



## Monsignor Paul H. Reynolds

April 13, 1938 - December 18, 2010

Msgr. Paul H. Reynolds, pastor of St. Brigid Catholic Church, Johns Creek, died on Saturday, Dec. 18, at Emory University Hospital. He was 72. Born on April 13, 1938, in Dublin, Ireland, he was the son of the late Patrick and Brigid Phelan Reynolds. After attending Catholic elementary and secondary schools, he entered All Hallows College Seminary in Dublin for six years of study. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 16, 1963, by The Most Reverend Denis Moynihan of Kerry. He initially served as a priest for the Diocese of Mobile-Birmingham, Ala., from 1963 until mid-1970. He then requested to be assigned to the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He received his first assignment in Georgia in July 1970 and was formally incardinated as a priest of the Atlanta Archdiocese in February 1974. For the next 40 years, Msgr. Reynolds served as the beloved pastor of several parishes in the archdiocese. He also served the archdiocese as a vicar general; as chancellor; as a member of the archdiocesan Board of Education; member of the archbishop's priest advisory group, the College of Consultors; as a regional dean selected by his fellow priests; and as a judge in the Court of Appeals of the Atlanta Province. The heart of his priesthood was as pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Smyrna; St. John Neumann Church, Lilburn, where he was the founding pastor and assisted in opening St. John Neumann Regional Catholic School; St. Andrew Church, Roswell; and St. Brigid Church. As pastor he fostered the growth of strong faith communities with many vibrant ministries, especially in spirituality, education and music. He devoted his attention to parishioners'

spiritual lives, seeking to renew and deepen their faith and his own. Wit and self-deprecating humor were characteristic of him as were compassion and a humble posture. He was elevated to the rank of prelate of honor with the title of monsignor in May 2001. Stricken by leukemia in 2002, while serving as vicar general in curia of the archdiocese and chancellor, he underwent medical treatment and received an outpouring of prayer for healing. He then returned to serving the church full time, resuming his role as vicar general until 2006 when he was named pastor of St. Brigid Church, his final pastorate. He is survived by one brother, William, and several nieces and nephews. The vigil and funeral services will be held at St. Brigid Church, 3400 Old Alabama Road, Johns Creek. The body of Msgr. Reynolds will be received at the church on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 4 p.m. and will lie in state. A vigil service will be held at 8 p.m., with Atlanta Auxiliary Bishop Luis R. Zarama presiding and Father Frank McNamee as homilist. The recitation of the rosary will follow. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23, at St. Brigid Church, with Atlanta Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory as the principal celebrant and homilist. The rite of committal will take place at Arlington Memorial Park, Sandy Springs, immediately following the funeral Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the St. Brigid Catholic Church Building Fund.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

St. Brigid Catholic Church  
3400 Old Alabama Road  
Alpharetta, GA

## Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Brigid Catholic Church  
3400 Old Alabama Road  
Alpharetta, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Monsignor Paul H. Reynolds*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of serving for Father Reynolds as an altar boy in Atlanta at St. Josephs in the late 80's/early 90's. Even as a kid, I knew he was a special man. His love for God (and Notre Dame football) made him the man he was. I was saddened to hear of the news.*

*God Bless you, Father Reynolds.##imported-begin##Chris Carthew##imported-end##*

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February 01, 2011 at 08:06 PM



“ I considered Monsignor Reynolds a friend. I did not know he was so sick and had missed seeing him this past year. I converted in 2006 and the next year was asked to take over as President of the Women's Guild of Saint Brigid for 2 years. Monsignor Reynolds did more for me in the short time I got to know him than anyone ever did outside of my parents. He was wise, kind and he provided a place to rest in a tough world. His word meant everything. He gave advice that no one else could come close to giving. He handled my annulment and he and I always thought he would marry me at St Brigid. It did not come to be as my new husband was not able to deal with the rigors of time and old marital wounds churned up in the process . I missed Monsignor this past year. My father became ill and it was a daily event that left time to just get by. We just got back on our feet to breathe last month. Not enough time to get to check up on Monsignor. I will always regret that and will miss him so deeply. I know it was just his body I saw today and he has gone on to a much better place. I hope and pray to see him again one day. He meant more to me than he will ever know. I think he knew. I hope he knows still. I know he does. He was more than special. Eternal blessings Monsignor.##imported-begin##Victoria Leigh Wilson##imported-end##

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December 22, 2010 at 06:34 PM



