

## ***PRIEST'S OBITUARY***

*Name:* Most Reverend Bernard J. McLaughlin  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus  
Diocese of Buffalo

*Photo attached:* Yes

*Date of death:* Jan. 5, 2015

*Place of death:* His residence, Kenmore, N.Y.

*Wake:* Bishop McLaughlin will lie in state at St. John the Baptist Church, 1085 Englewood Ave., Kenmore, Thursday, Jan. 8, 2 p.m. – 7 p.m., followed by a parish Mass, with Most Reverend Richard J. Malone, Bishop of Buffalo, presiding. Bishop Robert J. Cunningham, Bishop of Syracuse and a former priest of the diocese, will deliver the homily. Bishop McLaughlin was pastor emeritus of St. John the Baptist Parish.

Bishop McLaughlin's body will be received at St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin St., Buffalo, Friday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m. He will lie in state until 7 p.m., followed by Vespers, with Most Reverend Edward M. Grosz, Auxiliary Bishop of Buffalo, presiding.

### *Funeral:*

*Where:* St. Joseph Cathedral  
*When:* Saturday, Jan. 10, 11 a.m.  
*Who presiding:* His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York; Most Reverend Donald W. Trautman, Bishop Emeritus of Erie, and former priest of the Diocese of Buffalo, will deliver the homily

*Cemetery:* Mount Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore

### **Background Information**

*Date of birth:* Nov. 19, 1912

*Place of birth:* North Tonawanda, N.Y.

*Parents:* Michael H. McLaughlin, Mary (Curran) McLaughlin

*Survivors:* Several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, including Father Robert Waters, senior parochial vicar, Resurrection Parish, Batavia

Bishop McLaughlin was pre-deceased by his six siblings: Edward McLaughlin, Mary (John) Taggart, James (Virginia) McLaughlin, Margaret (Steven) Petronack, Eileen (Arthur) Waters, Eugene (Maryann) McLaughlin.

*Education:*

*High School/College:* Diocesan Preparatory Seminary, Buffalo  
*Seminary:* Propaganda Fidei Seminary, Rome, Italy

*Ordination to Priesthood:*

*Date:* Dec. 21, 1935  
*Place:* Lateran Basilica, Vatican City

*December 28, 1968:* appointed Titular Bishop of Mottola and Auxiliary to the Bishop of Buffalo

*Ordination to Episcopacy:*

*Date:* Jan. 6, 1969  
*Place:* St. Peter's Basilica, The Vatican  
*By Whom:* Pope Paul VI

*Assignments:* assistant, St. Joseph New Cathedral, Buffalo; founding pastor, Coronation Parish, Buffalo; pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Tonawanda; pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish, Kenmore. Diocesan Tribunal, diocesan chancellor, and between the episcopacies of Bishop James A. McNulty and Bishop Edward D. Head in 1972-73, Bishop McLaughlin led the Diocese of Buffalo as diocesan administrator for six months. He was also a member of the diocesan College of Consultors.

*Honors:* Named Private Chamberlain by Pope Pius XII (1950), Knight of Holy Sepulchre (1968); named Protonotary Apostolic by Pope Paul VI (1969)

Pope John Paul II accepted Bishop McLaughlin's retirement on Jan. 15, 1988. At that time, he became Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Buffalo.