



Sister Clare Maureen Connolly, S.S.S.F.

September 16, 1937 - April 15, 2020



*O loving God, we send your daughter home to you
Home to a place of everlasting love,
To join there with angel choirs and blessed saints
And to behold our glorious home face.*



**Sister Clare Maureen Connolly
Memorial Mass**



**Chapel of the Risen Christ
Omaha, Nebraska
August 11, 2021**

Celebrating Priest
Father Ronald Battisto
Assisted by Deacon David Probst

Musicians

Pam Soudek, Mary Flier, Christina Rommelsparger, Sr. Bernice Gall

Instrumental Prelude	<i>Amazing Grace</i> <i>Mike Murphy</i>
Introduction	<i>Sister Joan Wageman</i>
Processional Hymn	<i>How Can I Keep From Singing</i> <i>#442</i>
Words of Remembrance	<i>Sr. Marilyn Ketteler</i>
First Reading	<i>Isaiah 61: 1-3</i> <i>Maureen Ladd (sister)</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."</i>
Celtic Alleluia	
Gospel	<i>✠ John 14: 1-6</i>

Homily	<i>Father Battiato</i>
Prayers of Intercession	<i>Sr. Betty Steffensmeier</i>
Presentation of gifts	<i>Sr. Mary Ann Schmieding Sr. Kathleen Kluthe</i>
Presentation Hymn	<i>Prayer of St. Francis #527</i>
Communion Hymns	<i>Lord of All Hopefulness #403</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	<i>Sr. Betty Steffensmeier Sr. Joan Wageman</i>
Eulogy	<i>John Connolly (brother)</i>
Final blessing and dismissal	
Recessional Song	<i>O Loving God</i>



After the liturgy, you are invited to lunch and storytelling.

Sister Clare Maureen Connolly, *ssf*, was born in County Leitrim, Ireland on September 16, 1937. She moved with her family to West Virginia in 1948, and to Columbus, Ohio in 1950. She entered the Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus in 1955, teaching elementary and high school students in West Virginia for many years. In 1970, Sr. Maureen moved to Omaha, Nebraska where she earned degrees in religious education and pastoral ministry from Creighton University. She transferred to the School Sisters of St. Francis in 1975.

Sister Maureen directed religious education programs at parishes in Bloomfield, Creighton, Norfolk, Randolph, and Snyder and taught theology at the former Archbishop Ryan High School in Omaha. She was leading the board of directors at the Siena/Francis House homeless shelter when they hired its first salaried manager. During a five-year ministry at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, she developed a religious education program for youth. In 1992 she became program director at New Covenant Justice and Peace Center, developing programs in nonviolence for people of all ages. For seven years, she organized activities for the Black Catholic Scholarship Program. The City of Omaha recognized her efforts by awarding her the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Living the Dream Award in 2007. Sr. Maureen was a facilitator for the Alternatives to Violence Project at the Omaha Correctional Center, and Omaha director of the project from 2009 until her death.

Sr. Maureen died on April 15, 2020, at New Cassel Retirement Center in Omaha, her home since 2007. She was predeceased by her parents James and Kathleen (Gray) Connolly, her sister Kathleen (Albert) Fisher and sister-in-law Lana Treadwell (Jim Connolly). Survivors include: her sister Maureen (Terry) Ladd, Venice FL; brothers John (Karen) Connolly, Fairfield CT, and Jim Connolly, Pacifica CA; brother-in-law Albert Fisher, Columbus OH; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and the School Sisters of St. Francis community with whom she shared her life of service for 45 years.