



Father Frank Joseph Wallner

November 3, 1946 - September 6, 2025

With sadness, we announce the passing of Father Frank Joseph Wallner, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Bala Cynwyd, and priest in charge at Saint David's Episcopal Church in Manayunk, Pennsylvania. Father Frank passed away peacefully in his sleep, on September 6, 2025.

Father Frank was born in Queens, New York on November 3, 1946, to Frank Joseph Wallner Sr. and Jean Biernaski Wallner. He graduated from Xavier high school in Queens, New York and completed his undergraduate studies at Scranton University. Father Frank held three master's degrees, including a Master of Divinity from General Theological Seminary.

As an undergraduate, Father Frank was a member of the Fatima Club, made up of students from Scranton and Marwood Universities. The Fatima Club assisted the Sisters of Our Lady of Fatima Orphanage to care for and entertain the children in their charge. Father Frank spoke fondly and often of his time with Fatima and it clearly played a seminal role in his Christian formation.

After graduation, Father Frank taught English at Valley Central High School in Walden, New York, where he was the advisor for the school newspaper, and escorted student tour groups through Europe.

While in Walden, he attended Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, where he experienced his calling into the priesthood. He was ordained in 1984, returning to St. Andrew's to celebrate his first mass. In 2005, Father Frank became a proud daddy, when he adopted his son Nathan.

In his later years, Father Frank supported the Darby ministry, the ministry of Chester Eastside, Saint Gabriel's feeding ministry, and Saint James School. He was an avid singer, participating in the West Chester Community Chorus and the Havertown Choristers.

Father Frank is survived by his son Nathan Daniel Wallner, his cousins Richard and Barbara Wallner, and his cousin Barbara Stuchinski.

Services for Father Frank will be held at 10 AM on September 15, at St. John's Church, 404 Levering Mill Rd, Bala-Cynwyd PA. Visitation will be at St. John's Church, Sunday, September 14 from 5 to 7 PM and September 15 from 9 to 10 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. John's Church or to St. James School, Philadelphia.

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **14.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
404 Leveringmill Rd
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

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Viewing

SEP **15.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
404 Leveringmill Road
Bala Cynwyd, PA

Funeral Mass

SEP **15.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AI

“ I received the gift of a friendship with Frank Wallner. For years, I assisted him at weddings, funerals, and Sunday mass at St. John’s. At his home, I assisted Frank with housekeeping and yardwork. He appreciated my help. As we worked together at his house, we talked about things. There was always good-natured ribbing about the fuss his dogs Iris and Hope made on my arrival and about what he owed me at the end of the day. We lunched together while watching TV or taking in the view from his living room window. Upon parting, always a smile, a clap on the shoulder, and the words “Bye Guy.”

Allen Itgen - September 27, 2025 at 07:12 AM

JL

Hi Allen, Just found out the Father Frank has passed. He was an amazing priest and I will miss him. I am so fortunate that I met him and got to know him for a number of years, that he married Anna and me with your help and attendance at the church ceremony and reception and that he helped me on so many occasions. I hope you are well. So sad! Joe Leahan

Joe Leahan - May 17 at 06:04 AM

SH

“ Sue H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.

Sue H. - September 13, 2025 at 07:12 PM

SP

“ Sharon & Scarlet Wynns, and the Patneys purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.



Sharon & Scarlet Wynns, and the Patneys - September 13, 2025 at 10:30 AM

SP

“ Sharon & Scarlet Wynns, and the Patneys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.

Sharon & Scarlet Wynns, and the Patneys - September 13, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.



September 12, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.

September 12, 2025 at 02:46 PM

CD

“ Chris, Loree, Max & Lexi Drimak purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.



Chris, Loree, Max & Lexi Drimak - September 12, 2025 at 09:41 AM

CD

“ Chris, Loree, Max & Lexi Drimak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.

Chris, Loree, Max & Lexi Drimak - September 12, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.

September 11, 2025 at 10:31 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.



September 11, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.

September 11, 2025 at 05:48 PM

LW

“ Linda & Walter purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.



Linda & Walter - September 11, 2025 at 07:38 AM

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“ Linda & Walter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.

Linda & Walter - September 11, 2025 at 07:38 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.



September 10, 2025 at 09:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Father Frank Joseph Wallner.

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LM

“ I have known Father Frank since I was 5 years old. He lived in my grandparents apartment in their house when he first came to teach at Valley Central and until he bought his first house. He and my grandparents were more than great friends they were like family. We all considered him family. I now live in their house and even though we opened the house up we still call it the apartment side.

Father Frank married my husband and I and then christened our daughter- he and his son were at the house after the christening when my grandfather was still alive. It was the last time we saw him before he moved and it was a special celebration. We send condolences to Nathan and all his friends and family. He was a great person and will be deeply missed.

Lisa Melville- Mclver

Lisa Melville - September 10, 2025 at 07:35 PM

BA

I remember those days and how fond he was of your grandparents

Barbara - September 17, 2025 at 02:57 PM

KJ

“ Father Frank condolences to his family and we liked him very much so that we ask him to Marry us on May 23-1998 at Holy Cross Church on Pine Grove Avenue in Kingston NY. He will be remembered for his big heart and kind mannerisms. We are saddened to hear of his passing. One thing I will always remember about father is when he seen me in church he would always come up to me and ask me to do a reading when I always tried to get out of it because he said I had a loud voice and everyone could hear me and I couldn't say no.

Keith Jones - September 10, 2025 at 05:07 PM

AB

Adding my condolences representing the Barnes family here in Kingston NY. We all loved Father Frank and for me it was an honor to serve on the altar with him. Many warm memories of the things he said often humorous will stay with me forever.

Alicia Barnes - September 14, 2025 at 09:27 AM