



Rev. John E. Farrell

Father Farrell is the son of the late James and Kathleen (Fraser) Farrell. He comes from a family of three children.

He prepared for the priesthood at St. John Seminary. He was ordained on February 2, 1962 at Holy Cross Cathedral by Cardinal Cushing. He offered his first Mass on February 4 at St. Ann Church in Somerville.

His assignments have included:

St. Joseph, Wakefield; 1962-1963

Faculty, Cardinal O'Connell Seminary; 1963-1970

Study, Catholic University of America; 1970-1973

Faculty, St. John Seminary; 1973-1990

Academic dean, professor of Patristics

On June 12, 1990, he was appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Lynnfield.

In 2012, Fr. Farrell celebrated his golden jubilee (in February) and the 75th anniversary of the parish. His pastorate ended on August 1, 2012 and he was granted senior priest/retirement status.