



Rev. James J. McGowan

Father McGowan grew up in Woburn and was born on February 23, 1936, the son of James J. and Margaret (Boyle) McGowan. He comes from a family of six children. He attended Boston College and prepared for the priesthood at St. Philip Neri School for Delayed Vocations and St. John Seminary.

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 St. Joseph Church in Woburn.

His assignments have included:

Sacred Heart, Weymouth; 1962-1969
Our Lady of Lourdes, Revere; 1969-1970
St. Thomas Aquinas, Nahant; 1970-1973
St. Theresa of Avila, West Roxbury; 1973-1981
St. Thomas Aquinas, Bridgewater; 1981-1985

On July 15, 1986, he was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Belmont. The parish was suppressed on December 31, 2004 and his pastorate ended on that date.

Sacred Heart, North Quincy; 2005-2010

On May 1, 2010, he was granted senior priest/retirement status and on August 31, 2018, he passed away at his residence at Regina Cleri.