

Rev. Edward C. McDonagh

Fr. McDonagh grew up in Jamaica Plain, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. McDonagh. He was ordained on February 2, 1962 by Cardinal Cushing. He offered his first Mass on February 4 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Jamaica Plain.

His assignments have included:

Incarnation, Melrose; 1962-1967

Sacred Heart, Medford; 1967-1976

Our Lady of Lourdes, Brockton; 1985-1991

In 1976, he was appointed chaplain at Goddard Hospital in Stoughton. While there, he served as chaplain at Braemoor Nursing Home in Brockton and the Blue Hills Nursing Home in Stoughton. In 1983, he began serving as chaplain at Brockton Hospital.

In April, 1985, he was appointed first Director of Health Care Ministry for the Archdiocese. He also began serving as chaplain at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Brighton.

On August 22, 1991, he was appointed pastor of St. Ann Parish in West Bridgewater. His pastorate ended on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 and he was granted senior priest/retirement status.

In retirement at Sparks, Nevada where family have lived for many years, Fr. McDonagh helps out on weekends by filling in for the Pastor of the parish in celebrating Masses which are both in English and Spanish.

He continues taking classes to improve his command of the Spanish language and also belongs to a local barbershop group, The Silver Dollar Chorus, where he is in the Lead section, and which gives concerts at various venues in the area in addition to competing in national contests. To quote Fr. Ed, "It's a great experience of how to come together in harmony".