

Rev. Lawrence J. Chane

Fr. Chane was a native of Beverly and son of Leo L. and Katherine F. (Gillis) Chane of Manchester.

He was ordained on February 2, 1962 at Holy Cross Cathedral by Cardinal Cushing. He offered his first Mass on February 4 at Sacred Heart Church in Manchester. He later earned a masters degree in education from Boston College.

His assignments included:

St. Anne, Readville; 1962-1970

St. Mary, Hanover; 1970-1981

St. Margaret, Brockton; 1981-1985

On July 1, 1985, he was appointed pastor of St. Therese Parish in Dracut. As pastor, he oversaw the merger of that parish with St. Mary Parish in Dracut and was named first pastor of the newly created St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish in Dracut on September 1, 2001.

He died on June 17, 2002 in Danvers. He was 65. He lay-in-state at St. Therese Church in Dracut on Thursday, June 20. His funeral Mass was held on Friday, June 21 at St. Louis Church in Lowell with Cardinal Law presiding. The eulogy was pronounced by Rev. Joseph Zareski of the Diocese of Syracuse, NY. Interment followed on Saturday at Rosedale Cemetery in Manchester-by-the-sea.