

## **Rev. John J. Burke**

Father Burke grew up in Medford, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Burke. He attended Boston College for two years prior to entering St. John Seminary.

He was ordained on February 2, 1962 at the Cathedral by Cardinal Cushing. He offered his first Mass on February 4 at Immaculate Conception Church in Malden.

His assignments included:

St. George, Saxonville; 1962-1963

St. John the Evangelist, East Bridgewater; 1963-1965

Our Lady of the Assumption, Lynnfield; 1965-1969

After leaving the priesthood, he studied accounting at Suffolk University and taught accounting courses there and at the University of Maine. He was selected to earn his doctorate in Accounting at Texas A&M , but a gall bladder operation which led to the discovery of late stage cancer in his lungs prevented furthering his studies.

He passed away on September 12, 1979 three months following his marriage to Carol Gowen. His funeral was at Immaculate Conception Church in Medford, MA.