

## **Rev. Henry J. Jennings**

Father Jennings was born on July 3, 1930, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jennings. He grew up in St. Anthony Parish in Allston. After high school, he graduated from Boston College in 1952 with a degree in economics. He then served two years in the US Army during the Korean conflict. Returning home, he attended Boston State Teachers College and worked in New York. He entered the seminary in 1957.

Father Jennings was one of eight ordained on February 2, 1962 at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood by the Most Rev. Jeremiah F. Minihan. He offered his first Mass at St. Anthony Church in Allston on February 4.

His assignments have included:

Our Lady of Good Council, Quincy; 1962-1964

St. Matthew, Dorchester; 1964-1966

St. Joseph, Somerville; 9/22/1966 to 9/1/1992

On September 1, 1992, he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Somerville.

His pastorate ended on May 8, 2012 and he was granted senior priest/Retirement status.

He celebrated his golden jubilee with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at St. Joseph Church in Somerville.

He passed on to the Lord on July 13, 2013 at Regina Cleri where he was a resident.