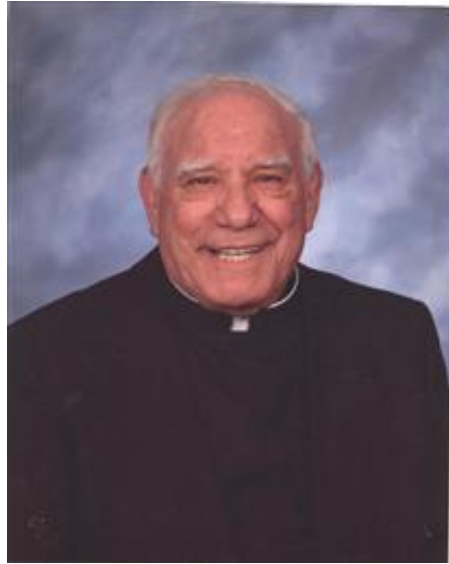


*In Memory of*  
Monsignor Cosmo G. Saporito



October 21, 1924 – March 11, 2011

Reverend Monsignor Cosmo G. Saporito was born in Brooklyn, NY, son of the late Stefano and Anna Pennino Saporito and was the youngest of 10 older siblings.

After completing his studies at the grammar and high school levels, he went on to do his undergraduate studies at St. John's University in New York. He continued his studies at Our Lady of the Angels Seminary in Niagara, New York. His Ordination to the priesthood was May 29, 1954 for the Diocese of Brooklyn.

His assignments in Brooklyn were Our Lady of Fatima at Sands Point, Our Lady of Miracles Parish and St. Fortunato, in Brooklyn, and the Shrine Church of St. Bernadette, Brooklyn, where he served as Pastor for over 20 years. He was also the Principal of Mater Christi Catholic High School in Queens, New York.

Monsignor served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII stationed in the Solomon Islands.

He was a retired priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn. Since coming to Port St. Lucie in 2001, Monsignor has spent much of his time at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church in St. Lucie West, where in the hearts of the members of the church family he will always be remembered affectionately as the "Founding Grandfather" of the Parish.

Monsignor Saporito was an exceptional cook; he enjoyed listening to music, was an avid reader, loved playing with his Siamese cat Samson and enjoyed Broadway shows.

Monsignor was a member of the St. Bernadette Council #13042 of the Knights of Columbus and was bestowed an Honorary Life Membership on April 23, 2009. He was also a Sir Knight and member of Our Lady of Fatima Assembly #3090. Monsignor Saporito had been a Knight for sixty years.

Monsignor Saporito's body is now resting at Saint John's Cemetery in Queens, New York.

Our chapel here at St. Bernadette Catholic Church has been dedicated to the memory of Monsignor and it will be known as the Monsignor Cosmo G. Saporito Memorial Chapel (Monsignor's Chapel).

Our St. Bernadette Parish will never be able to say thank you to God enough for sharing with us the gift of Monsignor Saporito. Truly, his presence is being felt every time we pray, laugh, smile, and eat!

We miss you, Monsignor....We love you, Monsignor! Pray for us.