



## Angelus M. Shaughnessy

November 16, 1929 - March 2, 2018

Father Angelus M. Shaughnessy, OFM Cap.

Father Angelus M. Shaughnessy, OFM Cap. died early Friday afternoon, March 2, 2018 in his 89th year after more than 67 years in vows as a Capuchin friar and 62 years a priest. He was preceded in death by sisters Mary Elizabeth (Roth), Sr. Mary Cecilia (Anna Mae) CDP, Irene (Murray), Pauline (Adams Cucinelli) and Josephine (Laman), and by brothers Fr. Sigmund (John Joseph) OFM Cap., Paul and Joseph. He is survived by sisters Regina (Sykes) and Bernadette (Higgins), and brother Bernard.

Matthew Edmund Shaughnessy, fourth son and ninth child of John and Anna (Spang) Shaughnessy, was born on November 16, 1929, in Rochester, PA, and baptized at St. Cecilia church by the pastor Fr. Hugh Rauwolf, OFM Cap. on November 24th. After attending St. Cecilia Grade School he entered St. Fidelis College and Seminary in Herman, PA in 1947.

A talented and capable athlete in his youth, Matthew turned down an offer to play professional baseball as a left-handed pitcher for the Cleveland Indians to enter the Capuchin Novitiate, where he received the religious name Angelus. On July 14, 1950, Angelus professed his vows as a Capuchin Friar, making his perpetual profession three years later on July 14, 1953. After receiving a Master's Degree in Religious Education, Father Angelus was ordained a priest by Bishop John McNamara on June 4, 1955 in the Crypt

Church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

In his early years as a priest, Father Angelus served as the Director of the Secular Franciscan Order and directed retreats in the Pittsburgh area. In October of 1966, Father Angelus volunteered to work as a missionary in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

From 1966 to 1978 Father Angelus was spiritual director and teacher at the newly erected Saint Fidelis Seminary on the northern coast of the Madang Province. In 1978 he was transferred to the Mendi Diocese in the Southern Highlands Province, and for the next two years did pastoral work among the people there. During the course of his ministry in Papua New Guinea Father Angelus with his friends and parishioners built 11 permanent churches and three bush churches. While ministering to the needs of the people of PNG, Father was privileged to baptize 1,227 men, women and children.

In the summer of 1980, Father was reassigned to Western Pennsylvania. Under the auspices of St. Fidelis Retreat Center, he conducted many parish missions and renewals, preached and directed retreats, accepted parish help-outs, days of recollection and appointments for personal individual counseling.

From 2001-2007, Father Angelus was stationed at EWTN in Birmingham, Alabama. There he served as Minister General to the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word. Father Angelus was happy to be a part of the apostolate of the Eternal Word Television Network where he was able to preach to 128 million households throughout the world.

In 2007 Father returned to Pittsburgh where he served as the National Executive Director of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers until the time of his death. After circling the globe four times and traveling thousands of

miles over barely navigable terrain, Father delighted in characterizing his present ministry as "the good life — a taste of the hundredfold here on earth."

Fr. Angelus was blessed with many devoted and helpful friends. Father Angelus's interest in the spiritual life led many to seek him out for spiritual guidance. He loved being in the company of his friends and family, who were always ready to attend to his needs. In his last days he preferred the company of his visitors to the easement of his pain, forgoing medication so that he would be able to converse with those who came to see him.

May this faithful servant of Christ now take his rest in the eternal fullness of the hundredfold, the taste of which so delighted him in work that only Sister Death could part him from it.

Viewing will be held on Tuesday, March 6, from 3-5 and 7-9 PM in Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Augustine Church, 225 37th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201. The Vigil Prayer Service will be at 8 PM

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 7th at 11:00 AM in Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Augustine Church. Burial will be in the Friars' Plot of St. Augustine Cemetery directly following the Mass.

Donations in honor of Father Angelus may be made to the Capuchin Friars, 220 37th Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15201.

Professional Services Trusted to D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory, Ltd. (Lawrenceville) [www.dalessandroltd.com](http://www.dalessandroltd.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St Augustine Cemetery

Pittsburgh, PA 15209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, St. Augustine Church  
225 37th St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

## Visitation

MAR 6. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Vigil

MAR 6. 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Mass

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MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

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MAR 7. 12:00 PM.

St Augustine Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ *Angelus M. Shaughnessy*

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *+Amen, I Say To You. The Lord Bless You And Keep You. The Lord Let His Face Shine Upon You And Be Gracious To You. The Lord Lift Up His Countenance To You And Grant You Perpetual Peace. +GOSPA, Pocivaj v Miru. g.michael rozman.*

**g.michael rozman** - October 26, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ *Remember Fr. Angelus, preacher, teacher, mentor...*

*Father Angelus Lives:*



*[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4A6nuCpHKyPRGnew8\\_aFnQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4A6nuCpHKyPRGnew8_aFnQ)*

**Paula Calabrese** - August 03, 2021 at 07:26 AM

JS

“ Father Angelus was my father's cousin. As a child, the Shaughnessy household in Rochester was one of my favorite destinations. It was hard to keep track of my dad's nine cousins. I remember his counseling to my wife and me before we married. The most profound wisdom he gave us - "love is a decision, not an emotion". He gave me consolation when Joann died only five years later. He presided at Dad's funeral mass in December, 1997, at St. James Church in Sewickley. Rest in peace, Father Angelus. You will live long in the memory of those who knew you. My condolences to all who loved you. Jim Shaughnessy (James Francis, Jr.), Kingston, NY

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**James Shaughnessy** - March 04, 2018 at 11:28 AM

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I was blessed by our Lord to have the honor of meeting, touching, and him hearing my confessions. What a gift God gave this world when the day Father Shaughnessy was born. He gave me a gift one day, the statue of the blessed Virgin Mary that was in front of his parents home for many years as he was growing up. I asked him to sign it, and it now, and has been for many years ,sitting on my front porch under cover beside my front door. Yes I remember that day with him as he presented it to me. Why I was the special one whom he gave it too? Regardless, I treasure it and remember him every time I walk in my home. I know God has his special place in heaven for him, and I pray I have the pleasure of seeing him in eternal light once more.

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**Nicholas oris** - March 05, 2018 at 08:40 AM

JM

Please accept my sincerest sympathy for the passing of your loved one. I remember during a homily on tombstone headings, he was asked, what he would like on his tombstone. he said, "HE WAS A KIND MAN" May he rest in peace,  
Joe Martinelli  
Westmoreland County, PA  
(jocarmen@gmail.com)

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**Joe Martinelli** - March 05, 2018 at 08:19 PM

CT

*Will miss you Father.....you taught me so much about the faith while on EWTN. I am forever grateful to you. Well done good and faithful servant.....C.Thomas (Georgia)*

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**CT** - March 07, 2018 at 07:51 PM

JM

*From my teenage years you were present in my life as a wonderful and blessed spiritual father and guide and now that "I am old and gray" I'll cherish all the wisdom you imparted to me over the many years. You are deeply missed. May Jesus be with you in the heavenly Jerusalem!  
Jeanne McNulty ofs*

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**Jeanne C McNulty** - March 20, 2018 at 11:34 AM