

Rev. Francis J. Murphy

Father Murphy grew up in Mission Hill, the son of Francis J. and Margaret G. (Hanley) Murphy. He attended Mission Grammar School, Boston Latin School and Holy Cross College in Worcester (Class of 1957).

He was ordained on February 2, 1962 by the Most Rev. Jeremiah F. Minihan at St. Catherine Church in Norwood. He offered his first Mass on February 4 at the Mission Church.

His assignments included Star of the Sea, East Boston (1962-1965); St. Margaret Mary, Westwood (1968-1970); Blessed Sacrament, Cambridge (1970-1971) and in-residence at Sacred Heart, Newton. He was also chaplain at the Nazareth Home in Jamaica Plain and for the Sisters of Charity at Mt. St. Vincent in Wellesley Hills for twenty five years. He was also on the faculty of Boston College and St. John Seminary.

Fr. Murphy pursued further study at Catholic University of America, earning a doctorate in European History in 1971. He then joined the faculty of Boston College. He retired from BC in 2005 and was awarded the title professor emeritus. He was also on the faculty of St. John Seminary College from 1973-1977. He was chaplain at Nazareth from 1985 to 2006 and chaplain at the Sisters of Charity Retirement Home in Wellesley.

He died on August 28, 2006. He had been living at Osterville, Wellesley Hills and Brookline. His funeral Mass was held on Thursday, August 31 at the chapel Mt. St. Vincent in Wellesley Hills. He was laid to rest at St. Joseph Cemetery.