



Rev. William J. Cosgrove

February 28, 2026

Reverend William J. Cosgrove

Passed away Saturday, February 28, 2026 at age 95 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse. Father William is predeceased by his parents, Ray and Margaret from Hornell, NY; brother, Reverend James Cosgrove; and sister, Patricia C. (Robert) Dunning. He is survived by seven nieces and nephews, Margaret (Anthony) DiMartino, Ray (Kathleen) Dunning, Elizabeth (William) Jesserer, Robert (Mary Ellen) Dunning, Helen (Michael) Riggio, William (Brooke) Dunning and Carrie (William) Mathias; as well as 28 great and 10 great-great nieces and nephews. Father leaves behind many close friends and former parishioners, especially his last years residing at the Motherhouse. Father William Cosgrove attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries before earning his Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Rome's Pontifical North American College, where he was ordained a priest on December 17, 1955.

Family and friends are invited to call at the Parish of the Holy Family (St. Jude's Church) 4100 Lyell Rd. Rochester, NY 14606 on Tuesday, March 3rd from 1:45-4pm. A vigil will immediately follow at 4pm at the church. His Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, March 4th at 11am at the church. Interment, St. Ann's Cemetery, Hornell, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph's Motherhouse, 150 French Rd. Rochester, NY 14618, Hope Hall School, 1612 Buffalo Rd. Rochester, NY 14624 or Parish of the Holy Family.

Cemetery Details

St. Ann's Cemetery

Hornell, NY 14843

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 3. 1:45 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Parish of the Holy Family
4100 Lyell Road
Rochester, NY 14606

Vigil

MAR 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Father was so instrumental in my answering the call to the diaconate. He encouraged me, supported me and prayed for me. He was always so supportive of the sick, hospitalized, and home bound. Deacon Gregory Kiley*

Gregory Kiley - March 02 at 02:33 PM