



## Fr. Thomas Patrick Kirwan

March 15, 1943 - May 30, 2011

Kirwan, Fr. Thomas P. Age 68. May 30, 2011.

Beloved son of the late Thomas and Mary. Fr. Tom was born and raised in Detroit. A graduate of St. John's Theology Seminary with a Bachelors in Philosophy and a Master's Degree in Theology from Sacred Heart Seminary. He was ordained in June 1969. Fr. Tom served at Christ the King, St. Dorothy, St. Hilary, National Shrine of the Little Flower, Our Lady Queen of All Saints, St. Matthias, Divine Child, St. Blase and St. Raphael Parishes, retiring in January 2001. He enjoyed reading, playing racquetball, music and the theatre. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Scripture Service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E. of Woodward, Royal Oak. Funeral Saturday, In-state 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass 11 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Detroit. Memorial contributions to the Archdiocese of Detroit, 305 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48226 are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ God Bless Fr. Tom an inspiration to all and a warm laugh and good cheer to all that ever met him. God rest his soul.

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**Russ Murphy** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Fr. Tom was known to me before I met him. My good friend was lamenting St. Blase's loss, and then he showed up at Divine Child where I was a parishoner... he was so present in my toughest moments of the 80's. My grandpa's annointing, my grandma's stroke,my marriage prep, help when that marriage didn't happen... I kept the faith with his gentle guidance. You are at peace, heaven's gain, the world's loss.. Haven't seen you in a while, but you have never left me. Lynn Bamrick O'Meara

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**Lynn Bamrick O'Meara** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Fr. Tom, We enjoyed our time with you at St. Matthias. You taught us so much. We are sure you have a special place in heaven!! God Bless You and Rest in Peace!!!

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**Mark and Bridget Bobick** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ So many beautiful happy memories from your earliest days at St. Dorothy and beyond. We attended your ordination. You officiated at our wedding, the baptism of both of our children and administered the Sacrament of the Sick and gave such comfort to our Mom during her final days. Your smile, your energy, your generous caring for others are the attributes that set you apart and made you so special. May God continue to hold you in the palm of His hand as we continue to hold you in our hearts. I'm certain Fr. Marshal and many of your family and friends were waiting at Heaven's Gate to welcome you with open arms. Thank you and God bless you, Father Tom!

Maureen & Chris Dritsan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Father Tom Thank you for all you gave to those of us at St. Hilary Parish Community. We continue to remember you and your dedication to the Lord. Personally you have had an incredible impact on me and my family throughout our faith journey. Gone but NEVER forgotten.

Nancy Pilut - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Rest in Peace Father Tom.

JoAnne Evola - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Father Tom was an extraordinary priest and wonderful friend to all of us at Divine Child. We are so thankful to have been blessed with his company. With much love, Ronnie, Wanda, Veronica, Andrew, & Eric

Ron & Wanda Cicilian - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ A dedicated Man of God has gone home to God. He will be missed by many. With prayers.

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**Tim Westfall** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Go with God. What a privilege knowing you, Fr. Tom. May the road rise to meet you..wind be at your back..till we meet again..May God Hold You in the palm of His Hand.

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**alice murphy** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Dearest, dearest Tom-- A man of deep faith, of unending hope, of compassion, of humor, of LOVE. You have made the world a far better place because of your presence in it. You have shown so many of us how to forgive, how to communicate, how to be our best selves. You told me to embrace those parts of me that are in shadow and to be gentle with myself. Now, gentle soul, be at peace. May you rest in the shadow of the wings of GOd. You are deeply loved. Liz

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**Elizabeth A. Rashid** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ We will never forget Fr. Tom's caring ways and contageous smile. He truly was a devoted priest and a gentleman. May you rest in peace, dear Fr. Tom.

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**Tom & Denise Platz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I will always remember Father Tom from St. Dorothy. He always had a smile on his face. Very sorry to hear this.

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**Sandra Wieczorek** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Thank you, Tom, for celebrating and sharing your life. "Buddy Christ" welcomes you with His smiling eyes and a thumbs up! "Quid retribuam Domino pro omnibus quae retribuit mihi? Calicem salutaris accipiam, et nomen Domini invocabo." ~ Ps.115:3-4

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**Denny Kecso** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Fr. Tom Kirwan served at St. Blase Parish during our 10th Wedding Anniversary and blessed our marriage and our sons at a weekday Mass in March, 1995. We will always remember him as a caring and pious priest with a smile for everyone. And his good deeds will follow him all the days of his life. May he rest in God's peace as he served Him well.

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**Carel and Mary Minjeur** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Fr. Tom, Since your deaconate days it was apparant you were going to be a very caring, sharing priest. It's been an honor knowing you through your work at St. Raphael & St. Blaise. You will be genuinely missed. God bless you!

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**Mary Gatt Mellor** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Fr. Tom, You were a wonderful man and a devoted priest. We have many great memories from your years at St. Blase and beyond. We will miss your warmth, your smile and your humor. You will never be forgotten. Love, Ben and Kathy Ancona

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**Kathy Ancona** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *God Bless Father Tom and speed him on to heaven! I remember Father Tom giving a Religious Ed class for my daughters many years ago at St. Dorothy's. He was a Good Man and Priest! Rest in peace Good Father!* ”

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**Ted Gauley** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM