



## Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi

January 17, 1936 - November 12, 2015

Monsignor Joseph C. Ansaldi, former vicar of Staten Island and principal emeritus of St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School on Thursday November 12, 2015 at the age of 79.

For almost his entire life in the priesthood, Monsignor Ansaldi's name would become synonymous with his beloved St. Joseph by-the-Sea, as a teacher, assistant principal, and 27 years as principal.

He was named a monsignor in 1990 by the late Pope John Paul II. The following year he was named as co-vicar for Staten Island by the late Cardinal John J. O'Connor, a position he maintained until 1998. He stepped down to devote more of his time to Sea.

From 2009 to 2011 Monsignor Ansaldi served as principal emeritus and taught French and German at Sea.

Since reaching the mandatory priest retirement age of 75, he had been serving as a chaplain at St. Peter's Boys High School, New Brighton, and St. Joseph Hill Academy, Arrochar, and as a chapel assistant at Monsignor Farrell High School, Oakwood.

Paralleling his service to Sea, Monsignor Ansaldi was also a beloved fixture at

St. Charles R.C. Church in Oakwood, where, as a weekend associate, he was known for his warm style and cogent sermons.

He was true to form Sunday at the 12 noon mass, when he read the gospel according to Mark, telling of a poor widow whose two-coin donation meant more than the offerings of those who gave from their surplus wealth. In his homily, Monsignor Ansaldi told how, in the style of the "Antiques Roadshow" TV show, he once sold World War II-era family dolls to an antiques dealer, only to see soon after that they were being resold for many times what he was given.

Born in and raised in Manhattan, Monsignor Ansaldi was ordained to the priesthood in 1962 in St. Patrick's Cathedral by the late Cardinal Francis Spellman.

His first assignment as a priest was to Staten Island, where he was in residence at Mount Loretto, the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, in Pleasant Plains. He taught for a year and was a dean of the girls' residence, which was then located on the waterfront side of Hylan Boulevard, across the street from the present site.

He was a history teacher at Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx, from 1963-1978. He earlier served as parochial vicar at St. Dominic's R.C. Church, also in the Bronx.

He joined the faculty at Sea in 1978, where he taught American history, religion and French. He was named principal in 1982.

Monsignor Ansaldi celebrated his 50th ordination to the priesthood in 2012. Choosing to downplay his accomplishments as an administrator, however, he said at the time he'd rather focus on offering prayers and thanksgiving for his 50 years of service to God through the priesthood.

They also recalled how he would often bring his beloved dog, Sea-Sea, a Boston Terrier, to school with him. He could often be seen striding down the hallway with Sea-Sea in tow, stopping so students could pet and greet the dog.

Monsignor is the beloved son of the late Vincent and Angelina. Loving brother of Louis, John and Vincent. He was a devoted Uncle to his many nieces and nephews.

A gathering of family and friends will take place at St Charles RC Church on Hylan Blvd & Penn Ave. on Sunday evening from 7-9 p.m. and on Monday from 2-7 p.m. at St. Charles Church. Mass of the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Monday at 7 p.m. Bishop John O'Hara will be the celebrant. Monsignor Thomas Bergin will deliver the homily.

Monsignor Ansaldi will lie in state on Wednesday at St James the Apostle Church, 14 Gleneida Ave. Carmel NY from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 a.m. Bishop John O'Hara will be the celebrant and Monsignor Anthony Marchitelli will deliver the homily. Interment will follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, NY.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the JOHN VINCENT SCALIA HOME FOR FUNERALS INC. 28 ELTINGVILLE BLVD. (at Eltingville Station).

Donations In his memory may be made to:  
The Msgr. Joseph C. Ansaldi Education Fund  
C/o St. Charles Church  
644 Clawson Street  
Staten Island NY 10306



# Cemetery Details

## Gate of Heaven

10 W. Stevens Ave  
Hawthorne, NY 10532

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **15**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

St. Charles R.C. Church  
644 Clawson Street  
Staten Island, NY 10306

## Visitation

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Charles R.C. Church  
644 Clawson Street  
Staten Island, NY 10306

## Service

NOV **16**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

St. Charles R.C. Church  
644 Clawson Street  
Staten Island, NY 10306

## Visitation

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NOV **18**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James the Apostle Church  
14 Gleneida Ave  
Carmel, NY 10512

## Service

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NOV **18**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. James the Apostle Church  
14 Gleneida Ave  
Carmel, NY 10512

# Tribute Wall



“ *He cut my hair where I didn't cut it after haircut inspection*

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**Mike Epstein** - December 28, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ *Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi*

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October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *He was my history teacher in my senior year. He influenced my political thinking.*

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**obie hunt** - February 13, 2016 at 09:01 AM



