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Father Anthony M. Trapani, associate pastor of St. Patrick, Bay Shore who previously served as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst, and prior to that spent 20 years in the military ordinarate, died August 8. He was 71.

A wake is being held today, Monday, August 12, from 2-7 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish's Msgr. Purick Hall, 9 North Clinton Avenue, Bay Shore. Msgr. Thomas Coogan, pastor of St. Patrick's, will preside and preach the homily at a 7 p.m. Mass of Transferral this evening at Msgr. Purick Hall. The funeral Mass will be Tuesday morning, August 13, at 11 a.m. in Msgr. Purick Hall. Bishop Robert Brennan will preside, and Father Thomas Pers will be the homilist. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Born in Brooklyn on July 1, 1942, Father Trapani was educated for the priesthood at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut and Theological College in Washington, D.C. He was ordained on May 26, 1973, at St. Agnes Cathedral.

Following ordination, Father Trapani served at St. Bernard Church in Levittown, St. Martha in Uniondale, and St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, before beginning 20 years of active duty as a chaplain in the United States Navy in June of 1987. A veteran of the 1991 Persian Gulf War, he also served at Bremerton Naval Hospital for two-and-a-half years, and from February-July 2003 helped set up and operate a 250 bed fleet hospital in Rota, Spain for service personnel wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He returned to Long Island in June of 2007, becoming pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, where he served until June of last year, when he became associate pastor at St. Patrick.

Father Trapani is survived by a brother, Peter, of Milford, Connecticut.