



## *Symbols of Our Faith*

As the body is welcomed into the church Holy Water is sprinkled on the casket in remembrance of the deceased's baptism into Christ.

The Funeral Pall, a long cloth, is draped over the casket to represent the white garment received in Baptism.

The Paschal Candle is lit and stands near the casket. It represents the Life of Christ first received in Baptism.

The Eucharistic Sacrifice is celebrated. It is the thanking for, the offering of, and the sharing in, the Body and Blood of Christ. It is a foretaste of heaven's everlasting banquet.

The Final Commendation is a farewell that affirms that, though separated for now, we look forward in hope that the deceased will share in Christ's resurrection on the last day.

The Blessing with Incense is a symbol of respect. The rising smoke is a sign of the community's prayers for the deceased rising to God.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.

*In loving memory of John*



*John Michael Doe*

January 14, 1995 -  
December 13, 2021

*We believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.  
Amen.*

*Order of Funeral Mass*  
for  
*John Michael Doe*

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church  
Newark, Ohio  
December 18, 2021

**Celebrant:** Father David Sizemore

**Concelebrant:** Father Robert Miller

**Deacons:** Deacon Steve DeMers and Deacon John Barbour

**Pallbearers:** Samuel Doe, Michael Doe, Brian Doe, Bob Smith, Jay Smith, Zachary McCoy

**Opening Hymn:** "Be Not Afraid"

**First Reading:** Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9

Lector: Mary Ann Doe

**Responsorial:** Psalm 23 (Sung)

*"My Shepherd Is the Lord, Nothing Indeed Shall I Want"*

**Second Reading:** Romans 6: 3-9

Lector: Clara Cooper-Doe

**Gospel:** John 5: 24-29

Deacon John Barbour

**Homilist:** Father Robert Miller

**Intercessory Prayers:** "Lord Hear Our Prayer"

Lector: Rebecca Doe

**Preparation of Gifts:** "On Eagles Wings "

Gift Bearers: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

**Communion Hymns:** "Yaweh, I Know You Are Near"

"Ave Maria" - sung by Theresa DeMers

*Those who are practicing Catholics are invited to come forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion.*

**Final Commendation:** "O Loving God"

O loving God, we send our son home to you,  
home to a place of everlasting love,  
to join there with the angel choirs and blessed saints,  
and to behold your glorious holy face.

Receive his soul and let eternal light shine,  
eternal light forever on his soul,  
so he may be forever in your dwelling place,  
and be at rest in peace until we meet him there.

**Recessional:** "City of God"

The parish family of St. Francis de Sales extends heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of John. May the peace of our risen Lord always be in your hearts.

There will be a funeral luncheon held in Murphy Hall after the service, provided by St. Francis de Sales.