



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



FIREFIGHTER DANIEL VINCENT CAPUANO

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015
SAINT RITA OF CASCIA SHRINE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Daniel Vincent Capuano

BORN INTO LIFE:

September 27, 1972

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE:

December 14, 2015

CELEBRANTS:

Reverend Edward M. Mikolajczyk

PASTOR, QUEEN OF MARTYRS PARISH

Reverend Thomas R. McCarthy, O.S.A.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD EMERITIS, ST. RITA H.S.

Reverend Thomas Mulcrone

CHAPLAIN, CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Reverend John McNalis

CHAPLAIN, CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Reverend Daniel Brandt

CHAPLAIN, CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deacon Robert Morris

FIREFIGHTER, CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT

PALLBEARERS:

Michael Capuano.....BROTHER
Patrick Capuano.....BROTHER
Robert Hauser.....BROTHER-IN-LAW
Jeremy Bolen.....BROTHER-IN-LAW
Tom Tassone..... UNCLE
James Capuano..... COUSIN
Joseph Capuano..... COUSIN
Louis Segina..... DEAR FRIEND

MUSICAL MINISTERS:

Catherine O'Connell and Kristen Kutscher

ALTAR SERVERS:

Firefighter David Bernicky
CFD TOWER LADDER 34
Firefighter/EMT Rory Cox
CFD ENGINE 72
Firefighter /EMT Daniel Reynolds
CFD TOWER LADDER 34

OPENING RITE

Opening Prayer

Placing of the Pall

Gathering Hymn: *“Be Not Afraid”*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Firefighter Anthony Richko*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

*“I have loved you with an ever lasting love,
I have called you, and you are mine.”*

Second Reading: Firefighter Anthony Vuletic

*A reading from the second letter
of Saint Paul to Timothy*

The time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end. I have run the race to the finish. I have kept the faith.

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved to me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have longed for His coming.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: "Celtic Alleluia"

Gospel: Deacon Robert Morris

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Homily: Father Tom McCarthy

*Prayers of the Faithful: Amanda, Andrew, Nick,
Kathy, Alissa and Bella Capuano,*

Please respond, "Lord, hear our prayer."

For all those who have dedicated their lives to work for peace, especially those in the American military stationed throughout the world; may God bless them and protect them so they may safely return to their families' embrace. We pray to the Lord.

For all first responders, especially Dan's colleagues with the Chicago and Evergreen Park Fire Departments; may they remain safe as they continue to serve our communities with honor, respect, courage and compassion. We pray to the Lord.

For all those who have dedicated their lives to the service and education of our children, may God continue to give them the vision, patience and dedication needed to do their jobs every day. We pray to the Lord.

For all of the deceased members of the Capuano, Hauser, Tassone, Bruce and Malone families, we pray that their reunion in heaven with Dan be joyous as they celebrate together in Christ's promise of eternal life. We pray to the Lord.

For all of our family and friends who have circled around us throughout this difficult time, may they know that their kindness and compassion will always be held in grateful remembrance. We ask that God bless them, in times of trouble, with the same type of loving support that they have so selflessly given. We pray to the Lord.

For all those who mourn the loss of Dan, especially those gathered here today, we ask that the countless joyful memories of times shared in laughter and love, bring them peace and comfort to ease their grief in the difficult days ahead. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for Dan's devoted parents, Jacqui and Mike as well as his loving in-laws, Jeanne and Ron. May God bless them with the strength and healing needed to guide their families to a place of peace and love. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for Dan's family. For his daughter Amanda, may you always remember the tenderness of your Daddy and how much he admired how smart you are, your fearless determination and your unyielding commitment and loyalty to your family. For Dan's boys, Andrew and Nick, may you always remember the way your Dad provided a great example of how to be a loving father and friend. Andrew, he was amazed by your sense of responsibility and selflessness. Nick, he often spoke of your strong work ethic and unique sense of humor. Most importantly, may the three of you always know that your Dad's happiest moments on

earth were because of you and the bond you all shared. And for the love of Dan's life, Julie, that you always remember the solid foundation the two of you lovingly built together for your family. May you be reassured that this legacy will continue to live on each day and guide you and the children through the difficult days ahead. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for Dan a cherished, father, husband, brother, son, friend, neighbor, coach, firefighter and paramedic; may he be welcomed by our Heavenly Father to enjoy everlasting peace and happiness in the kingdom of Heaven. We pray to the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of Gifts: The Capuano & Hauser Family

Presentation of Hymn: "Ave Maria"

Sign of Peace: "Prayer of Saint Francis"

*Communion Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings"
"You Are Mine"*

PROFESSIONAL TRIBUTES

Rahm Emanuel Mayor, City of Chicago

José Santiago Chicago Fire Commissioner

Thomas Ryan President of CFD Union Local 2

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES

Remembrances and letters from Dan's children:

Amanda, Andrew and Nick,

and his wife, Julie

read by the members of Dan's firehouse.

Reflection: Chief Ronald Kleinhaus, EPFD

Meditation Hymn: "Danny Boy"

RITE OF FAREWELL

Final Commendation: "How Bright is the Day"

Final CFD Tribute: Return to Quarters

Recessional: "We Are Called"

Come - live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

to live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another,

to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless,

so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

WHAT MATTERS MOST

How will the value of your days be measured?

*What will matter is not what you bought,
but what you built;
not what you got,
but what you gave.*

*What will matter is not your success,
but your significance.*

*What will matter is not what you learned,
but what you taught.*

*What will matter is every act of integrity,
compassion, courage or sacrifice
that enriched, empowered
or encouraged others.*

*What will matter is not your competence,
but your character.*

*What will matter is not how many
people you knew,
but how many will feel
a lasting loss when you're gone.*

*What will matter is not your memories,
but the memories that live
in those who loved you.*

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.

And your life so dearly mattered to us.



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the countless acts of kindness, love and understanding shown during this awful week. We have been deeply touched by you, our friends, our neighbors, the fire department family and compassionate strangers, and we will be forever grateful.

Our loss has left us broken and we are unable to imagine our lives without a man who was so much more than an amazing husband and father. However, being able to see so many people who have come to celebrate is an amazing and comforting thing. This has helped us see just how many lives Dan touched, and that his legacy will live on forever within each of us.

*Julie, Amanda, Andrew and Nick,
and all of the Capuano and Hauser Families*



When I am called to duty, God, whenever flames may rage;

Give me strength to save some life, whatever be their age.

Help me embrace a little child before it is too late;

Or save an older person from the horror of that fate.

I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me;

To guard my every neighbor and protect his property.

And if, according to my fate, I am to lose my life;

Please bless with your protecting hand

my children and my wife.