



## Rev. Leon T. Muroski Assignment History

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Year	Assignment	Location
1960	Ordination to the Priesthood.	Erie PA
1960-62	Spiritual Director, St. Mark Seminary, w/ <span style="color: red;">Daniel J. Martin</span> .	Erie PA
1962-67	Prefect, St. Mark Seminary, w/ Bruce Allison, John B. Haggerty, <span style="color: red;">Louis Lorei</span> , <span style="color: red;">Daniel J. Martin</span> , & Guy Patrick, & Bishop <span style="color: red;">Alfred M. Watson</span> .	Erie PA
1967-82	Vocation Director & Episcopal Vicar for Vocations, Diocese of Erie, w/ <span style="color: red;">Dennis Chludzinski</span> , Eugene J. Humenay, <span style="color: red;">Thomas E. Kelley</span> , <span style="color: red;">Salvatore P. Luzzi</span> , Michael McGraw, George E. Strohmeyer, Joseph Wardanski, multiple order priests, et alii; residing at St. Mark Seminary.	Erie PA Various throughout diocese
1967-82	Episcopal Vicar for Bishops <span style="color: red;">Michael J. Murphy</span> , <span style="color: red;">Alfred M. Watson</span> , & John J. Whealon, w/ Homer C. DeWalt & John J. Hilbert.	Erie PA
1983-95	Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake Church, w/ <span style="color: red;">Robert F. Bower</span> & Continuum intern Fr. James P. Roseto.	Edinboro PA
1983-92	Campus Minister, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, w/ <span style="color: red;">Robert F. Bower</span> & Continuum intern James P. Roseto.	Edinboro PA
1995-97	In residence, St. Casimir Church, w/ Pastor, James T. O'Hara; no assignment listed.	Erie PA
1997-2001	Not indexed or listed as on leave from the Diocese of Erie; Likely suspended/ on restricted ministry; employed by The Christophers, w/ <span style="color: red;">Michael McSweeney</span> .	Manhattan Borough New York NY
2001-2002	Residence, St. Patrick Church, listed as Retired, w/ <span style="color: red;">Michael G. Barletta</span> , Bishop <span style="color: red;">Michael J. Murphy</span> , <span style="color: red;">Thomas E. Smith</span> , William Sutherland & Joseph Wardanski.	Erie PA
2002-present	Not indexed or listed as on leave from the Diocese of Erie.	Whereabouts unknown. Seen in Johnsonburg PA

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## Reverend Leon T. Muroski

### Biographical Information

YEAR OF BIRTH:	1934
YEAR OF DEATH:	
ORDINATION:	May 26, 1960

### Employment/Assignment History

6/11/1960 – 9/01/1967	Parochial Vicar, St. Luke, Erie, PA
3/30/1961 – N/A	Chaplain, Erie County T.B. Hospital
9/01/1960 – 6/16/1967	Special Ministry, Faculty, St. Mark's, Erie, PA
6/16/1967 – 10/12/1982	Diocese Office, St. Mark's Seminary, Erie, PA
10/12/1982 – 9/01/1995	Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro, PA
5/1994	Sent to St. Luke's Institute for Psychological Treatment
9/01/1995 – 6/01/1997	Retired, St. Casimirs, Rectory, Erie, PA
6/01/1997 – 4/01/2001	The Christophers, Unknown duties, New York, NY,
5/03/2001	Resident, St. Patrick's, Erie, PA
9/01/2001 – 3/11/2002	Chaplain, Pleasant Ridge Manor West, Girard, PA
1/23/2003 – N/A	St. Patrick's, Unassigned
12/10/2015 – Present	Diocese Retirement Home, Erie, PA

### Summary

Father Leon Muroski served the Diocese of Erie from 1960 through 2002. Most of his ministry was spent serving in Special Ministry as an Administrator for the Diocese and working with young people aspiring to become priests at St. Mark's Seminary. After 20 years of administrative duties, Muroski finally got his own parish. This ministry lasted from 1982 until 1995, but was abruptly halted when in the early 1990s Muroski was accused of sexual misconduct while he was a Spiritual Director at the seminary. Muroski was sent to St. Luke's Institute in Suitland, Maryland, for individual psychotherapy in 1994 after he admitted to inappropriate contact with the seminarians under his watch. These seminarians were all male, eighteen to twenty-three years old, when Muroski would counsel them. This counselling included allegations of full body massages, kissing, masturbation and fondling of the seminarians' buttocks and genitals. Muroski would eventually be placed back into ministry after therapy at St. Luke's and served in the Diocese of Erie and in The Christophers program in New York City.

While some of these seminarians were not legally juveniles at the time of their abuse, at least three of them were under Muroski's tutelage. At this time Muroski and his fellow priest,

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Salvatore Luzzi (who also faced sexual misconduct allegations and was sent to SLI with Muroski), were assigned as Spiritual Directors to these seminarians.

In 1974-1975, Muroski and Luzzi were working at Camp Notre Dame in Fairview, Pennsylvania, when a young seminarian named Michael Amy (see Amy's narrative) was accused of fondling two juveniles. These victims reported the incident to the Pennsylvania State Police, the Diocese of Erie Administration, and to their parents. The Diocese representative for this incident and Camp Notre Dame was Father. Lawrence Speice. Speice assisted Amy by interceding on Amy's behalf with the State Police and the boy's parents. No arrest was made and the Diocese does not have a file on the victims. Muroski and Luzzi dealt with Amy by directing him to go to counselling and keeping him in seminary. Amy would go on to abuse at least two more juveniles as an ordained priest, along with several other undocumented juvenile prostitutes before being laicized.

During Amy's laicization process, he would call Speice, Muroski and Luzzi as his witnesses. Muroski denied knowledge of any wrongdoings by Amy. Speice and Luzzi both admitted some knowledge of Amy's molestation of children in 1974-1975.

