



Rev. John Joseph Kilgallon

May 6, 1943 - December 26, 2024

Rev. John Joseph Kilgallon, age 81 of Plymouth Meeting; went home with Jesus on December 26, 2024. He was born on May 6, 1943 son of the late John Patrick and Mary “Mollie” (Boland) Kilgallon.

John and his 4 siblings were raised in the Spring Mill section of Conshohocken. He attended St. Matthew Church; Saint Matthew grade school; and Saint Matthew High School, where he was a player on the school’s championship football team. He studied theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and was ordained a priest in May of 1969. He went onto earn his Master’s Degree from The Catholic University of America. John served the Archdiocese of Philadelphia through many assignments namely; pastor of St. Francis DeSales in West Philadelphia; resident of SS. Peter & Paul Basilica; taught at West Catholic High School for Girls and Cardinal O’Hara High School; resident of St. John the Cross Parish in Roslyn and resident of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Southampton. John enjoyed golf, reading, taking care of people and being among his family, friends and parishioners. He was ever proud of his Irish Heritage. John married many of his nieces and nephews and subsequently baptized his great nieces and nephews. His great nieces and nephews are left to cherish the many holidays with their beloved Uncle John; which based on the age and number of children, made for loud, spirited celebrations, full of life and laughter. Whether you were privileged to know him as Father John or Uncle John; he loved you

all as a brother or sister in Christ.

John is survived by: a brother, Daniel R. Kilgallon (the late Marie Kilgallon); a sister, Maureen Hanna (the late Joseph Hanna); 8 nephews: James (Theresa), Kevin, Jeffrey, Joseph (Shanique), Michael (Trina), Patrick, Daniel (Susan) and Steven (Alesia); 4 nieces, Julia Moore (Adam), Jennifer Hanna (Shaun Ahner), Erin Kilgallon, and Carolyn Dowling (Sean); many great nieces, great nephews, cousins (including those in Ireland and England) and dear friends. He was predeceased by 2 brothers, James E. (Jeanne) and Michael P. (Margaret).

Relatives and friends are invited to pay respects on Thursday evening, January 2nd from 5:30 to 7:30PM at the William A. Moore Funeral Home, 708 Fayette St., Conshohocken or on Friday morning, January 3rd from 9:30 to 10:45AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 611 Knowles Ave, Southampton, PA 18966. Mass of Christian Burial will commence at 11AM in the Church. Internment will be private in St. Matthew Cemetery (Conshohocken).

In lieu of flowers; memorial donations may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at (800) 805-5856 or www.stjude.org/donate.

Cemetery Details

Saint Matthew Cemetery

North Lane & Butler Pike
Conshohocken, PA 19428

Previous Events

Evening Visitation

JAN 2. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

William A. Moore Funeral Home
708 Fayette Street
Conshohocken, PA 19428
(610) 828-4006
<https://www.williamamoore.com/>

Morning Visitation

JAN 3. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel
611 Knowles Ave
Southampton, PA 18966

Funeral Mass

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel
611 Knowles Ave
Southampton, PA 18966

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Father Kilgallon was my religion teacher at Cardinal O'Hara high school in the early 1980s. He always greeted me with the warmest hug and genuine kindness. I was a shy and awkward high-school kid and he tried to bring me out of my shell. He was hands down my favorite teacher....and I am thankful for his compassion.*

Lisa Camma - September 26, 2025 at 02:36 PM

JP

“ *Father John was always a good person to talk too..my Sister 's Brother in aw always found his way to their house for get togethers.Never avoided a question and always had great understandable answers .. very likeable after all ...he was an IRISH CATHOLIC PRIEST!! He had a rough couple of years and we are saddened but now he can watch over the whole clan from above..GOd Bless you John the family misses you ! Jan and John Paytas*

Jan Paytas - January 02, 2025 at 01:45 PM

JM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Julia Moore - January 01, 2025 at 09:43 AM

JH

“ *To the Kilgallon Family,*

On behalf of my family, I offer our condolences but at last his long-fought health battle has allowed him to now look down on us for things he began to miss. I have known John since he was in the seminary with my uncle Tom Flanigan, at least sixty years ago. My brothers and cousins had the pleasure of John for a week at St. Monica's Camp as their cabin counselor for a couple of years. Over the years, John was like the third priest in our family as my brother John also was called. With the three of them, we always had multiple coverage for sacraments and church events. John did the pre-Cana instructions and weddings for all four of our children, Shawn, Ryan, Courtney & Lesley. Obviously, he did a fantastic job, as always, cumulatively they are approaching 50 years matching Cheryl & I as their parents!

