

The Rev. Joseph Watt

Services are today for The Rev. Joseph "Father Joe" Raymond Watt, who died Tuesday at Freedom Manor. He was 72.

The Rev. Watt was born in Lima, Ohio, and graduated high school at St. Meinard's Seminary in St. Meinard, Ind.

He served in the Monterey Diocese for several years, including parishes in Corralitos and Capitola during the 1970s and 1980s.

The Rev. Watt entered Our Lady of Gethsemani Trappist Monastery in Trappist, Ky., in 1950 and was ordained June 29, 1960, the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul.

He came to the Monterey Diocese when he was assigned to St. Patrick's Church in Arroyo Grande, and also served at St. Angela's in Pacific Grove, San Carlos in Monterey and St. Francis Xavier in Seaside, where he established a mission church, St. Matthias.

The Rev. Watt helped build Holy Eucharist Church in Corralitos and

served there from 1974-1983 before he was reassigned to St. **Joseph's** in Capitola.

He left St. **Joseph's** in 1985 and took a one-year sabbatical, working at the Center for Attitudinal Healing in Tiburon and St. Patrick's Church in Larkspur. After a 1990 liver transplant, he served at St. Angeles in Pacific Grove.

The **Rev. Watt** retired in 1996 and lived in Aptos and then at the Salesian Sisters School in Corralitos before moving to Freedom Manor.

He is survived by a sister, Ruth Jennings of Bluffton, Ohio; a twin sister, Jean Hogan of Watsonville; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial will be 11 a.m. Friday at Holy Eucharist Church. Bishop Sylvester Ryan and the **Rev** Jerry McCormick will officiate.

Following cremation, his ashes will be taken to Trappist Monastery in Kentucky.

Arrangements are by Davis Memorial Chapel.