The sexual abuse of seminarians by Muroski and Luzzi cost the Diocese of Erie over \$89,500.00 in civil payments to three former college seminarians were overseen by Muroski and Luzzi while they studied at St. Mark's. Another former seminarian had several thousand dollars of counselling paid for by the Diocese over the course of many years.

Soon after Muroski finished his therapy at St. Luke's, Bishop Trautman welcomed him back to pastoral ministry on February 22, 1995. This ministry came with several restrictions. Trautman restricted Muroski from contact with youth under the age of 19. In particular, Trautman specified restrictions on counselling, travelling, marriage preparation, recreation and socialization. This was ordered by penal precept dated the same date as Muroski's welcome back letter.

Little was found on Muroski's whereabouts or duties within the Diocese in 1995-1996, but in 1997, it was found that Muroski was serving in ministry for The Christophers in New York City. Once again, little is documented about his duties with The Christophers and it is unknown if The Christophers were notified of his past sexual involvement with young people in Erie.

In 2001, Muroski returned to the Diocese of Erie from The Christophers and was retired. Muroski was permitted to move into the retired priest home in 2002, which is where he still resides. In 2016, the Diocese rostered a list of all the retired clergy living in the home and made it public. Muroski was not listed as a resident. It was at this residence that the Grand Jury found him living in 2017, however.



## Rev. Thomas J. McSweeney Assignment History

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1971	Ordination to the Priesthood.	Erie PA
1971-88	Faculty, Gannon University, w/ Peter W. Gray, <span style="color: red;">Louis Lorei</span> , Michael McGraw, <span style="color: red;">David L. Poulson</span> , <span style="color: red;">Nicholas J. Rouch</span> , <span style="color: red;">John P. Schanz</span> , <span style="color: red;">L. Thomas Snyderwine</span> , <span style="color: red;">Lawrence T. Speice</span> , et alii.	Erie PA
1980-84	Erie Diocesan Communications Office, w/ Henry Kriegel.	Erie PA
1986-88	Director, WETG Channel 66.	Erie PA
1988-93	On Leave, Part-time Faculty, Catholic University of America; Residence unknown.	Washington DC
1993-96	Faculty, Gannon University, w/ <span style="color: red;">David Poulson</span> , <span style="color: red;">John Schanz</span> , et alii.	Erie PA
1996-2000	Director, The Christophers, Indexed in OCD as Priest of the Archdiocese of New York, w/ <span style="color: red;">Leon Muroski</span> , who through this period was not listed in directories, and his ministry was restricted by Bishop <span style="color: red;">Donald W. Trautman</span> .	New York NY Manhattan Residence not publicly known
2000-2001	Pastor, St. John the Baptist Church & School, w/ Paschal Kabura.	Erie PA
2001-2002	Not indexed or listed in OCD.	Whereabouts unknown
2002-2003	Parochial Vicar/ unclear capacity, St. Joseph Church & School, w/ <span style="color: red;">Walter Packard</span> .	Warren PA
2003-2015	Pastor, Holy Trinity Church, w/ Deacon Martin Eisert.	Erie PA
2003-2009	Office of Evangelization for Communications and Public Relations; Executive Editor, Faith magazine; Administrative Cabinet w/ <span style="color: red;">Michael T. Gaines</span> , <span style="color: red;">Charles A. Kaza</span> , Michael D. McGraw, <span style="color: red;">Nicholas J. Rouch</span> , <span style="color: red;">Robert J. Smith</span> , & Mr. David Murphy, Ms. <span style="color: red;">Anne-Marie Welsh</span> , et alii.	Erie PA
2015-present	Retired, mail in care of another.	Erie PA, Whereabouts unclear.

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<b>FUNERAL HOME</b>	<a href="#">Ferragine Funeral Home - Johnsonburg</a> 401 Chestnut Street Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania
<b>UPCOMING SERVICE</b>	Mass Of Christian Burial Jun. 15, 2023 10:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Church <a href="#">Send Flowers</a>

## Leon Muroski Obituary

**L**eon T. Muroski, 88, of 405 Mill Street, Johnsonburg and formerly of Erie, PA, passed away Saturday June 10, 2023 at St. Vincent Hospital, Erie, PA. He was born on September 22, 1934 in Johnsonburg a son to the late Wade J. and Anne M. Kazmierski Muroski. Leon was a 1952 graduate of Johnsonburg High School and he attended Gannon University for 2 years. He then graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 1956.

After graduating college, Leon spent most of his life as an educator and administrator in Erie area. He had been the Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church in Edinboro for 14 years and was at St. Mark's Seminary for 8 years and had been the Vocational Director there for 5 years.

Leon was a member of Holy Rosary Church in Johnsonburg, K of C in Erie and the Sierra Club in Erie where he had been the Chaplain for both clubs.

He is survived by brothers Philip C. Muroski of Johnsonburg, Thomas Muroski and his wife Mary Ellen of Johnsonburg, a sister-in law Jane Muroski of Parlin, NJ and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Leon is predeceased by a brother Kenneth Muroski, Sr. A Mass of Christian Burial for Leon T. Muroski will be conducted at Holy Rosary Church, Johnsonburg on Thursday June 15, 2023 at 10 AM with Fr. David Wilson, Pastor as celebrant. Interment will be in Holy Rosary Cemetery. Visitation will be private.

Arrangements are under direction of the Anthony F Ferragine Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 401 Chestnut Street Johnsonburg, PA

If desired, memorial contributions should be made to Holy Rosary Church, 606 Penn St., Johnsonburg, PA 15845. Share your condolences at [www.ferraginefuneralhome.com](http://www.ferraginefuneralhome.com)

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10:00 a.m.

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