“ *I am Rosemary (Tito) Hunt a child of one of the Coppola sisters, Theresa. My Aunt Mary (Coppola) Denaro were good friends with Monsignor's parents. I remember how kind his dad and mom were when they visited my aunt in Yonkers, NY. I remember attending Father's ordination and him hearing my confession. What a blessing! Enjoy your eternal reward. I'm sure Father Ansaldi is ministering to the young people who died so tragically in France on Friday. Please pray for us and intercede for our intentions. We will miss you.*

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**Rosemary Hunt** - November 16, 2015 at 10:19 PM

NF

“ *Monsignor Ansaldi was my guidance counselor at St. Joseph by the Sea. I am fortunate to have had him in my life and his positive influence. He was sincere and had such a gentle reassuring way with his words. He exemplifies what it means to do God's work. Today I watched the video of his sermon "The Dash". Monsignor Ansaldi certainly has an honorable and worthy legacy. His memory will never fade. May you rest in peace and enjoy eternal life with the Father in Heaven. Thank you Monsignor for the love you have shown all of us. Nick Fuschino, St. Joseph by-the Sea, Class of '79*

Nick Fuschino - November 16, 2015 at 12:38 PM

FD

*Fr Joseph Ansaldi (as he was always know to me) taught me at Cardinal Hayes HS where I graduated in 1967. He was a good man and served God in the highest fashion. He provided spiritual influence in my family. My wife and I had the honor of being married by Fr/Msgr Ansaldi on February 14, 1970. We are still married. On Christmas 2022 I met a random person at a restaurant in Florida who also knew and thought highly of Msgr Ansaldi. That is what prompted me to write these words on this Christmas Day.  
Fr/Msgr Joseph Ansaldi please pray for us. Amen*

Frank DiPasquale - December 25, 2022 at 06:36 PM

TM

“ *Tom, Diane, Alex & Matt Miller purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi.*



Tom, Diane, Alex & Matt Miller - November 16, 2015 at 11:48 AM

TM

“ We are very sorry for your loss.

*Tom, Diane, Alex and Matt Miller*

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**Tom & Diane Miller** - November 16, 2015 at 10:50 AM

RR

“ We will never forget your kindness after the loss of our son Keith Michael Roma on 9/11. You helped us get through a very difficult time. Our prayers are with you. Rest in peace. Rosemary and Arnold Roma

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**Rosemary Roma** - November 15, 2015 at 10:48 PM

LI

“ Lisa lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi



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**Lisa** - November 14, 2015 at 10:17 PM

LT

“ We are parishioner of St. Charles since 1982 we've been to Msgr Ansaldi's masses every 9:30am mass since me and sister is a Eucharistic ministers. I loved his homilies all the time and I will treasure his memories with his homilies. Thank you Monsignor your memories will be forever at St. Charles we been praying for you since we received the news of your passing away may you rest in peace and I know in our heart you are in heaven now with our Lord and your buddy Monsignor Gaffney.

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**Lilia Lopez Tun** - November 14, 2015 at 09:11 PM

SD

“ *Rev. Monsignor Ansaldi, a true example of a good man, teacher, and a " Shepard of our Lord's word." May you Rest in Peace in Heaven.*



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**Steven DeMarco** - November 14, 2015 at 06:58 PM

JK

“ *Monsignor Ansaldi wrote many homilies that any human being who believes could relate to. He told stories relating the gospel to our everyday lives. I am a parishioner of St Charles and was totally impressed by his reciting a poem called the dash. I asked him for a copy and he obliged. Even after he read the poem, his homily brought home to your heart how you lived the dash in your life and how significant that dash was. Not your date of birth or the date you died but how you lived the dash in between. Well Monsignor you lived your dash very well inspiring, teaching, leading by example and was respected as a person and holy priest. May you rest in peace. You will be missed.*

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**jo ann kelly** - November 14, 2015 at 10:33 AM

NA

“ *Nanci lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi*



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**Nanci** - November 14, 2015 at 10:20 AM



“ *Megan Cecilia lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi*



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**Megan Cecilia** - November 14, 2015 at 09:35 AM

TC

“ *Teresa Anastasio Coppa lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi*



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**Teresa Anastasio Coppa** - November 13, 2015 at 10:13 PM

MM

“ *Marie Migliorisi lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi*



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**Marie Migliorisi** - November 13, 2015 at 10:10 PM

MT

“ *Melissa Tyler lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi*



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**Melissa Tyler** - November 13, 2015 at 08:49 PM

JA

“ Junior Of Saint Joseph Hill Academy lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi



Junior of Saint Joseph Hill Academy - November 13, 2015 at 08:36 PM

JA

Thank you Msgr. Ansaldi for celebrating the mass with the Saint Joseph Hill Academy High School Family. You always gave girls inspiring life lessons, and you always provided us with courage and guidance. Thank you for everything you have done not just for the Hill Family but for everyone who had the pleasure of knowing you. Rest in Peace.

