



Homily for Joan Margaret Maddock (nee Cansfield)

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***Homily by the Rev. Kathleen Greidanus, Thursday, March 17,
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Celebration is a word that is bandied about a lot nowadays. We speak of celebrating graduations, homecomings and even funerals. I think it is because the secular world doesn't quite know what to do on the occasion of a funeral. But today we can say that this service in memory of Joanni is a real celebration. We come to celebrate the life of a Christian woman who left a great legacy in her children and in every life she touched. Joanni was a woman who truly lived out her faith. She was a tremendous support to Sid in what was a joint ministry. Her children were of primary importance in her life. Her motherly pride was evident in telling about their accomplishments. None of us know when or where we are going to meet death. Joanni had a little time between her diagnosis and her death. She faced her illness and death with the same dignity she held throughout her life. During my visits with her she prayed and wanted to speak about her assurance in Jesus. Yes this is a celebration - Joanni has received the ultimate reward for a life well lived, but more importantly a life that was filled with faith.

...by the Rev. Kathleen Greidanus

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