



REV. WALTER T. REILLY

Pine Hill pastor dies in rectory

The Rev. Walter T. Reilly, pastor of St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, Pine Hill, died Sunday—a day after the dedication of his new church.

Father Reilly, 48, died of a heart attack in the rectory at 500 Erial Road after celebrating Mass in the new church. He had been pastor since 1975.

A congenial man, he united the young and old of the parish "like a family," according to Richard McCarthy of Berlin, a deacon in the parish.

"He reached out to people," McCarthy said. "People responded because they felt he cared."

The new building, which cost an estimated \$250,000, replaced a wood frame church built in 1919. The dedication of the new church had originally been planned for June 11, but was postponed when Father Reilly had his first heart attack, church officials said.

Before coming to Pine Hill, Father Reilly had taught religion in Sacred Heart School, Vineland, and Camden Catholic High School, Cherry Hill. He was the guidance director of St. James High School, Carney's Point, from 1966 to 1970.

In 1970, he was named temporary administrator of St. Michael's Church, in Cedarville, Cumberland County, and in 1971 was named pastor of St. John Vianney Church, Deptford.

A native of the Bronx, he attended Christ the King Seminary in St. Bonaventure, N.Y., and was ordained in May 1956.

Surviving are his mother, Agnes, of the Bronx; a sister, Nancy Feeney of Matawan, and a brother, Kevin M., of Syracuse, N.Y.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Edward's Church. Bishop George H. Guilfoyle of Camden will be the principal celebrant and the Rev. Joseph A. VonHartleben, pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Church in Westville Grove, will deliver the homily.

Viewings were to be at the church rectory from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. until noon Wednesday, and in the church from 2:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday and again from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday.

Burial will be in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, N.Y.

because they don't care.