



*The Marriage Ceremony* Uniting

**Maria Christina Puruganan Blancaflor**  
and  
**Ryan Spencer Mrachek**

Friday, November 23, 2001  
at half past five o'clock in the afternoon  
Saint Patrick—Saint Anthony Church  
Hartford, Connecticut

**Presiding Priest (Officiant)**

**Father Frank Sevola, OFM**

## The Wedding Party

**Parents of the Bride**

**Mario and Nanie Blancaflor**

**Parents of the Groom**

**Roger and Patti Mrachek**

**Matrons of Honor**

**Maria Dean**, Sister of the Bride

**Rosanna Pizzo-Picardi**, Sister of the Bride

**Best Men**

**Casey Mrachek**, Brother of the Groom

**Kurt Anderson**, Friend

**Bridesmaids**

**Robin Cocco**, Friend

**Kathleen Moyer**, Friend

**Courtney Staba**, Future Sister-in-Law of the Groom

**Danielle Manaloto**, Cousin of the Bride

**Groomsmen**

**Michael Blancaflor**, Brother of the Bride

**David Bonnel**, Friend

**Jon Brundage**, Friend

**Steve Burke**, Friend

**Flower Girls**

**Kiana Pizzo**, Niece of the Bride

**Isabelle Dean**, Niece of the Bride

**Ring and Coin Bearer**

**Nico Pizzo**, Nephew of the Bride

## Ceremony Music

**Organist**

**James Barry**

**Cantor (Soloist)**

**Pamela Johnson**

**Violin**

**Martha Kayser**

# The Wedding Ceremony

## Prelude

*Jesu Joy*.....*Bach*

## Entrance Rite

*Air from Water Music*.....*Handel*

### Seating of the Groom's Grandmother

**Tina Knosby**.....escorted by **Casey Mrachek**

### Seating of the Groom's Mother

**Patti Mrachek**.....escorted by **Roger Mrachek**

### Seating of the Bride's Mother

**Germana Blancaflor**.....escorted by **Michael Blancaflor**

## The Entrance of the Officiant, Groom and Best Men

## The Procession of the Bridal Party

*Canon in D*.....*Pachelbel*

**Danielle Manaloto**.....escorted by **Steve Burke**

**Courtney Staba**.....escorted by **Jon Brundage**

**Kathleen Moyer**.....escorted by **David Bonnel**

**Robin Cocco**.....escorted by **Michael Blancaflor**

**Rosanna Pizzo**.....*Matron of Honor*

**Maria Dean**.....*Matron of Honor*

**Nico Pizzo**.....*Ring and Coin Bearer*

**Kiana Pizzo**.....*Flower Girl*

**Isabelle Dean**.....*Flower Girl*

## The Entrance of the Bride

escorted by her father, **Mario Blancaflor**

## Welcome & Opening Prayer

*(please stand)*

## Liturgy of the Word

*(please be seated)*

### First Reading

***The Creation of Man and Woman***.....*Genesis 1:26-28, 31a*

Read by **Cheryl Lou Puruganan**, *Cousin of the Bride*

**READER:** A reading from the book of Genesis

God said, "Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth."

God created man in the image of himself,  
in the image of God, he created him,  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth."

God saw all he made, and indeed it was very good.

The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

***Psalm 128: May the Lord Bless Us***.....*Chepponis*

**CANTOR:**

Happy are you who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;

Happy shall you be, and favored.

**CANTOR:**

Behold, thus is the person blessed who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion:

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all your life,

All the days of your life.

## Second Reading

**The Greatest of These Is Love**.....I Corinthians 12:31-13-8a  
Read by Mia Mariano, *Cousin of the Bride*

**READER:** A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing.

If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but then I am nothing at all.

If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offense, and is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; its is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.

The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*(please stand)*

**Celtic Alleluia**.....O'Carrol/Walker

## Gospel Reading

**Love, the Greatest Commandment**.....Matthew 22:35-40

**PRIEST:** A reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

**ALL: Glory to you, Lord.**

**PRIEST:** To disconcert him, one of them put a question,

Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?

Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second resembles it; you must love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also."

The gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

*(please be seated)*

## Rite of Marriage

Exchange of Marriage Vows

Blessing & Exchanging of the Rings

## Lighting of the Unity Candle

*In the Catholic tradition, the candle (flame) is a symbol of Christ, the light of the world. The Scriptures given confirm this concept, and are cause for reflection among the guests. The Unity candle that is lit by the bride and groom often symbolizes their separate lives being joined together, thus combining two separate flames to light the single Unity Candle. The Candlelight Blessing is a confirmation of that symbolism, and often follows the lighting of the Unity Candle.*

*Gift of Love.....arr. Hopson*

## Prayer of the Faithful

*(please stand)*

**Read by Kimberly Klos, Friend of the Bride**

**READER:** The response is “Lord, hear our prayer.”

For our Holy Father on earth, the Pope, all the bishops and the clergy everywhere that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others—  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**READER:** For Teena and Ryan, now beginning their life together, that they may have divine assistance at every moment, the constant support of friends, the rich blessing of children, a warm love reaching out to others, a long life, and friends, and a new day, every day—  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**READER:** For the leaders of all nations, that they may be effective in achieving peace and eliminating poverty—  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**READER:** In thanksgiving for the gift of family and friends, and all the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us—  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**READER:** For those who have died before us, especially the relatives and friends of Teena and Ryan, that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life, and for our personal needs we mention in silence —  
*(pause)*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Presentation of the Gifts

**Psalm 117: Sing Praise to God.....Mozart**

**Gift Bearers.....Germana Blancaflor, Mother of the Bride  
Patti Mrachek, Mother of the Groom**

### Prayer over the Gifts

### Eucharistic Acclamation

**A Community Mass.....Richard Proulx**

## The Lord's Prayer

**ALL:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**PRIEST:** Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

**PRIEST:** Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles; I leave you peace, my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever.

**ALL:** Amen.

## Nuptial Blessing

## Sign of Peace

## Communion

**Wedding Song**.....Schutz

## Communion Meditation

**Ave Maria**.....Schubert  
Sung by Mario Blancaflor, *Father of the Bride*

## Concluding Rite

## Final Nuptial Blessing

## Recessional

**Hornpipe from Water Music**.....Handel

## Special Thanks To:

Our Families and Friends for making this celebration possible. We know that many of you have traveled long distances to share this special day with us and we are truly grateful.

Our parents who have been loving supportive role models in marriage for many years.

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