

## **Rev. Robert J. Patterson**

### **Roman Catholic pastor and parochial vicar**

Reverend Robert J. Patterson, 75, died on Friday, Jan. 18, 2008.

Funeral prayers will take place on Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. from the Vander Plaats Funeral Home ([www.vpfh.com](http://www.vpfh.com)), 257 Godwin Ave., Wyckoff, N.J. 07481, followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Elizabeth's R.C. Church, 700 Wyckoff Ave., Wyckoff, N.J. 07481. Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Hackensack. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Rev. Patterson was born to James J. and Margaret E. (nee Wittnebert) Patterson on Nov. 22, 1932, in Jersey City.

Upon receiving his bachelor of sacred theology and master of divinity degrees, he was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest in 1958. He served as a parochial vicar at Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Newark; Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights; Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Newark; St. Nicholas Parish, Jersey City, and Christ the King Parish, Jersey City.

He went on to serve as the pastor at Christ the King Parish, Jersey City, and St. John Church, Orange, before becoming parochial vicar of Immaculate Heart of

Mary Parish, Scotch Plains, where he retired in 2002.

Father Bob's passion for ministry centered on retreats, counseling, adult education and helping those afflicted by drug addiction.

He is survived by his two well-loved sisters, June M. Layton of Wyckoff and Patricia M. Breen and her husband, Richard, of Homosassa, Fla. He was the dear uncle of Kenneth C. Layton of Wyckoff, Brian E. Layton and his wife, Jennifer, of York, Maine, Linda J. Layton-Roth and her husband, Mark, of North Haledon, Chris W. Layton and his wife, Carolyn, of Franklin Lakes, Richard R. Breen of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Debbie M. Rich and her husband, Craig, of Lewisville, Texas. He is also survived by his two great-nieces, Nicole and Brianna Layton, and two great-nephews, Grant and Jack Layton, all of Franklin Lakes, and his great-niece, Lauren Layton and two great-nephews, Ethan and Nolan Layton, all of York, Maine.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1 Union St., Suite 301, Robbinsville, N.J. 08691.