

Celebrating the



Rites of
Christian Burial

Richard S. Gresalfi

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St. Philip Neri Church
Northport, New York

Dear Friends in Christ,

We would like to extend to you the heartfelt condolences of the members of the St. Philip Neri Parish during this time of loss.

We hope this publication will help you participate more fully in the Rites of Christian Burial and make the experience more meaningful to you.

Please be assured that you and your loved ones will be remembered in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Father Peter Dooley,
The Pastoral Staff
and the
Consolation Ministers

Symbols Used at the Mass

The Easter Candle – this symbol is placed at the head of the casket to remind us of Christ's undying presence among us and his victory over sin and death.

Holy Water- represents the deceased's baptism and initiation into the Catholic Church and is used to greet Richard at the church entrance.

The Funeral Pall- reminds us of the white garment placed on the deceased at Baptism. The pall also signifies that all are equal in the sight of God.

Incense – is a way of showing honor to the body of the deceased, which was a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Christian Symbol- a cross, a bible or some other symbol which is a reflection of the deceased individual's life in Christ may be placed on or near the coffin.

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

Romans 6:8-9

Introductory Rites

Reception at the Entrance to the Church

Placement of the Pall

By: Thomas Gresalfi, Christopher, Stephanie,
Kelly, and Jayne

Placement of the Christian Symbol

By: Larry Gresalfi

Entrance Procession

“Glory and Praise To Our God”

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

The readings proclaim the paschal mystery. Above all, they tell of God's design for a world in which suffering and death will relinquish their hold on all that God has called his own.

First Reading

A reading from: Ecclesiastes 3:2-8

Read by: Stephanie

Responsorial Psalm

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Second Reading

A reading from: the letter of Paul to the Romans
8:31b-35,37-39

Read by: Corinne

Gospel

Homily

General Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist

“Because there is one bread, we who are many
are one body, for we all partake of the one bread”

1 Corinthians 10:17

Presentation of the Gifts

The gifts of bread and wine will be brought to the
altar by: Ryan and Jaime

Song at the Presentation of Gifts

“Amazing Grace”

Kelly and Tom

Eucharistic Prayer

In partaking of the body of Christ, all are given a
foretaste of eternal life in Christ and are united
with Christ, with each other and with all the
faithful, living and dead.

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

The Sign of Peace

Songs for Communion and Meditation

"Here I Am Lord"

"One Bread, One Body"

Eulogy

Read by: Christopher Gresalfi

Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer

Signs of Farewell

The community of St. Philip's now entrusts Richard to the tender and merciful embrace of God. We acknowledge our Christian faith in God's abundant love, and his promise of eternal life.

Recessional Hymn

"Jesus Remember Me"

To Those I love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears

Be thankful for our beautiful years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,

But now it's time I travel alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a time that we must part,

So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on,

And if you need me call, and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,

If you listen with your heart, you'll hear,

All my love around you soft and clear.

And then when you must come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and say,

"Welcome Home".

By Fawn Donaldson