

## Father James E. Burke, Served as Pastor on Staten Island

Father James E. Burke, who served for 15 years as pastor of Sacred Heart parish on Staten Island, died Oct. 4. He was 87.

Father Burke was assigned to Sacred Heart from 1988 to 2003.

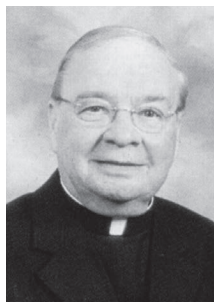
A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, Oct. 10, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of the John Cardinal O'Connor Pavilion in the Bronx. Cardinal Dolan will celebrate the Mass, and Father Louis Jerome, pastor of St. Charles parish on Staten Island, will deliver the homily.

Father Jerome began working with Father Burke at Sacred Heart on Sept. 8, 2001, serving as administrator before he became pastor of Sacred Heart in 2003.

"He helped people by getting a Mass together for that week, celebrating the Mass and counseling people after 9/11," Father Jerome, who was pastor of Sacred Heart for 12 years, told CNY.

"I think we lost eight or nine people on 9/11. He was very good in helping grieving people."

Father Jerome said he visited with Father Burke a few months ago at the John Cardinal O'Connor Pavilion, where Father Burke had lived since his



Father James E. Burke

retirement in 2007.

"He loved the John Cardinal O'Connor residence. He was very happy there," Father Jerome said.

Born in Manhattan, he earned a bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, where he studied for the priesthood, and a master's from Manhattan College.

He was ordained by Cardinal Francis Spellman at St. Patrick's Cathedral in 1958.

He was administrator of Assumption, Maybrook, 1987-1988, and St. Columbanus, Cortlandt Manor, 1985-1987. He served as parochial vicar of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pelham Manor, 2003-2007; St. Patrick, Yorktown Heights, 1981-1985; St. Bartholomew, Yonkers, 1959-1964; St. Mary, Wappingers Falls, 1958-1959; and Immaculate Conception, Amenia, 1958.

Father Burke served at Cardinal Spellman High School, the Bronx, as an administrative assistant, 1977-1981, and procurator, 1974-1977, and was on the faculty of Cardinal Hayes High School, the Bronx, 1964-1974.

Burial will take place in St. Raymond Cemetery, the Bronx.

## Sister Mary, Served 46 Years at Pace

Sister Mary St. John Delany, R.D.C., who served at Pace University for 46 years and founded The Delany Center for Educational Enrichment at Pace, died Sept. 19. She was 95.

Sister Mary St. John served at Pace University, 1971-2017. She founded The Center for Literacy Enrichment, now the Delany Center for Educational Enrichment, for the university's school of education in 1972 and was its longtime director. She was an associate professor and faculty chair in the School of Education at Pace.

She was principal of St. Anthony of Padua, West Harrison, 1964-1971, and

was a teacher and principal of St. Bernard, White Plains, 1944-1964.

Born in Manhattan, she entered the Sisters of the Divine Compassion in 1941 and professed final vows in 1948.

She earned a bachelor's degree in history from Good Counsel College, White Plains; a master's in teaching and psychology from Columbia University's Teachers College, Manhattan; and a doctorate in language and literacy from Fordham University.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 23 in the Chapel of the Divine Compassion, White Plains. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne.

## Sister Mary Nora, Educator

Sister Mary Nora Kelley, R.S.M., who served as a teacher and support staff member for 19 years at St. Catharine Academy in the Bronx, died Sept. 17 at Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J. She was 89.

She served at St. Catharine, 1967-1986. She taught at Commander Shea Memorial School, Manhattan, 1959-1960, and St. Cecilia, Manhattan, 1955-1959. She was on the staff at Marian Woods, Hartsdale, 2001-2009; administrator of Mercy Convent, Yonkers, 1996-2001; and assistant administrator, 1986-1995,

and postulant mistress, 1964-1967, at Mount Mercy, Dobbs Ferry.

Born in Brasher Falls, she entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1948 and professed final vows in 1953. She earned a bachelor's degree from Fordham University, the Bronx, and a master's from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.

Her brother, James Kelley, survives her. A Funeral Mass was offered Sept. 23 in Marian Woods Chapel, Hartsdale. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne.

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