

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

Following prayers for the dead, in the evening preferably, or morning

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Windham, ME

Ceremony: **Joyful**, simple; dignified but NOT pretentious.

Honor guard of Knights of Columbus; sash and dress jackets, no swords.

Bearers: family members

Music Ministers: Music group from Our Lady, led by Jennifer Gresbach, and from St Anne, Gorham, led by Lori Arsenault

Presider: usually, the Bishop

Homilist: Rev James Donlon, Diocese of Albany (if he is able)

Alternate: Msgr Paul Stefanko, Diocese of Portland

Remembrance after Communion: family, parish member; brief

Order of Worship: Music:

Gathering:	“You are Mine”	D Haas
Psalm 23:	“Shepherd Me O God”	M Haugen
Celtic Alleluia		
“Mass of Creation”		
Preparation of Gifts:	“Be Not Afraid”	D Schute
Communion:	“In the Day of the Lord”	M D Ridge
Song after Communion:	“I Will Not Die”	T Conry
Song of Farewell:	“May the Angels / I Know that My Redeemer Lives”	S Soper
Closing:	“This is My Song”	Stone / Sibelius

Order of Readings: preference: *New Revised Standard Version Bible*

*Isaiah 25: 6-10a* Reader: Evelyn Armfield

*Romans 6:3-9* Reader: Michael Vaughn, Our Lady

*Gospel of John 14:1-6* Deacon Frank Chambers

Cover of Worship aid booklet: A Bible, with this quote from the  
Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 18:5

*“Just like the clay in the potter’s hand,  
so you are in my hand,” says the Lord.*

Burial vestments, etc: plain alb, white chasuble, stole with Jerusalem cross

Jerusalem Bible and small cross

Simple casket, closed during Mass,

Expenses for funeral and reception following, burial and inscription on tombstone:

to be paid from Prudential Life account. (Any balance remaining to go to estate.)

## REV. JOSEPH J. KOURY, J.C.D.

Fr. Koury earned a JCD (1986), JCL and JCB at the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, a Master of Divinity from Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA, and a BA in history and secondary education from the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.

For nine years he was Associate and Adjunct Professor of Canon Law, teaching graduate courses in canon law, ecclesiology, ministry and marriage law at Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA (1983 to 1992) and Visiting Professor for six years at Boston College Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry (1986 to 1992). In the summers of 1993 and 1995 he taught an introduction to canon law at the Institute of Theological Studies at Seattle University, and in the summer of 1993 he taught canon and marriage law at Boston College. He has presented workshops in marriage law at the Marriage Institute of the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Seattle (1986, 1993, 1994, 1998, 2000 and 2004), and has lectured in a number of professional, ministerial, parochial and academic settings, e.g., Eastern Regional Conference of Canonists (1994, 1997) and the Canon Law Society of America Annual Convention (1992).

He published a series of articles on the Catholic Church's legal system, including "The New Legal Language for the Laity," in Studia Canonica 26 (1992); "The Code and Collaboration: Recent Literature," in CLSA Proceedings 54 (1992); "Ius divinum as a Canonical Problem," The Jurist 53 (1993), and several articles on marriage law, including "Marriage, Canonical Issues," in The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship (1990). He wrote nine canonical opinions published in Roman Replies and CLSA Advisory Opinions, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, and was editor of the Roman Replies section, 2007 and 2008.

He was elected Consultor to the Board of Governors of the Canon Law Society of America (1991-1993) and served on several CLSA committees (lay jurisdiction, search committee for Executive Director; response to the proposed statutes on American Catholic colleges and universities; and consecrated life). He was nominated for the office of vice-president in 1995 and 2004. He has been a member of the CLSA since 1977, and was a member of the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

For 25 years, a member of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus (1968-1994), he was ordained a priest in 1977. He canonically transferred into the Diocese of Portland, ME, in 1994. He has served as Judge for the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Portland, ME, 1983-to-present, served previously as Judge for the Melkite Greek Catholic Diocese of Newton, MA, and for two summers assisted the Tribunal of the Diocese of Colorado Springs, CO.

In addition to his canonical work, Fr. Koury served in campus ministry in the Diocese of Portland for 13 years (1992-2005), serving also as Diocesan Coordinator of Campus Ministry for 11 of those years when he was on the leadership team for the National Association of Diocesan Directors of Campus Ministry. He was pastor of two parishes on Orono, ME: the Newman Center / Our Lady of Wisdom Parish at the University of Maine (1995-2005) and St. Mary's Parish (1997-2005). On June 30, 2005, he was named administrator of St Francis of Assisi Parish, Belfast, and St Mary of the Isles Mission, Islesboro. In January 2009, he was named parochial vicar in the Belfast, Camden and Rockland Cluster, and then in September 2009, he became Administrator of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Windham, St Joseph Church in Bridgton, and St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Fryeburg. In August of 2010, he also became Administrator of St Anne Church, Gorham, and St Anthony Church, Westbrook. He continues to serve all five churches which constitute Cluster 23.

He was previously an associate pastor at Holy Family Parish, Kirkland, WA (1977-1979) and also served on the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Seattle; priest-in-residence at Holy Trinity Parish, Washington, DC (1979-1983) and St. Andre's Parish in Biddeford (1988-1991); campus minister at St. Joseph's College, Windham, ME (1992-1995); Dean for the Central Penobscot area parishes (1995-1999) and Coordinator of the Cluster of Parishes (1999-2005) in Central Penobscot.

Fr. Koury was born and raised in Central Falls, RI, in a large family of Syrian ancestry where Arabic was spoken at home. He is a member of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, and by virtue of a papal indult, was ordained in the Roman Catholic Church. He did graduate work in Islamic Studies at McGill University, Montreal (1968, 1970-73) where he lived in a French Jesuit community; studied Spanish in Mexico; during a sabbatical in Rome, he was tutored in Italian; and had a sabbatical semester at the Catholic Center at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, where he audited classes in jurisprudence in civil law at the College of Law.

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### Obituary Information:

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**FAMILY:**

Parents: Mariam Yousuf Khoury and Elias J Koury Sr  
Both were born in Ma'ara Seydnaya, Syria  
Both deceased

### Sisters and brothers: living:

Evelyn Armfield Lincoln, RI  
Fariza Coningford, and her husband Paul North Providence, RI  
Theresa Choquette Pawtucket, RI  
Leo Koury Lincoln, RI

Sister and brothers: deceased:

## Nieces and Nephews:

Eric Armfield	Elizabeth Koury
Jennifer Armfield	Jeremy Koury
Michelle Armfield (deceased)	David Koury
Scott Laurie	John Koury
Thomas Laurie (deceased)	Daniel Koury
Joseph Laurie	Lynne Rooney
Mark Laurie	Donna Gattinella
William Laurie	Stephen Choquette
Deborah Newell	Kenneth Choquette
Joan Frechette (deceased)	John Frechette
David Frechette	John C Koury

and many grand nieces and nephews

Long-time friends: Carol and Ken Fabrizio  
Susan and Jim Mulhern

Snohomish, WA  
Cleveland, OH