

Rev. John J. Griffin

Father Griffin grew up in Salem, the son of John J. and Alice (Gill) Griffin. He attended St. John Prep in Danvers (class of 1951), Notre Dame in Indiana (class of 1954) and served in the US Navy.

He was ordained on February 2, 1962 at St. Margaret Church in Lowell by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Riley. He offered his first Mass on February 4 at Immaculate Conception Church in Salem.

His assignments included:

St. Bernard, Newton; 1962-1965

St. Mary, Waltham; 1965-1969 (technical assistant)

St. Theresa, Revere;

In 1969, he joined the faculty of St. John Seminary and taught pastoral theology.

He died on May 21, 1986 as a result of a car accident in Buckland, MA. He was 53.

Cardinal Law, in the presence of many priests and bishops, presided at his funeral Mass on Tuesday, May 27 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Salem. He was laid to rest at St. Mary Cemetery in Salem.