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Fr. Danny Murphy – Funeral Homily May 27, 2016

The Catholic Church provides us with two goals at Funeral Masses. If we look at both of them I think it will help us not only today but in the future. First of all: At funeral Masses we should renew our faith and belief in the Resurrection of the Dead. For all Christians, faith in the resurrection of the dead is the foundation of our faith; it is the rock upon which all else is based. Scripture tells us: "When we die...we shall rise again..." St. Paul tells us that "we are only dead for an INSTANT – in the 'twinkling of an eye.'" We pass from this life through death into eternal life. We might do this: perhaps we could pray for a stronger belief in the resurrection of the dead. We only pass through this life but sometimes this passing is cut short. While this life is temporary, what AWAITS us is eternal! Secondly: the Funeral Mass attempts to bring some comfort and solace to the family of the person

who is deceased. Now, no words or prayers can bring that person back, but perhaps in the midst of grief we can have some solace or comfort. To love someone is to wish them what's best, EVEN if what's best for THEM isn't what's best for ME. Wouldn't you agree that what's best for this person is her death. Heaven is described as "Endless Ecstasy!" Not to be flippant, but you cannot compare the cancer that she HAD with the endless ecstasy that she now HAS! So, think of her today in the midst of separation and grief. Think about her Endless Ecstasy as we now pray: "Dear Lord please renew or begin a belief that this life which is temporary leads to the next life which is eternal. And if we may have solace over grief about anyone who has died may it be to realize that they now live in endless ecstasy...Amen."