**Mass of Christian Burial: September 18, 2023**

**11:00 a.m.**

St. John Neuman at Nativity Church

Scranton, PA

**John P. Lafferty, lll**

**“Jackson”**



**Born into this Life: January 27, 1960**

**Born to Eternal Life: July 24, 2023**

**Call To Prayer: Ave Maria by Andrea Bocelli**

 Loreto, Italy

**Introductory Rites**

**Paschal Candle**

*The Easter Candle is a sign to us of Christ’s undying presence, of His victory over sin and death, and of our share in that victory by virtue of our Christian initiation through Baptism.*

**Holy Water**

*The blessing with holy water reminds us of the saving waters of Baptism — a proclamation of the death and life into which,*

*Jack/Jackson entered through the waters of Baptism.*

**Placing of Christian Symbols**

*At the beginning of the entrance procession a cross*

*will be placed near the urn as a sign of Christian faith.*

**Gathering Song: Be Not Afraid** Dufford, S.J.

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign lands
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest.

Blest are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh
And if wicked one’s insult and hate you
All because of me
Blessed, blessed are you. Refrain

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**Liturgy of the Word**

*The readings proclaim the Paschal Mystery, teach remembrance of the dead, convey the hope of being gathered together again in God’s kingdom and encourage the witness of Christian life. The readings tell of God’s design for a world in which suffering, and death will relinquish their hold on all whom God has called his own.*

**First Reading**: 2 Timothy 4: 7-8

**Responsorial Psalm:** Shepherd Me, O God Haugen

*Through our psalm, we express our grief and praise, and acknowledge our Creator and Redeemer as the sure source of trust and hope in times of trial.*

Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,

 beyond my fears, from death into life.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** Celtic Alleluia Walker

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

**Homily**

**Universal Prayer/ Prayer of the Faithful**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Song at the Presentation of Gifts**: On Eagle’s Wings 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

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

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 **Eucharistic Prayer**

*We begin the Eucharistic service of praise and thanksgiving, the central prayer of worship. At the priest’s invitation, we lift our hearts to God and unite with him in the words he addresses to the Father through Jesus Christ. Today we join Christ in His sacrifice, celebrating His memorial in this holy meal and acknowledging with Him the wonderful works of God in our lives.*

**Holy. Holy, Holy**: Mass of Christ the Savior Schutte

**Memorial Acclamation**: Mass of Christ the Savior Schutte

**Amen:** Mass of Christ the Savior Schutte

**Lamb of God:** Mass of Christ the Savior Schutte

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Sign of Peace**

*As a community of Christians joined by the Spirit in love, we express unity by this sign of peace.*

**Communion Song**: I Am the Bread of Life Toolan

I am the bread of life
He who comes to me shall not hunger
He who believes in me shall not thirst
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

Refrain: And I will raise him up
And I will raise him up
And I will raise him up on the last day

The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world
And he who eats of this bread
He shall live forever
He shall live forever. Refrain

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**Final Commendation and Farewell**

**Invitation to Prayer**

*Our final farewell is an act of respect as we entrust Jack/Jackson to the tender merciful embrace of God.*

**Song of Farewell**: Go in Peace Hart/Liles

There will be no more darkness There is no more night,
No more night
There will be no more sadness
Only joy and light, joy and light
Lift your eyes beyond the hills
And see the dawn
There is beautiful mercy
In the arms of the Holy One

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Refrain: Go in peace, God be with you,
Go in peace, be at rest
With the saints and the angels
Now you are free
Go in peace.

See, the Father is waiting
With a robe of white,
Purest white
Go and feast at his table
With the bread of life,
Bread of life
Lift your heart, rejoice, and sing
For you are home
Home at last and forever
In the arms of the Holy One. Refrain

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**Prayer of Commendation**

*Our community calls upon God’s mercy, commends Jack/ Jackson into his hands and affirms our belief that those who have died in Christ will share in Christ’s victory over death.*

***Final Blessing***

**Moments of Remembrance**

**Recessional Hymn**: The Road Rise to Meet You True

Refrain: May the road rise to meet you

May the wind be at your back.

May the sunshine warm upon your face

May the rain fall softly on your fields

And until we meet again

May you keep safe in the gentle, loving arms of God.

 For everything there is a season

 A time for meeting, a time to say goodbye.

 In all things God is near

 Always guiding your way. Refrain

 For everything there is a season

 A time for loving, a time for letting go.

 In all things God is near, always guiding your way.

 For everything there is a season

 A time for living, a time for going home.

 In all thinks God is near, always guiding your way.

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***To All My Dear Ones***

 *I am at peace in the*

*arms of God.*

*No more suffering or pain.*

*I want you to rejoice with me*

*And think of the*

*happy times we had*

*together.*

*I am especially close to you now and*

*I will continue to make my*

*presence known*

*to you with little*

*surprises occasionally.*

*You will see me smiling and*

*Thanking God for all of you.*

*I love you…*

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**Liturgical Ministers**

Presider: Fr. Don Williams

First Reading: Arch Lafferty

Universal Prayer/ Prayers of the Faithful: Arch Lafferty

Gifts of Bread and Wine: Mary De Sales Prisco

 Paula Gormley

Extraordinary Minister: Brian Williams

Moments of Remembrance: John P. Lafferty, Jr.

 Choir and Instrumentalists:

 Cantor: Judy White

 Piano/Organ: Bob Manento

 Choir/Instrumentalists: Rob Williams, Anne Fryer, Frank Walsh

 Cello: Jean Brubaker

 Violin: Jule Supplee

 Guitars: Kathy Williams and Sr. Donna Korba, IHM

 Trumpet: Jack Partyka

 Bass: Sr. Kieran Williams, IHM

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