We had the pleasure of having John join us on two cross-country family trips to Montana, where my wife was born and raised. John always helped keep things loose in the van, many times with humor we can only talk about! We spent many hours not only on the road but for many years reminiscing those trips visiting national parks like Yellowstone, Black Hills, the Arch in St. Louis and others. We blended it also with cathedrals, basilicas, and Notre Dame dropping Ryan off on the way back when he was a student there.

John's bond with my family is compounded by the same with my eight younger brothers and sisters and all the many Flanigan cousins. For many years, John was always there for our annual Flanigan Bowling Event the day after Christmas and our July 4th Pool Party for Courtney & her husband who shared the date with the USA.

Reading the other memories, confirms that John was a very special person and his memory will be cherished by many. Thanks for sharing him with us! We all cherish the time and memories!

James (Jim) Hopkins - December 31, 2024 at 03:34 PM

MA

What a wonderful tribute to Rev. John Kilgallon on behalf of your family. Thank you for bringing him to Montana so many of Cheryl's family here could also get to know and love him.

Margie - January 04, 2025 at 12:46 PM

BD

“ Went to school with John at St Matts for 10 years. 8 years grade school and 2 years high school. Great guy. Didn't see him in junior year. I think he went into the seminary at that time (1960) Rest in peace Johnny. You earned it.

Bill D - December 31, 2024 at 07:56 AM

SH

“ Stacy H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. John Joseph Kilgallon.

Stacy H. - December 30, 2024 at 10:08 AM

DE

“ After I had been 30 years away from the Church, Father Kilgallon heard my confession and his sensitive advice and guidance got me into RCIA and back into regular practice of the faith again!

Derek - December 29, 2024 at 06:47 PM

PH

“ Father loved my kids my Jessy and my Bryan, but he loved our PREP children so much.
He was exactly the kind of Priest that the kids needed, loving, supportive and would talk to them at their level.
He was a good friend of ours and really made a big impression on my husband with his words of wisdom during his homily.
You are forever loved, and now you will shine even brighter.

Pam Howard - December 29, 2024 at 05:22 PM

RF

Father has been loved and appreciated by many and my daughter and I have been blessed to know him in our lives as well. 🙏👩. Down to earth, around to converse with many times in our lives and now we are asking God to bless and welcome him into Heaven with open arms. Also asking for comfort for his family at this time of loss. Thank you for sharing him with all of us. 🙏👩🌹

Rose Ann Boicesco and Family - December 29, 2024 at 11:13 PM

JS

Father and I had many laughs together and will be missed by all that knew him.

John, Beth, Grace, Gabby Scarpello - December 31, 2024 at 01:01 PM

MA

“ Through so very much in my life, Fr JK was there. He will always be very special to my husband and I. Even after I moved to FL, I went home and he was able to Baptize two of my three babies. God speed, Fr JK. Eternal rest, we pray, until we meet again.

Tony and Nicole Girgus

Michelle Alesi-Girgus - December 29, 2024 at 04:58 PM

AA

“ Father Kilgallon ran RCIA at St John of the Cross and brought me into the church and baptized me as an adult after I was married. Shortly after moving to Southampton, Father was ironically transferred to the parish there. He was a very kind man and very easy to talk to. Never got my name right despite our history but always asked about my family. When he would go into the school at OLGc and give out report cards, he always poked fun at my kids in the nicest way possible.

AIMEE ALBIN - December 29, 2024 at 03:29 PM

CM

“ Father Kilgallon kindly visited my Mother in a nursing home when she needed prayers. May God grant him a peaceful place in His kingdom.

Cathyann Milanese - December 29, 2024 at 11:47 AM

JA

“ He Married my friends back in '98. He had residence at St John Of The Cross Parish in Roslyn PA for many years. Years later I found him again at OLGc parish.

jeff abate - December 28, 2024 at 05:20 PM

SD

“ John married us in 1974. He was not the minister at St. Matthews but pulled strings so he could marry his sister's best friend and me. Our love goes out to Maureen.

Steve Dragon - December 28, 2024 at 11:20 AM