“ We will miss our beloved Father Reynolds..he married us at St. Andrews and we enjoyed for years his humor, jokes and loved his homilies where he "told you that to tell you this"....we will miss his warm smile and that silver hair!! We know you are in a better place, but will miss your face and smile.....God Speed...##imported-begin##Debbie Shaw##imported-end##

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December 21, 2010 at 09:14 PM



“ *Monsignor Reynolds will be remembered always for his authentic connection to his parishioners. We will miss his wisdom and his wonderful smile.##imported-begin##John and Maria Forbes##imported-end##*

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December 21, 2010 at 03:39 PM



“ *Fr.Paul was the pastor of my parish from 6yrs of age to 16, first at St.Thomas and then SJN. I will never forget the sound of his beautiful voice, especially the way he said,"Lord". He was the best preacher I've ever heard. He was a man of holiness,wisdom,incredible wit, and sense of humor. I thank God that I knew him and the gift of his priesthood and friendship to our family. I will miss him dearly but know he's in heaven praying for all of us.##imported-begin##Jackie Estafen Zurinaga##imported-end##*

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December 21, 2010 at 09:41 AM



“ *As a family we were always so happy when we saw that Mgrs. Reynolds was walking down the isle to do the Mass that day. He had a way of standing in front of the altar, saying just a few words and walking back to sit. Those words would sink in and I would feel a rush of the Holy Spirit touching our souls and could not wait for his homily. He was a kind, gentle, loving priest and most of all,non-judgemental, am unconditional love for all! Truly a disciple of Christ. You will forever be in our hearts.##imported-begin##Charlene Berryman##imported-end##*

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December 20, 2010 at 11:37 PM



“ *Monsignor Reynolds was one of the finest men we've ever known. We were truly blessed to have Monsignor baptise, give 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion to our children. The beauty of the man came through when he held our Lord in his hands during Eucharist, we could not imagine a better shepard. Heaven is a richer place with the arrival of your soul, Monsignor. Until we meet again . . .* **##imported-begin##The Kuipers Family##imported-end##**

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December 20, 2010 at 07:44 PM



“ **WE HAVE LOST ONE OF THE GREATIST PRIESTS WE HAVE EVER KNOWN.A SUPPORTER OF A FREE AND UNITED IRELAND.  
WE HAVE INFORMED HIS TWO CLOSE SEMINARY CLASS MATES OF HIS DEATH--  
FR'S EAMON O'HARA AND JACK MADDEN IN NOTTINGHAM AND LONDON, ENGLAND.  
  
MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE.##imported-begin##KEVIN and MARIE GALLAGHER##imported-end##**

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December 20, 2010 at 05:57 PM



“ *Monsignor Reynolds is undoubtedly one of the finest persons I have ever met. He has been one of the most instrumental persons in my spiritual life and I will be grateful to him forever. We will miss you Monsignor.* **##imported-begin##Steve Norton##imported-end##**

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December 20, 2010 at 05:22 PM



“ We were truly blessed to have shared time on this earth with Msgr. Reynolds. Never have we known a man who so fully believed in the bountiful mercy and love of God. A true Shepherd. You will be missed. Go with God, as you so richly deserve!##imported-begin##Kim and Dave Boyd and family##imported-end##

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December 20, 2010 at 04:54 PM



“ This world is not the same without you with us.

*Dominus Vobiscum##imported-begin##Steve Aaron##imported-end##*

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December 20, 2010 at 03:06 PM



“ May you rest in peace Father Reynolds. I have not seen you in years but you have always been close to my heart & soul & I have many fond memories of you at St. Thomas & St. John Neuman's. I will never forget my mothers funeral in 1979 where you were obviously upset at losing a dear friend. I will never forget your kindness, your gentleness & your wonderful personality. May you have everlasting peace.##imported-begin##Carmelita Lita Kennedy Champagne##imported-end##

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December 20, 2010 at 02:23 PM



“ Monsignor,  
You will be missed.  
*Dave Lemcoe##imported-begin##David Lemcoe##imported-end##*

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December 20, 2010 at 01:38 PM



“ *Monsignor Reynolds was a deeply spiritual man and will be deeply missed as shepherd of his flock at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. When he said Mass and raised the bread and then the cup he always had a look of total happiness and peace. He loved his Lord, his church, and the people he took care of. He is missed but he is in a beautiful place! Thank you Father Paul!*###imported-begin###*Lewis Walker*###imported-end##

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December 20, 2010 at 12:49 PM



