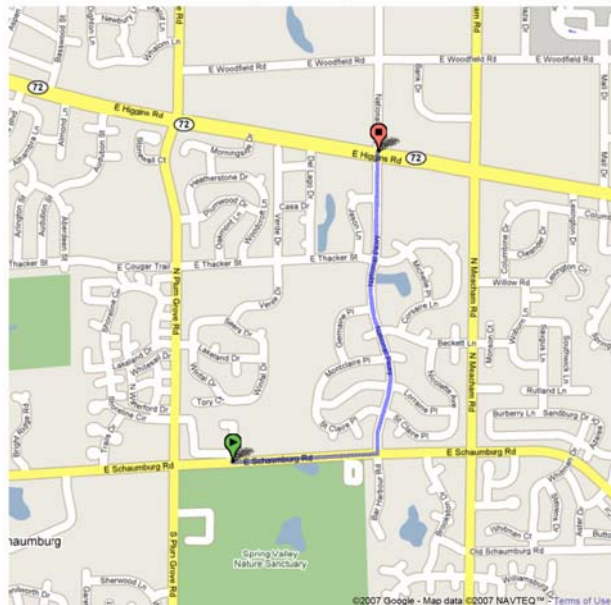




THANK YOU

We want to take this opportunity to thank our relatives, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who have supported Mike and our family throughout his illness and today. We give our special thanks to the Schaumburg Police Department for traffic management at the visitation and funeral.

Please join us for a memorial luncheon at
Wildfire Restaurant
1250 East Higgins Road
(847) 995-0100



Turn right (east) on Schaumburg Road.
Take Schaumburg Road to National Parkway.
Turn left (north) on National Parkway.
Take National Parkway just past Higgins Road.
Turn right (east) on access road next to Benihana Restaurant.
Wildfire Restaurant is just east of Benihana Restaurant.



MICHAEL PATRICK MCKEON, SR.

**BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE
FEBRUARY 28, 2007**





RECESSIONAL HYMN

As we gather now in Church, we allow our religious tradition to speak to us and for us. The symbols of colors, spoken words, gestures, and faith signs all call us to hope in that which is eternal.

The vestments the Priest wears are white. They are signs of life and hope. Though we mourn the death of Mike, we look beyond death to faith in the God of Life and Hope. It is the Lord who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, even if they die, shall live forever."

We bless Mike's earthly remains with water. Water speaks to us of Baptism, the event in Mike's life which called him a Child of God. Mike's destiny has always been to live forever.

Standing before us this day is the Paschal Candle, the light of Christ. It was first lit in this Church in the darkness of early Easter morning, as the sign to us that Christ, our Risen Lord, has shattered the darkness of death and hopelessness. Like the light that shines in total darkness, life in the midst of death, hope where there is sorrow, the Light of Christ stands before Mike and before all of us as a sign of His new life and the promise of eternal life in Christ.

We hear the words of the Scripture which speak what we believe to be true for us and for Mike. We will die, we will mourn, but for those faithful to the Lord, life has changed, not ended. We will come forward to share in the Eucharist, the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life. At this table we are united once again with all those who have gone before us in faith.

We will surround Mike with the sweet smell of incense. It is an ancient symbol of respect for the body as the temple of the Lord. It is our prayer that Mike's spirit will rise as a pleasing fragrance before God. In life and in death, Mike belongs to God.

We gather today as we do throughout our lives, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, in life and in death, proclaiming to the world by our presence hear and by the actions of our lives that our God will bring us to new life, even in the midst of death.

JERUSALEM, MY DESTINY
Rory Cooney

Chorus: I have fixed my eyes on your hills,
Jerusalem, my destiny!
Though I cannot see the end for me,
I cannot turn away.
We have set our hearts for the way;
this journey is our destiny.
Let no one walk alone.
The journey makes us one.

Other spirits, lesser Gods,
have courted me with lies.
Here among you I have found
a truth which bids me rise.

Chorus

See, I leave the past behind;
a new land calls to me.
Here among you now I find
a glimpse of what might be.

Chorus

In my thirst, you let me drink
the waters of your life.
Here among you I have met
the savior, Jesus Christ.

Chorus



MEDITATION
(please be seated)

IRISH BLESSING
Joseph F.M. Pokorny

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be ever at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
May the rains fall soft upon your fields.

Until we meet again...

May God hold you
In the palm of His hand.
In His hand!

CLOSING PRAYER

FINAL COMMENDATION & COMMITTAL
(please stand)



MASS OF THE RESURRECTION

Monday, March 5, 2007
Saint Matthew Catholic Church
Schaumburg, Illinois

CELEBRANT
Reverend Joseph M. Wilk

DEACON
Larry Smith

FIRST READING
Megan M. McKeon

SECOND READING
Michael P. McKeon, Jr.

VOCALIST
Therese Kotowski

PALLBEARERS
Larry Barchet Robert Murray
William Clark Steve Saenz
Edward Lacey Al Selk
Patrick McMahan Jerome Thomas

HONOR GUARD
Knights of Columbus Council #6964
Schaumburg Police Department



INTRODUCTORY RITE

(please stand)

ON EAGLES' WINGS
Michael Joncas

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
 bear you on the breath of dawn,
 make you to shine like the sun,
 and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

Refrain

For to His angels He's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain



COMMUNION HYMN

AMAZING GRACE
John Newton

Chorus: Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
 That saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

Chorus

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
We have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home. (Lead me home!)

Chorus

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Chorus

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease;
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

Chorus



HOLY HOLY
(please stand)

ACCLAMATION

*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.*

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD



GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD
(please be seated)

FIRST READING
Deuteronomy 1: 30-32

Have no fear. The Lord, your God, goes before you, and will Himself fight for you. The Lord, your God, will carry you all along your journey until you arrive at His place.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING
2 Timothy 4: 6-8

The time is here for me to leave this life. I have done my best in the race. I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith. And now there is waiting for me the crown of victory which the Lord will give me on that day – not only to me, but to all those who wait with love for Him to come.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(please stand)

GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 31-40

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the King will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Then the righteous will answer Him, "Lord, when was it that we saw You hungry and gave You food, or thirsty and gave You something to drink? And when was it that we saw You a stranger and welcomed You, or naked and gave You clothing? And when was it that we saw You sick or in prison and visited You?"

And the King will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

(please be seated)



PETITIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

SIMPLE GIFTS

Joseph Brackett, Jr.

'Tis the gift to be simple,
'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
It will be in the valley of love and delight.

Refrain: When true simplicity is gained,
 To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
 To turn, turn will be our delight,
 'Til by turning, turning we come round right

'Tis the gift to be loved and that love to return,
'Tis the gift to be taught and a richer gift to learn,
And when we expect of others what we try to live each day,
Then we'll all live together and we'll all learn to say,

Refrain

'Tis the gift to have friends and a true friend to be,
'Tis the gift to think of others not to only think of me,
And when we hear what others really think and really feel,
Then we'll all live together with a love that is real.

Refrain