

The Roman Catholic Funeral Liturgy

~ **Firefighter Jon D. Davies** ~

Thursday, December 15, 2011, 10:00 am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Worcester, MA

Fire Department Chaplain Reverend Walter Riley

~Bishop of Worcester, Robert J. McManus ~

Monsignor Rocco Piccolomini, Assisting Priests & Deacons

Organist: John DeSilva ~ Soloist: Christine Petkus

Prelude ..... "Pie Jesu"  
Processional ..... "Worcester Fire Department Honor Guard"  
Song ..... "Be Not Afraid"  
Opening Prayer ..... Father Riley

**BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER**

Jon's casket is sprinkled with holy water, a reminder of his Baptism.

**PLACING OF THE PALL**

The casket is covered with a white cloth (pall). The pall is symbolic of Christian dignity & equality in the eyes of God. The pall is being placed by Jon Davies, Jr., Michael Davies and Rob Davies..

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Please be seated

First Reading Old Testament..... Rob Davies  
Book of Revelations 21:1-5a, 6b-7  
Responsorial Song Psalm 91 ..... "Be With Me"  
Second Reading New Testament ..... Christina Davies  
1st Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Gospel Acclamation " Alleluia, Alleluia"  
Gospel "John 21:15-19" ..... Deacon Kevin Deignan  
Homily ..... Father Walter Riley  
Prayers of the faithful ..... Deacon Kevin Deignan  
Response: "Lord Hear Our Prayer"

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Eucharistic gifts of bread & wine are presented by,  
Christina Davies and Rick Marrama

Offertory Song ..... "Ave Maria"  
Eucharistic Prayers ..... Father Riley and Con-Celebrant  
The Lord's Prayer ..... Congregation  
Rite of Peace ..... Congregation  
Communion ..... "Panis Angelicus"  
"Come Back to Me"  
"Here I am Lord"  
Eulogy ..... Family: Rob Davies  
Fire Service: Brian Carroll & Joseph Gaffney  
Bell Ceremony: ..... Lt John Dwyer & Capt. Douglas Courville

**FINAL COMMENDATION & FAREWELL**

Prayers of Commendation ..... Bishop Robert McManus  
Song of Farewell ..... "There is No Greater Love"  
National Anthem ..... Christine Petkus  
Recessional Hymn ..... "Let there be Peace on Earth"

**Pallbearers**

Brian Carroll (Helmet), Lt Joseph Gaffney, Kenneth Dion,  
David Ryan, Lincoln Boisseau, David Sachs, Paul Cotter  
Medal of Valor: Adam Davies

**Honorary Pallbearers**

E-6 : Captain Shawn Wyse, Michael Holm, Robert LaRose, JR, Craig Boisvert  
E-12 : Lt Mark Chestna, Patrick Brown, Israel Ruiz, Michael Pinkham  
L-1: Lt Stephen Mulry, Paul Ronayne, Christopher Johnson, Bruce Lariviere



**INTERMENT SERVICES**  
St John Cemetery  
Worcester, Massachusetts



*Worcester Fire Department Rescue 1*



*A Firefighter's Prayer*

*When I am called to duty, God  
Wherever flames may rage,  
Give me the strength to save some life  
Whatever be its age.  
Help me embrace a little child  
Before it is too late,  
Or save an older person from  
The horror of the fate.  
Enable me to be alert and  
hear the weakest shout,  
and quickly and efficiently  
To put the fire out.  
I want to fill my calling and  
to give the best of me,  
to guard my every neighbor  
and protect their property.  
And if according to your will  
I have to lose my life,  
Please bless with your protecting hand  
my family and my wife.*



**LAST ALARM  
BOX 12-07**



*Jon D. Davies*

*Appointed April 4, 1994*

*Died in the Line of Duty,  
December 8, 2011*