



## Rev. Francis T. Carter

May 4, 1944 - January 31, 2023

The Reverend Francis T. Carter, 78, Pastor Emeritus of St. Bernadette in New Haven, entered eternal rest on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Father Carter was the son of the late Francis W. and Catherine (Shanley) Carter and was born in New Haven, CT, on May 4, 1944. He is survived by his sister Catherine and brother-in-law Lawrence Cowper of Milford. He was the uncle of James P. Cowper (Denise), Rebecca C. Moe (David), Elizabeth K. Jinks (Paul) and several great nieces and nephews. Fr. Carter graduated from Notre Dame High School, Boston College, and Southern Connecticut State. He completed his theological studies at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, NY. Father Carter was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Reverend John F. Whealon, Archbishop of Hartford, on December 20, 1986 in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, CT. Among Father Carter's assignments were Holy Spirit in Newington, St. James in Manchester, Blessed Sacrament in Hamden, St. Mary in New Britain, and St. Bridget in Cheshire. He also served at St. Brigid in West Hartford and St. Bernadette in New Haven as Pastor. He was known to be a pastor always present to his flock and who sacrificed often, without anyone knowing, for the good of those in his parish and parochial school. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 at 11 am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, St. Paul VI Parish, 2819 Whitney Ave, Hamden, with the Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford as the principal celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery, West Haven. Visiting hours will take place Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

on Feb. 7, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. preceding the Mass. Memorial donations for the support of senior priests may be made to the Benevolent Association for Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford, 134 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT 06105. Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Lawrence

280 Derby Ave.  
West Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt Carmel  
2819 Whitney Ave  
Hamden, CT 06518-2544  
(203) 248-0141

## Funeral service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MS

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Rev. Carter. I just learned of his passing while reading the quarterly alumni magazine from Boston College. "Frank" and I were great friends during our college years and we had spoken several times together after graduation. Life has a way of creating geographical distances between family and friends but the bonds of friendship are never broken and true friends can pick up when they meet as if there were no distance and time between them. It was like that with Rev. Carter. I am deeply saddened but know in my heart that he is with his Lord. RIP Frank.

Mark Schwartz - June 15, 2023 at 09:48 PM

CE

“ Father Carter helped me approx. 30 years ago when he was at St. James church in Manchester. He went out of his way to continue to help me too. I appreciated his insights and his care. He obviously made a lasting impression on me. I hope he had a good life after St James. May God bless his soul.

Carmine Esposito - February 12, 2023 at 04:38 PM

MF

“ Words cannot express my gratitude to Father Carter for always bringing us Communion and visiting our home to pray with us. Always with a smile he joined us for coffee and pastries and sometimes was able to join us for dinner. Thank you for your friendship, love and support

Martorelli Family - February 06, 2023 at 07:12 PM

MA

“ *This is from when Five Satins came to St. Bernadette*



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**Maria** - February 05, 2023 at 05:45 PM

RF

“ *My condolences to the entire Carter Family. Father Carter was a great friend and spiritual advisor. Always willing to be an ear about any situation in our lives. When I was ill he stayed with me and watched baseball while my family had to attend another occasion. Thank you Father Carter for your friendship. Rest in Peace*

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**Richard Fisk** - February 05, 2023 at 05:40 PM

MF

“ *I had the privilege of working with Father Carter for over tens years. I am honored to call him my friend. I cannot thank him enough for the endless hours of compassion he wholeheartedly gave to me and my family. There was never a time I called him that he wasn't there. He did this for me and so many others. His words were always "my door is always open". Thank you again for sharing yourself with me and countless others. Forever a friend and family* ❤️🙏

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**Maria Fisk** - February 05, 2023 at 05:36 PM

JB

“ *Dear Kathy and Larry, and Jimmy, Becky and Betsy, we are so sorry to learn of the loss of dear Frank. Please know that our hearts and prayers are with you all and our sorrow for this loss. Joanne and David Byrne*

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**joanne byrne** - February 05, 2023 at 02:17 PM

RF

“ I taught with Then Frank Carter at M.J Whalen. He was well liked by all his students. We used to play basketball with a group of teachers after School and all of us looked like we were a mess, but Frank looked like he did not have a hair out of place and he was ready to go to church. Frank and I were both thin then. I stoped in to see Frank at church a short Time ago and we talked about when we were teachers. They were great times, and Frank did an excellent job with the students.

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**Robert J. Fortino** - February 05, 2023 at 10:50 AM

TS

“ You and I served Mass at Saint Rita Church together. Everytime I would come home to visit, I always would attend Mass at Saint Bernadettes' , to see you. May you rest in peace. Tim Sullivan

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**Timothy Sullivan** - February 03, 2023 at 05:17 PM

BD

“ Dear Cathy and Family, Received the unhappy news through the Notre Dame HS system. Please accept my condolences. Have fond memories of the "end of school" parties your dear parents were so kind and generous to sponsor. Fun times! Of all the guys at ND Frank was the best "free throw" shooter, a machine at the line. After the Jesuits were finished with us, Frank of course at BC, your truly at the University of Scranton, we had a chance to visit and enjoy some time together. We drove to Hartford one evening to a theatre that had the equipment to show the new technology of large screen movies. "Grand Prix" with James Garner was the feature. Still enjoy the story about Formula One car racing. Some very pleasant recollections for me, an honor to have known the Carters. With every good wish and a prayer for your continued success and good health, I remain sincerely yours. Bob Donarum NDHS '62.

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**Bob Donarum** - February 03, 2023 at 05:05 PM

SG

“ To the family of Fr Carter.

*He was a wonderful man. I was a student of his at Michael J Whalen before he became a priest. One of my favorite teachers. Then met up again when he was at Blessed Sacrament church in Hamden. Then years later I was working at St. Paul in West haven to find out he was good friends with my pastor Fr Rosa. When he found out I worked there Fr Rosa told me he never saw him get so excited*

*He is with creator now and may he REST IN PEACE I'm sure he will continue to watch over us all. Serafina Giudice*

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**Serafina Giudice** - February 03, 2023 at 04:35 PM

BB

*Dear Cathy and Larry,*

*So sorry to hear of your loss. Good priests are getting harder and harder to come by. May father Carter be granted his eternal rest, and continue to watch over all of you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Barbara Bunnell-Deflumeri*

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**Barbara Bunnell-Deflumeri** - February 05, 2023 at 03:20 PM