



Mary Gannam Saraf Beecher  
June 19, 1910 - September 28, 2000

St. James Catholic  
8412 Whitfield Avenue  
Savannah, GA 31406

October 2, 2000  
10:00 a.m.

Celebration of the

Funeral Mass

for

Mary Gannam Sarah Beecher



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul  
and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest  
in peace. Amen.





**Family of  
Mary Gannam Saraf Beecher**

**Children**

Philip Saraf, George Saraf, Antoine Saraf, Phyllis McShane, Antoinette Kastensmidt, Mary Ann Fischer, Rose Tootle, Iris Smith

**Brother**

Michael J. Gannam

**Grandchildren**

George Tabakian, Kathryn Hall, Cindy Strozier, John Tabakian, Michael Tabakian, Charles Tabakian

Stephen Kastensmidt, Anne Lamere, Lisa Muck, Michael Kastensmidt, Chris Kastensmidt

Kim Peters, Neil Fischer, Jr. Robert Fischer, Steve Fischer

David Tootle, Steve Tootle, Beth New, Angela Phillips

Tina Verrier, Teresa Thompson

Julie Dudley, Brent Saraf

Aubrey Smith, Adam Smith

**Great-Grandchildren**

Chris Tabakian, Bryan Tabakian, Kimberly Tabakian, Jonathan Tabakian, Stephanie Kitchens, Natalie Hall, Darren Strozier, Brad Strozier, Jessica Tabakian, John Michael Tabakian, Chelsey Tabakian, Ryan Tabakian, Marīssa Tabakian, Taylor Kastensmidt, Mary Lamere, Carol Lamere, Alexandra Muck, Katherine Muck, Jeremy Kastensmidt, Ezequiel Kastensmidt, Christopher Peters, Ashley Peters, Patrice Fischer, Catherine Fischer, Robert Fischer, Geoffrey Fischer, Patrick Fischer, David Tootle, Kenneth Tootle, Aimee Tootle, Tammy Tootle, April Tootle, Brooke Tootle, Stephanie Tootle, Stephen Tootle, Kyle Tootle, Benjamin Tootle, Brandon New, Cristian New, Shane New, Colby Phillips, Shelby Phillips, Madison Phillips, Jason Verrier, Matthew Verrier, Nicholas Verrier, Amanda Rich, Kara Thompson

**Celebrants**

Rev. John A. Kenneally

Rev. Joseph A. Smith

**Organist**

Helen Beddow

**Pallbearers**

David Tootle, Steve Tootle, George Tabakian, Michael Tabakian, John Tabakian, Neil Fischer, Jr., Robert Fischer, Steve Fischer

**Readers**

George Tabakian, Johnny Tabakian, Michael Tabakian

**Presenting the Gifts**

Beth New, Angela Phillips

**Altar Servers**

Brooke Tootle, Colby Phillips, Brandon New





## Introductory Rite

### Entrance Hymn (stand) "Be Not Afraid"

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
And all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.

**Refrain**                      Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all.                      (Refrain)

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### Opening Prayer

#### Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading** (sit)              Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

**Responsorial Psalm**          Psalm 23 (repeat after cantor)

**Second Reading**              Revelation 14:13

**Alleluia** (stand)              (repeat after cantor)

**Gospel**                              Matthew 5: 1 - 12

**Homily** (sit)

**General Intercessions** (stand)  
Response: Lord, hear our prayer

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist

(The Bread and Wine for the Eucharist are presented to the priest.)

**Offertory Hymn** (sit) "I Am the Bread of Life"

I am the bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger  
You who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

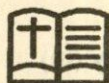
**Refrain**                              And I will raise you up  
And I will raise you up  
And I will raise you up on the last day!

The bread that I will give  
Is my flesh for the life of the world.  
And if you eat of this bread,  
You shall live forever, you shall live forever.      (Refrain)

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,  
The Son of God, who have come into the world!      (Refrain)

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**Prayer over the Gifts** (stand)

**Holy, Holy** (sung response)

**Eucharistic Prayer** (kneel)

**Communion Rite**

**The Lord's Prayer** (recite)

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion Procession

Hymn "Here I am, Lord."

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain      Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain; I have born my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone; give them hearts for love  
alone

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I the Lord of wind and flame; I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide. Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

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### Final Commendation

**Response**

Receive her soul and present her to God  
the Most High.

**Closing Hymn**

"On Eagles Wings"

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in his shadow for life?  
Say to the Lord: My refuge; my rock in whom I trust.

**Refrain**

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His wing your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)



You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day:  
Though thousands fall about you  
Near you it shall not come. (Refrain)

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