



Father James M. Gibbons Pilot file photo

# Obituary: Father James Gibbons, former Scituate pastor, at 83

Father Robert M. O'Grady LOCAL FRIDAY 28TH OF AUGUST 2009

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Father James M. Gibbons who was a priest of the archdiocese since then Archbishop Richard Cushing ordained him on Jan. 10, 1952 at Holy Cross Cathedral died in Marshfield on Aug. 21. He was the sole surviving child of the four children of the late John and Nora (Navin) Gibbons.

A Roslindale native and a son of Sacred Heart Parish, he was an alumnus of Roslindale High School. He attended both Boston College (class of 1945) and MIT. At MIT he studied meteorology and had "field" experience with the topic during his Air Force career prior to entering archdiocesan seminaries.

On completion of his seminary studies and following ordination he was assigned as an assistant at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish in Waltham. He had three additional assignments as an assistant in archdiocesan parishes: St. James, Medford (1956-1963); Our Lady of Good Voyage, Gloucester (1963-1967) and St. Charles Borromeo, Waltham (1967-1973).

He returned to Boston College in 1955 and was granted a Masters Degree in Education.

Cardinal Medeiros named him pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Carver and six years later he named him administrator and subsequently pastor of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in Scituate. Cardinal Bernard Law accepted his request to resign the parish and granted him senior priest/retirement status on Nov, 5, 1997.

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