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### Fr. Danny Murphy – Funeral Homily – 06/02/18

At the conclusion, of Mass, one of Tom's sons will eulogize him so we'll reflect upon Tom's life then. Now, we can reflect upon our lives. Do you agree with me when I say that everyone – we all want to live a life that's filled with happiness and peace? Allow me to make two suggestions that I think will definitely help us lead our lives in happiness and in peace no matter what might occur in our lives. The first suggestion is for us to trust God completely in everything – easier said than done! Let's just say that you've been praying very long and very hard for something – and it doesn't happen. To trust God completely in everything is for you to be able to say; ""Dear God, thank you for answering my prayer with your NO, because, your NO in some way and in some time will be for the good." That's trust! St. Paul puts it this way: "For those who love God – everything works for the good!" St. Julian of

Norwich puts it this well: "All will be well, all will be well, all matter of being – all will be well." That's trust. If we can have complete trust in God in everything, we will be peace-filled in all circumstances that life brings to us. The other suggestion, so we can leave happy peace-filled lives is for us to really believe that heaven awaits us. To really believe that! In heaven, we will see the reason for all our sufferings. In heaven, we'll have the answers to all of our "whys". Here are three descriptions of heaven from the scriptures: First, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no tongue has told of the marvelous things that God has in store for us." Second quote from scripture: Dan, our music director, and I, we did this one day, I think we came up with about 46 scripture quotes that reference heaven! You're only gonna get three, the second one: "I consider the sufferings of the present to be as nothing when compared to what will be revealed to us, the glory that awaits us." Third and final description of heaven – it is described as a place with no sorrow, no pain, no tears, no crying out, no mourning – but only joy and peace for ever and ever. Joy and peace forever and ever. The mystics described heaven as "Endless Ecstasy." For Tom now, and some day for each of us, we can agree with the saints who say, with all the gifts that God gives us, the greatest gift is the gift of death, because that's the gift that brings us home – to heaven.