

Funeral – Bertram Canter (John 11: 17-27)

Over the past year, ever since Bertram's grandson Michael died, I have come to know Bertram
And the entire Canter family

Bertram had begun to come back to church
Grandchildren are in our Religious Ed program
We've planned to baptize his grandchildren on Easter morning
WHY

Despite having been away from the Church for several years
Faith in Jesus hadn't died
Faith in Jesus is alive in him
Faith in Jesus is alive in his wife his children his grandchildren

Faith born in Mastic Point – baptized by Gabriel Roerig in 1944
Faith grown in Cargill Creek – Fr. Howard would read scripture on the porch
Faith still green and bearing fruit when I met Him as an old man
Where's the fruit?
Look at his grandchildren

There is a line in the obituary that Elizabeth wrote that I love:
"He was proud of his work and the work he had done speaks well of him"
Walls he built House he built Family he built
They have faith that JC is Lord

The faith of Martha in this gospel
"If you had been here my brother would not have died"
"But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give you"
JC Your brother will rise
M "Yes, I know he will rise on the last day"
JC "I am the resurrection and the life – do you believe that?" HERE's MARTHA FAITH
M "Yes Lord, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of God who has come into the world"

FAITH – faith that life doesn't end in death
From Mastic Point To Cargill Creek To the Pearly Gates

Faith lives on – in Bertram
In Verdell
In You and In Me
Jesus IS the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God
Martha knew it
Lazarus knew it
Bertram knew it
We ALL know it

Jesus IS the resurrection and the life
Let us rejoice and be glad