



## Rev. Martin Bernard Nassr

December 16, 1941 - December 14, 2023

Father Martin B. Nassr, a Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Toledo since 1967, passed away on December 14, 2023, in Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo, Ohio. He was 81 years old. He was born on December 16, 1941 to Anthony Michael (Nap) and Florence (Jansen) Nassr. His parents and four siblings, Michael (Bobbie), Miriam Kurek (Jerry, deceased), Melanie Keil (Bob, deceased), Molly Leonard (Michael), pre-deceased him. He is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Growing up he attended St. James Parish and School (1947 - 1955) and went on to St. Francis de Sales High School (1955 - 1959). After graduation he attended St. Meinrad Seminary College in Southern Indiana (1959 - 1963) earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Dedicated to lifelong learning, Fr. Marty earned a Masters of Divinity from St. Mary's Seminary College in Cincinnati, Ohio (1963 - 1967), and a Masters in Religious Education from Loyola University Chicago (1978).

As a diocesan priest he held assignments at St. John Parish (Defiance), St. Peter Parish (Huron), St. Mary (Vermillion), St. Adalbert (Toledo), Central Catholic High School (Toledo), St. John (Toledo), St. Catherine (Toledo), St. Michael the Archangel Parish (Findlay), Saints Peter and Paul Parish (Sandusky), St. Peter (Archbold), Our Lady of Mercy (Fayette). On July 1, 2012 Fr. Marty was granted Senior Status, and continued to help and serve at

many Parishes, Schools, Institutions and Communities.

In over 50 years of service, Fr. Marty was involved in numerous other ministries including: Teens Encounter Christ (TEC), Exercise in Christian Living (ECL), Marriage Enrichment Retreats, Parish Retreats, Divorced /Separated Retreats, and helping with a Divorced/Separated support group, Retreats for Deacons and Spouses, Enrichment Days at various parishes, and Seniors (over 55) Retreats, and provided individual Spiritual Direction to many. Fr. Marty was a pastor who believed in collaboration and consensus, and the importance of involving the faithful in the life of the Church.

Fr. Marty loved organizing and bringing groups of people together. The St. James Class of '55 meets bi-monthly and enjoys a dinner together, along with reminiscing and discussing the health and well-being of classmates. Fr. Marty would notify class members as to the time and place and send a report on each gathering including a photo. The St. Francis de Sales High School class of '59 meets monthly to catch up on all the latest happenings with classmates. Fr. Marty was also the official secretary for their meetings and always provided a report along with a picture of all in attendance. All members of the group looked forward to the meeting report to see what alliterations would be included. Monthly Fr. Marty was part of the Class of '67 Meinrad Zoomers, a monthly zoom session with fellow St. Meinrad classmates to discuss Papal Documents, or a suggested book. He was dedicated to his monthly priests' support group, Ubi Caritas, which has been meeting since 1974. Fr. Marty organized a Doo-Wop concert group, sending out invitations to one and all to attend Doo-Wop concerts at the Maumee Indoor Theatre. This group combined two of his loves, music and bringing people together.

Fr. Marty was a faith filled, prayerful servant who dedicated his life to caring for and supporting the spiritual needs of all who came his way. His legacy will endure in the lives of those who were blessed to know him.

Reception of the body will be at 2:00 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 750 Bright Road, Findlay, Ohio, 45840 on Monday, December 18, 2023 with visitation to continue until the time of Vesper Services at 7:00 p.m. A visitation will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 2255 Central Grove Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, 43614, on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 with visitation to continue until the time of Vesper Services at 7:00 p.m.

Visitation will continue on Wednesday December 20th starting at 10:00 a.m. for one hour. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on December 20, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., with the Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo, as the principal celebrant. A luncheon will follow in the school cafeteria immediately after the conclusion of Mass.

The internment Service will begin at 2:00 p.m. in Calvary Cemetery, Toledo.

The Funeral Mass will be available to watch via live stream at this link, any time after 10:45 a.m. Wednesday. [CLICK HERE \(https://youtube.com/live/zpgCR0x3Zlg?feature=share\)](https://youtube.com/live/zpgCR0x3Zlg?feature=share)

Memorials may take the form of contributions to a charity of the donor's choice.

The family thanks the compassionate care given by Toledo Hospital, Advanced Specialty Hospital, Hospice of Northwest Ohio, and particularly his primary physician, Dr. Stephen P. Bazeley M.D.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.  
Toledo, OH 43607

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish  
750 Bright Rd  
Findlay, OH 45840-2497  
(419) 422-2646

## Visitation

DEC 19. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
2255 Central Grove  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Visitation

DEC 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
2255 Central Grove  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Funeral Mass

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
2255 Central Grove  
Toledo, OH 43614

# Tribute Wall



“ *Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services created a Rev. Martin Bernard Nassar Funeral Mass in memory of Rev. Martin Bernard Nassr*



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**Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services** - December 19, 2023 at 09:27 PM

RS

“ *Marty was a seminary classmate and friend. He was a good man that will be remembered and missed. May he now rejoice with all the other saints.*

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**Robert Stewart** - December 20, 2023 at 11:16 AM

RO

“ *Fr. Marty was such an endearing man. He would always start out with a prayer when I would go to Reconciliation with him, and he really seem to listen and care. He will be missed here at St Joan of Arc.*



