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## Fr. Danny Murphy – Funeral Homily – March 11, 2017

After Mass we will hear from two family members who will share their remembrances and On the tombstone of St. Ignatius Loyola are written these words: "Here lies a Man of the Church." So, those who knew him well, described him that way. In the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus is described with these words: "He went about doing good." So, those who knew him well, described Jesus that way. Now, I am wondering if you would be open to this, that for the next moment or so, each of us could ask ourselves, for those who know me well, how would they describe me? (Pause) Okay now I am going to ask us to do this, if you are open and willing. How would you describe yourself? There may well be another self, inside yourself that others aren't able to see. So, how would you describe yourself? (Pause) And of course if you were able to look inside, perhaps you might consider making some changes.

Well no matter how others describe you or how you describe yourself, the one thing that we share in common is that life is short when compared to eternal life. No matter how many years we live here, it is a pale reflection of eternity there! Someday it will be me whose funeral Mass we'll be celebrating, someday it will be you whose funeral Mass we'll be celebrating. The only thing we don't know is the day or the hour. So here's what I do with that if it's helpful for you: I am going to do the best that I can for as long as I can, realizing that I really don't belong here. Our citizenship, our home is in heaven. We're only passing through here. And when the day and the hour comes when Jesus says join me in the home that I have prepared for you in heaven. We'll see George and all our loved ones and we'll be there not for a short time, like we're here on earth, but for a long time, indeed for all eternity.