“ *Msgr. Reynolds you held a very special place in our hearts. We feel blessed for having known you when you were our Pastor at St. Andrews. You touched many lives with your humor and wisdom in preaching the teachings of our Catholic Faith that we are all better off for having had you as a part of our life. You will continue to live on in our hearts as you enjoy the rewards of eternal life with God in your heavenly home.*###imported-begin###*Dennis & Judy Klein*###imported-end##

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December 20, 2010 at 08:03 AM



“ *Monsignor Reynolds was an awesome gift from God, the full embodiment of the Good Shepherd and a constant reflection of the presence of Christ.*

*I celebrate the opportunity of knowing and serving him at St. Andrews but more importantly celebrate his heavenly reward.*###imported-begin###*mike doll*###imported-end##

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December 20, 2010 at 07:22 AM



“ There were many tears after the announcement at the 10:45 mass. A wonderful man who will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure to know Monsignor Reynolds.##imported-begin##Mark and Jane Simpson##imported-end##

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December 19, 2010 at 10:49 PM



“ We will miss you, but mutual prayers will continue until we see each other again.##imported-begin##Susan & Ed McQuade, Lauren & Alec##imported-end##

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December 19, 2010 at 08:46 PM



“ Monsignor Reynolds was a very special priest. He was the pastor of Saint Andrew's when my husband and I were married and he baptized three of our children, coming back to Saint Andrew's to baptize our third after being appointed to the Archdiocesan offices. He was well-loved and our family is better for having known him. Eternal rest grant unto him  
The Doyle family##imported-begin##Rochelle and Kevin Doyle##imported-end##

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December 19, 2010 at 06:09 PM



“ Hi-this is your niece Mary from Castleknock, Dublin, Ireland. I know that you will be enjoying a good game of golf in heaven and meeting your mum and dad, brothers, sisters and friends who have gone before. You were an amazing uncle and an inspiration in my life. I enjoyed much laughter with you and great chats on the phone. See you in heaven and take care of us all down here. All my love.##imported-begin##Mary Therese Murphy##imported-end##

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December 19, 2010 at 05:38 PM



“ I remember "Father Paul" as always smiling, always laughing, when telling a story sometimes laughing so hard you couldn't understand the punch line! He was a gem--well-loved. We will miss you!##imported-begin##Joanne Walding##imported-end##

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December 19, 2010 at 02:56 PM



“ I am very sad at Msgr. Reynolds passing. I had the pleasure of getting to know him at St. Andrews, and then when was blessed again when arrived at St. Brigid. I will miss how he began his homily with quotes and references to Notre Dame, but most of all I will miss the true joy you could see he felt in spreading the word of God.##imported-begin##John Klein##imported-end##

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December 19, 2010 at 02:12 PM



“ You were my fave uncle##imported-begin##Ber##imported-end##

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December 19, 2010 at 01:37 PM



“ *Msgr. Reynolds taught us all how to be brave in the storms of life. He was grateful for every day he had and never complained. I will miss his smiling face and uplifting homilies very much. I know he rests in the arms of our Lord for that is what he deserves. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Carol Boucher##imported-end##*

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December 19, 2010 at 01:15 PM



“ *To read a more detailed tribute about Monsignor Reynolds please visit my blog at [www.saintanthonyofpaduawh.org](http://www.saintanthonyofpaduawh.org) "Father Chris's Blog"##imported-begin##Father Christopher Monturo, Pastor, Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, West Harrison, New York##imported-end##*

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December 19, 2010 at 12:15 PM



“ *Monsignor Reynolds who was called simply "Uncle" by six of his nieces and one nephew has been sadly, largely absent from our lives for many years. Today we fondly remember laughter and song, picnics, first communions and marriages. We recall easier times when "Uncle" made paths in our backyard as he prayed his breviary, usually with one of us trailing behind. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was proud of our continued faith. He was there in the background for each one of us when life got too scary. We shall miss him very much and wish him peaceful rest.##imported-begin##Madeleine Reynolds Bolz##imported-end##*

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December 19, 2010 at 09:55 AM



“ *Monsignor Reynolds taught me more about the priesthood than ALL other priests I know and than ALL the years I was in the seminary combined! He was my pastor. I am deeply saddened by his passing. The Archdiocese of Atlanta has lost one of the finest priests it has ever or will ever know. Let us all be grateful to God that we fortunate enough to have him in our lives. May he rest in peace!##imported-begin##Father Christopher Monturo##imported-end##*

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December 19, 2010 at 08:53 AM