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**Rosie** - December 19, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Martin Bernard Nassr.*



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December 18, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *To the family of Father Marty, sincere condolences to all of you. Father held a very respectful place in our hearts. We seem to have known him forever and being involved in the many ministries in the parish has allowed our love for him to strengthen. We had many laughs, enjoyed his touching homilies and his devotion to music. Always had time to listen and share a comment or two. He will always remain close to us and our prayer is that he is enjoying his eternal reward in heaven with all the angels and saints. We will all miss him dearly. Mike and Rita Schroeder, Findlay St Michael the Archangel Parish*

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**Mike & Rita Schroeder** - December 17, 2023 at 07:09 PM

SA

“ Nobody loved Doo Wop and oldies music more than my buddy Father Marty! He always attended every single oldies concert at the Maumee Theater. He often would bring as many as 100 people with him. We will miss you and will always cherish the special moments together with great music!

*Scotty & The Shades of Blue*



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**Scott Avig** - December 17, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rev. Martin Bernard Nassr.



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December 17, 2023 at 02:35 PM

SB

“ Scotty & The Shades of Blue planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Martin Bernard Nassr.

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**Scotty & The Shades of Blue** - December 17, 2023 at 02:35 PM

FO

“ We were blessed when Marty would bring his Lebanese food to Dan Zak's cabin on Wolf Lake on Monday evening. Fantastic eating, and so much food that we would eat it for lunch all week. And we'd ask Marty to play music from 1957 or 1960 or any year at all. We had everything organized. His faith was so personal and real. What a gift!

John Oesterle  
St. Meinrad Class of 67

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**Fr. John Oesterle** - December 16, 2023 at 09:59 PM

DL

He was so kind to us here at Saint Michael's here in Findlay, Ohio. He helped me through several hard times in my life. He love to sing some of his sermons. He sure knew a lot of songs,

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**Dan Lammers** - December 17, 2023 at 12:43 PM

VF

St John's Defiance was Fr.Marty's first assignment and I know how much he influenced my life and my faith... coming to St John's at the beginning of my high school years. It started with a surprise phone call from him... he asked me to get some of my classmates that went to St John's and meet him to discuss forming a CYO club... I did and it changed my life ( I didn't know, I wanted to be a teacher but you couldn't say no when he asked to teach a second grade summer school class) and my faith grow under his direction. I know Ffr. Marty touched many lives profoundly as he touched mine...

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**Vickie Schaffer Farley** - December 20, 2023 at 12:09 AM

SW

“ Fr. Marty zest for faith and music will be so missed by many. I knew him for 54 years beginning with his spiritual guidance with my grandmother’s passing when he was in Defiance. He was very close to my late parents when he was pastor in Sandusky. He became a deeper spiritual mentor when he encouraged me to do my first TEC in Carey. We shared many conversations over the years about Catholic issues and ways of strengthening relationship with God. FROG: Fully Rely On God will always be my goal in your memory. May you rest in peace and sing with the choirs of angels.

susan Steinberger Wumer - December 16, 2023 at 03:23 PM

SR

Father Marty was at St Peter Church and School when I was in Jr. High. He had a enlightening presence with most of the kids my age. He was the cool sandeled priest that had hair like the Beatles and a voice to match. And yes, I made my TEC retreat because of his encouragement and upbeat message of Christ’s endless love for all. This retreat opened my mind fully to life’s possibilities and my purpose for being. May He rest in eternal peace as we continue to live his legacy. 🙏

Sue (Everett) Rader - December 16, 2023 at 06:10 PM

AM

I first met Father Marty in Huron, Ohio in 1970. My husband and I were married in 1971 by him and the Rev, George Bell in the First United Presbyterian Church in Huron, It was, I believe, the first time Father Marty participated in a wedding outside of the Catholic Church. We are forever grateful for his blessings and for his belief in our union. I cherish the memory of him.

Ann Meier - December 17, 2023 at 10:06 AM

RE

*Marty has been a dear friend since we met in Chicgo so many decades ago. I have always appreciated his gifts of ministry and his ability to connect with people. And of course I appreciated his love of music and the amazing depth of his knowledge about it. The world is a lesser place without him, but I know he lives in my heart, and that of so many others. May his memory be a blessing to all of us.*

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**Ruth Roetheli Ehresman** - December 18, 2023 at 04:50 PM

CM

*I have known Father Marty since here came to St. John's in Defiance as a baby priest in 1967. We've stayed in tough ever since. In 2015 Rick & I reconnected with him at an RCIA Workshop at St. Patrick Heatherdowns where Rick and I had met 25 years earlier and I mentioned we were celebrating our 25th Wedding Anniversary. He asked if he could bless our marriage later that evening in that very church where Rick & I had met. During the prayer he "sang" the scriptures to us then blessed our marriage. Thank you so much dear friend and may you now Rest in Peace. Connie & Rick Moffitt*

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**Connie & Rick Moffirr** - December 19, 2023 at 08:03 PM

JS

*Father Marty said a French Mass for the International Club of Sandusky High School as part of the Christmas celebration. It was a glorious celebration! Merci beaucoup Father!*

*John E. Schumm-former SHS French teacher.*

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**John E. Schumm** - December 20, 2023 at 09:49 AM