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Father Walter Pruschowitz, 76, retired Catholic priest, of Chester

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Father Walter Pruschowitz, of Nazareth Village, Chester, and retired co-pastor of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Passaic, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at St. Clare's Hospital/Denville. He was 76. Born in Swarz, Czechoslovakia, in 1927, he had served in the German navy in the submarine service during World War II. Following the war, he joined the Salesian Fathers and, as a seminarian, taught in schools in northern Italy. He came to the United States in the 1950s and attended Don Bosco College in Newton. As a Salesian Brother, he was assigned to teach in Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, eventually joining the Diocese of Paterson. Ordained as a priest May 27, 1960, Father Walter's first assignment was as assistant pastor in Holy Trinity Parish, Passaic. In 1968, he was transferred to Immaculate Conception, Franklin, and while there, he was CYO Moderator of Sussex County. He returned to Holy Trinity in 1971 as associate pastor, becoming co-pastor in 1977. He retired in January 1997 to Nazareth Village, the diocesan retirement home for priests in Chester. Father Walter spoke several languages fluently and was active in various German-American organizations. The reception of the body was on Thursday, Feb. 26, in Holy Trinity Church. Evening prayer and wake and the Mass of the Resurrection were celebrated Friday, Feb. 27 at Holy Trinity Church. Arrangements were by Bailey Funeral Home, 8 Hilltop Road, Mendham. Donations may be made to Holy Trinity Church, Hope and Harrison Streets, Passaic, N.J. 07055.

