S. Grondziowski, 81, Polish Hill pastor

The Rev. Stanislaus J. Grondziowski, who grew up to become pastor of his boyhood parish in Polish Hill, died Sunday of cancer in St. John Neumann Nursing Home in Bensalem, Bucks County. He was 81.

The Rev. Grondziowski, known to his parishioners as Father Stan, was pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Brereton Avenue from 1955 to 1966.

He attended Immaculate Heart of Mary School and Central Catholic High School before joining the Holy Ghost Fathers at their seminary in Cornwells Heights, Bucks County. He studied at St. Mary Seminary in Norwalk, Conn., from 1935 to 1941 and was ordained Nov. 11, 1940.

His first assignment was to Our Mother of Consolation Parish in Mount Carmel, Northumberland County, where he served from 1941 to 1955. He returned to Our Mother of Consolation in 1966 and stayed there until his retirement in 1989.

Rev. Grondziowski is survived by a brother, Peter Grondziowski of Castle Shannon; and a sister, Agnes Ostrosky of Garfield Heights, Ohio.

Visitation will be held tomorrow in the Chapel of Holy Ghost Prep School in Bensalem, after vespers at 4 p.m., until 9.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Holy Ghost Chapel, and burial will be in the Holy Ghost Fathers' Cemetery in Bensalem.