Junior of Saint Joseph Hill Academy - November 13, 2015 at 08:38 PM

SJ

“ Saint Joseph Hill Academy Junior lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi



Saint Joseph Hill Academy Junior - November 13, 2015 at 08:35 PM

EF

“ Msgr. Ansaldi was my General Science teacher when I was a freshman at St. Simon Stock H.S. in the Bronx in 1961-1962 before he entered the priesthood. I remember attending his first mass. He was always a very caring person. He will be sorely missed.

Ellen Revans Frisolone - November 13, 2015 at 04:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi.*



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November 13, 2015 at 03:29 PM



“ *Monsignor we will miss you. It was a honor for Patrick to serve at your Masses.  
+ Requiescat in Pace +*



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**The Samways Family** - November 13, 2015 at 01:01 PM



“ *Elizabeth Clement lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi*



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**Elizabeth Clement** - November 13, 2015 at 12:29 PM



*Thank you for teaching our daughter at Sea and for your inspiring homilies every Sunday. We will miss you.*

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**Elizabeth Clement** - November 13, 2015 at 12:33 PM

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“ SJHA Class Of 2016 lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi



SJHA Class of 2016 - November 13, 2015 at 11:48 AM

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Thank you Monsignor for celebrating mass at our school

SJHA Class of 2016 - November 13, 2015 at 11:49 AM

SS

“ St Joseph Hill Academy Seniors lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi



St Joseph Hill Academy Seniors - November 13, 2015 at 11:47 AM

SS

“ St Joseph Hill Academy Seniors lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi



St Joseph Hill Academy Seniors - November 13, 2015 at 11:43 AM

SS

Thank you Monsignor Ansaldi for all your years of service to God, rest in peace. Your dash is very impressive!

St Joseph Hill Academy Seniors - November 13, 2015 at 11:44 AM


JR

“ *Jake Reader lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi*



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**Jake Reader** - November 13, 2015 at 11:24 AM

  
Loriann  
Connelly

“ *Loriann Connelly lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi*



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**Loriann Connelly** - November 13, 2015 at 11:21 AM

PM

“ *Phyllis Miranda lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi*



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**Phyllis Miranda** - November 13, 2015 at 11:03 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Joseph C. Ansaldi.*



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November 13, 2015 at 08:24 AM

LF

“Monsignor Ansaldi was an amazing man. He helped make my sons the men they are today. He brought my family through an illness with his prayers and support. He touched so many lives as a member of the clergy, an educator and a friend. God Bless you Dear Monsignor. Rest in peace knowing you made a difference. <3

Lorraine Firing - November 13, 2015 at 07:46 AM

JC

“Monsignor Ansaldi was a man of great stature, presence, and grace. I did not fully understand him when I was in high school. I did not understand his words, his actions, and his decisions. It was after graduating in 2003, that I became more fully aware of the meaning of his words, the motives behind his actions, and the conviction of his decisions. It was his profound contrast to all other teachers, priests, principals, and men that made him stand out. High school was a turbulent time. My four years were especially so, going through September 11, the tragic death of a teammate, and missing school due to hospitalization. Monsignor led us through. He celebrated our victories. He mourned our losses. He pushed us beyond our limits. He challenged our failures with the hope that God had something better planned for us. I was fortunate enough to encounter him many times after high school. It was through those encounters, whether a quick handshake or a long conversation, that I was able to express my gratitude for his leadership, faith, and example. Today, I hear his words, I imitate his actions, and I dare to attempt to make decisions as he would.



May the angels lead him into Paradise.

Joseph Caramanno, Class of 2003

Joseph Caramanno - November 12, 2015 at 07:26 PM

MP

*What a great priest loved his homilies when he said mass at ST. Charles I would always talk to him at mass .*

**michael petrides** - November 12, 2015 at 09:58 PM

MA

*He was a peoples priest, you always understood the point he would make in his homilies and you would always leave his Mass feeling a little holier. He will be sorely missed . God rest his soul and may the angels lead him to heaven.*

**Marie** - November 13, 2015 at 07:30 AM

TF

*Monsignor Ansaldi was a great priest, very caring, always in touch with the people he came across. He had a way of reaching people through his homilies, making you understand the sermons, with his stories. He was a great principal and touched so many lives. God Bless you and watch over you and your family.*

*Monsignor, Rest in peace, will be keeping you in our prayers. Will be missing you at mass*

**The Ford Family** - November 13, 2015 at 11:22 AM

MM

*Monsignor Ansaldi shared his personal stories during his homilies at St. Charles which allowed us a peek into the man that he really was. He always made me smile and so glad that I had come to his masses. May God Bless you and keep you in the palm of your hand, you will be greatly missed.*

**Marie Migliorisi** - November 13, 2015 at 10:08 PM