maria Rey cicalese



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maria - June 08, 2019 at 03:02 PM

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“ He blessed us with his presence, often encouraged us with his wit & wonderful smile, shouldered us though our difficult hours and always, always showed us the face of the Living God. We'll all miss Fr Ed but somehow, I believe this man's amazing Spirt is & will always surround us showering us all with blessings upon blessings.

With much love to the entire Szpiech Clan hoping your memories of days spent with a gracious & loving man will help you through your grief,  
Kathy Skrupskis

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Kathy Skrupskis - June 08, 2019 at 11:06 AM

BA

“ Father Ed was the best pastor in the whole world. I remember when he taught me CCD. He always called me his "buddy". I have a love of Muenster cheese and Snoopy thanks to him. I will miss him so much.



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Barbara - June 07, 2019 at 02:03 PM