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*A reception will be held at _____ immediately after the interment.*

# Mass of Christian Burial
## Celebrating the Life of
### Name:
### Date:

Born on:

Born into Eternal Life on:

St. Peter Parish

Plymouth, MA

# Roman Catholic Funeral Rite

In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by His death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity.

The proclamation of Jesus Christ is at the center of the Church's life. The mystery of the Lord's life, death, and resurrection gives power to all of the Church's activity. The Church's liturgical and sacramental life and proclamation of the Gospel make this mystery present in the life of the faithful. Through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, we are initiated into this mystery.

At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of Baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of the confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting Word of God and the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

The Catholic community has an 'order' or 'path' for walking the difficult days after a loved one's death: the Vigil (wake), the Funeral Mass and the Rite of Committal. Each prayerful stop on this path marks a significant moment of grieving, support and hope.

The _____ family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this time of great loss.

## Order of the Mass

**Gathering Rite:**

Opening Song:

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading:

Responsorial Psalm:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

Homily

General Intercessions:

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts:

Communion:

Meditation:

Words of Remembrance:

Recessional: