

Rev. James Connelly

Served several parishes, 68

LOWELL – A funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. tomorrow in St. Agnes Church, Reading, for Rev. James E. Connelly, a retired priest, who died Tuesday in St. John's Hospital here after a long illness. He was 68.

Born in Reading, he was a resident of D'Youville Manor Hospital here.

Father Connelly was ordained at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston in January 1943.

He formerly served as pastor at St. John Vianney Church in Revere and Christ, the King Church in Hudson.

Father Connelly also served at St. James Church in Salem, St. Edward's in Brockton and St. Patrick's in Lowell.

He most recently served at St. Patrick's Church, Stoneham, until his retirement in 1979.

He was a member of Knights of Columbus Post 1031 in Reading.

He leaves two sisters, Mary A. Driscoll of Arlington and Eleanor V. Toner of Swampscott; two brothers, John J. of Florida and William F. Connelly of Bedford; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial will be in Forest Glen Cemetery, Reading.