

# REV. PAUL FRANCIS MANNING

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MANNING, Rev. Paul Francis Rev. Paul Francis Manning of Lowell, MA died Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at Lowell General Hospital. Born in Boston, MA on June 8, 1940, he was the son of the late Matthew F. and Mary T. (Nee) Manning, both of whom were Irish immigrants. Fr. Manning worked tirelessly to ensure that the young people received a good education. He had a special affinity for the Hispanic community; which drew him to study Spanish in Venezuela and Puerto Rico to be more effective in his ministry. He was the first Chaplain for the Retarded Adult Rehabilitation Association. Fr. Manning was well known for his compassion and visited countless people at nursing homes and hospitals. He devoted much time collecting clothing for the Lazarus House in Lawrence, MA. Fr. Manning had a special place in his heart for veterans, as he ministered numerous veterans at the Princeton House in Lowell. He is survived by a brother, Dr. James M. Manning of Boston, and countless people helped by his kindness. Visiting Hours Wed., 2 to 6 p.m. Funeral Thurs., at 11:00AM, from the Dolan Funeral Home, 106 Middlesex St., CHELMSFORD, with a Funeral Mass at 12 Noon, at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Lowell. Burial in St. Patrick Cemetery, Lowell. It being Fr. Manning's wish, in lieu of flowers, please make memorials in his name

to the [Wounded Warriors](#) Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256. Arrangements by Dolan Funeral Home, 978-251-4041. Guestbook at [dolanfuneralhome.com](http://dolanfuneralhome.com)

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**4** 02:00 - 06:00 PM

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### **MAR** Calling hours

**5** 11:00 AM

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### **MAR** Funeral Mass

**5** 12:00 PM

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May 24, 2020

Paul, we all will miss you. Please save me a a spot right next to you, in heaven.

Cousin Ruthie

March 8, 2020

Father Manning was an iconic and charismatic leader for kids growing up in the highlands in the 60 - 70's. He lived his faith, and walked the walk, positively influencing so many along the way. In recent years, he selflessly served veterans, and never lost his unique brand of humor, charity and compassion. Gone but never forgotten. RIP Father.

### **Bob Kilmartin**

March 7, 2020

RIP Paul

### **Joe CShields**

March 7, 2020

RIP Paul

### **Joe Shields**

March 4, 2020

Father Manning was one of a kind. We will never see this special dedication and genuine caring he selflessly gave to all of us. He was truly loved by all the kids who's lives he touched in the highlands and St Margaret's Parish, always looking out for our safety and was right there if you needed him. An absolute GUARDIAN ANGEL for all of the teenagers at Highland Park, always with a smile and sense of humor. We're all adults now and some even with grandchildren, but He never lost touch with us and we will miss him. Father Paul Manning you will never be forgotten, and will be kept in the hearts of all of us who loved you and blessed to

have known you. Thank you for so much. Rest in peace Father Manning your work is done now. Know that you are loved by all who benefited from knowing you cared. Mike and Patti Fairbrother

**Patti Fairbrother**

March 4, 2020

Rest in peace .  
Friend to all.

**Mary Fleming**

March 4, 2020

Peace

March 3, 2020

Family and friends of Fr. Manning;

My condolences, Fr. Manning was a friend to all, he helped many people  
Rest in peace.

**Tom Leavitt**

March 3, 2020

My prayers are for the repose of the soul of Fr. Paul Manning for whom I have been praying for years. From your next door neighbor from Centre

St. Dorchester--Sr. M. Ann Christine Flaherty, C.S.J. a.k.a Frances M. Flaherty, also my deepest prayers and sympathy go to his brother, Dr. James Manning. Peace

**Frances M. Flaherty**

March 2, 2020

Beloved Friend Wreath

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**a loved one**

March 2, 2020

Father Manning made the world a better place may he rest in peace he will be missed

**Kevin Paige**

Friend

March 2, 2020

Fr. Manning was the most compassionate, selfless person I ever met. From the time I was young, Fr. Manning was there to comfort the grieving, share in the joy, and help us make sense of the changing fortunes of life. By his actions we came to learn charity and understanding, as well as the importance of a good sense of humor. The amazing thing about Fr. Manning was, not only did he appear when my family needed him, he shepherded countless other families as well, tirelessly offering his forever parishoners the strength and guidance they needed. Fr. Manning was truly a holy man; an outstanding example of the most honorable Christian values. Thank you Fr. Manning for the comfort you gave and the lessons you taught us through your instruction and your example. You will truly be missed.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

**Elizabeth Donnelly Sheehan**

March 2, 2020

In 1970 I decided to join the army as a C.O. Father Manning helped me with my application and lent me a copy of Pope John's *Pacem in Terris* as a guide. I will always believe his help was a gift from God during a difficult time. Via con Dios, Father. Bob. Vietnam Veterans of America Life Member

**Bob Toohey**



March 2, 2020

Rest in peace, Father Manning. Thank you for the positive influence you had on my brother, Brother Shawn McEnany, S.C.

Please look for him in Heaven, as I'm sure he'll be looking for you.

### **Sheila McEnany Markowitz**

March 1, 2020

Father Manning I'll never forget meeting you when I was just a teenager stuck in a bad time of my life and you got me through it you gave me a medallion that I treasured. it got me through a lot of tough times most recently when my son Billy passed. You both shared the same birthday. Father Manning may you rest in peace Billy faulkner

### **William Faulkner**

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