



Rev. Msgr. Robert W. Medley

I was born in Neptune, NJ, but was mostly raised in Woodbridge Township, NJ. My parents, James and Miriam, have been very happily married for more than 61 years. Together they had four children, I am the third. My older brother, Jim, has Cerebral Palsy and lives in a group home in Jamesburg. My sister, Jeanmarie, sadly and suddenly, passed away in 1991. My younger brother, Michael lives in Rumson. I am the proud uncle of three nephews and a niece—Michael, Christian, Luke and Alexa.

I graduated the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, with a concentration in Accountancy and from Seton Hall University with a Master of Divinity degree. Following seminary formation, I was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Metuchen in 1990. I can't believe it's already been more than 30 years!

I served as an associate pastor in parishes in South Plainfield, Sayreville and Metuchen. I also lived in residence at Our Lady of the Mount, Warren for 4 ½ years while I served as Director of Vocations for the diocese. In addition to parish assignments, I have served the diocese in other ways including as Chairman of a Commission for Ministry with People with Disabilities, Coordinator of Ministry with our Deaf Community, Vice Chancellor and Director of the Department of Worship and Liturgical Formation.

As many of you already know, for 17 years I served as pastor of Queenship of Mary Parish, Plainsboro, NJ. During those years I became good friends with Father Ed Flanagan and so often heard the good news of your parish community. I was also happy to visit Nativity to assist at Reconciliation Services in Advent and Lent.

I resigned as pastor of Queenship of Mary in July 2019 to focus full time on my health, seeking to manage an anxiety disorder and major depression. I spent 13 months on leave, months that were a blessing, but also a lot of hard work!

Due to that work (and God's grace), I returned to full time ministry on September 1, 2020, as Parochial Vicar, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Martinsville, NJ....and now, as you know, I have been assigned as Pastor of Nativity of Our Lord by Bishop Checchio.

I am grateful to the bishop for entrusting this parish to my pastoral care. I am glad to be here and look forward to getting to know you and working alongside you.

At the same time, it is bittersweet...Father Ed was a good friend, and so it is sad that I am here due to his untimely death. But I hope to honor his memory (and hard work) by building on what he accomplished during his many years as your pastor.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you! And, if you think of it, say a prayer for me as well!