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Preparing for a Funeral Liturgy

*“I have competed well;
I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.”
2 Timothy 4:7*

The Funeral Liturgy

At this time of loss, I pray that the consolation of God be upon your whole family. The funeral liturgy will help you in the grieving process. At the heart of the liturgy we proclaim "that life is changed, not ended." We believe that Jesus has conquered death through the power of the resurrection. It is that grace he desires to share with all of us. May your loved one who has died come to know the fullness of the resurrection with our Risen Lord in heaven.

The following pages will help you plan the funeral liturgy, including:

- Scripture readings, and the people who will read them
- Gift bearers who will bring up the bread and wine for Communion
- Catholic liturgical music for the Mass

We have a number of readings that you can choose from and many song selections. Please carefully review the guidelines for these choices, and fill in the final pages of this document, entitled "Funeral Liturgy Plan" and "Funeral Information for Parish Register."

Please return the completed forms to the parish office **no later than 24 hours before the funeral liturgy**. The form may also be faxed to 630-338-8008.

As you prepare the liturgy, ask the Lord for wisdom and grace. He will guide you and help you to know his consoling presence at this time of loss. May the love and peace of our Risen Lord be with you now and always.

In Christ,
Msgr. Daniel Deutsch
Pastor

Burial Guidelines

Approximately one half of Americans select cremation at the time of a funeral. For many years the Church prohibited cremation because there was a concern that those who chose that option denied our belief in the resurrection of the body. Although cremation is now permissible, it is preferred that the body of the deceased is present for funeral rites.

Why is respect for the human body and the presence of the human body such a high value? The Order of Christian Funerals (OCF) states: "The body of the deceased Catholic Christian is also the body once washed in Baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the Bread of Life. The body of the deceased brings forcefully to mind the Church's conviction that the human body is in Christ a temple of the Holy Spirit and is destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead" (412).

If the deceased is to be cremated, it is best to have the cremation after the funeral rites so that the body is present for the wake and the funeral Mass. Although it is permissible to have the cremated remains at the funeral Mass, the presence of the body is preferable because it helps mourners face the reality of a person's death and allows the Church to express the fullness of its belief during the funeral rites.

What about the place of final disposition for cremated remains? "The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering... or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition the Church requires. Whenever possible, appropriate means for recording with dignity the memory of the deceased should be adopted, such as a plaque or stone which records the name of the deceased" (OCF, 417).

I have officiated at hundreds of funerals as a priest, and I can attest that the Catholic funeral rites bring great consolation to the family and friends of the deceased. These words from the Order of Christian Funerals states in a faith-filled way what people experience through God's grace: "In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity."

Let me close with a beautiful prayer of consolation that is part of our tradition: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Msgr. Daniel Deutsch
Pastor

Scripture Readings

Please choose each of the following readings and write your selections on the **Funeral Liturgy Plan** form at the end of this document.

- Old Testament reading (pages 4-5)
- Responsorial Psalm (pages 6-8)
- New Testament reading (pages 9-11)
- Gospel reading (pages 12-14)

Family members or friends of the deceased are encouraged to proclaim the first two readings. Generally, it is good to select a person who has some public speaking experience to proclaim the readings. The priest or deacon always proclaims the Gospel.

Note: If you wish to use a favorite Scripture reading not listed here, the reading must first be approved by our pastor, and the translation must be taken from the Catholic "New American Bible".

Old Testament Readings

Old Testament #1: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament #2: Wisdom 3: 1-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with the elect.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament #3: Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament #4: Jeremiah 29:11-14a

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalms

#1: Psalm 23

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or: Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. *(Response)*

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley
of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are
with me.

Your crook and your staff will give me
comfort. *(Response)*

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. *(Response)*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.
(Response)

#2: Psalm 25

Response: To You, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love,
for they are from of old.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O
Lord. *(Response)*

Relieve the anguish of my heart,
and set me free from my distress.
See my lowliness and suffering,
and take away all my sins.
(Response)

Preserve my life and rescue me.
Let me not be put to shame,
for in you I trust.
May integrity and virtue protect me,
for I have hoped in you, O Lord.
(Response)

#3: Psalm 27

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? *(Response)*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,
to inquire at his temple.
(Response)

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.
(Response)

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong;
be stouthearted, and wait for the
Lord! *(Response)*

#4: Psalm 42

Response: Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

My soul is thirsting for God,
The living God;
when can I enter and appear
before the face of God?
(Response)

For I would go the place of your
wondrous tent,
all the way to the house of God,
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving,
the throng keeping joyful festival.
(Response)

O send forth your light and your truth;
they will guide me on.
They will bring me to your holy mountain,
to the place where you dwell.
(Response)

And I will come to the altar of God,
to God, my joy and gladness.
To you will I give thanks on the harp,
O God, my God. *(Response)*

#5: Psalm 63

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord.

O God, you are my God;
at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like dry, weary land without water.
(*Response*)

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall
praise you. (*Response*)

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your
glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.
(*Response*)

When I remember you upon my bed,
I muse on you through the watches
of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I
rejoice. (*Response*)

#6: Psalm 103

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the Lord O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.
(*Response*)

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and
compassion. (*Response*)

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our
sins,
nor repay us according to our
faults. (*Response*)

As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our
transgressions.
As a father has compassion on his
children,
the Lord's compassion is on those
who fear him. (*Response*)

#7: Psalm 116

Response: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord, for he has heard
my voice, my appeal;
for he has turned his ear to me
whenever I call. *(Response)*

They surrounded me, the snares of
death;
the anguish of the grave has found
me;
anguish and sorrow I found.
I called on the name of the Lord:
"Deliver my soul, O Lord!"
(Response)

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple;
I was brought low, and he saved
me. *(Response)*

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet
from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.
(Response)

New Testament Readings

New Testament #1: Romans 6:3-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #2: Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #3: 2 Corinthians 4:14 – 5:1

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #4: 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #5: Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one Body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament # 6: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #7: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 18b

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #8: 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first Letter of John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us, that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Readings

Gospel #1: Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of
evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #2: Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #3: Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus said in reply:

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #4: John 6:37-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #5: John 11:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Martha said to Jesus,

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise."

Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #6: John 14:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him,

"Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him,

"I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Music for the Funeral Liturgy

“Music is integral to the funeral rites. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that words alone may fail to convey. It has the power to console and uplift the mourners and to strengthen the unity of the assembly in faith and love.” (Order of Christian Funerals, 30)

During the funeral liturgy, we offer beautiful liturgical music as prayers of thanksgiving and consolation. Non-liturgical or secular music is not allowed in the Church. Thus such music as “You Raise Me Up” may not be used before, during, or after the funeral rites in Church. Any music from stage or screen is not allowed during Catholic liturgy. If you have a non-liturgical or secular song that is special to you, we suggest that you speak with your funeral director about playing a CD of this song during the visitation at the funeral home, or at the funeral luncheon. Recorded music cannot be used as part of the funeral liturgy at the Church.

A parish cantor and organist will be assigned for your liturgy. The members of St. Patrick Music Ministry are the preferred musicians/vocalists for all liturgies here at St. Patrick, and bring many years of experience and liturgical expertise. "Outside musicians" are not typically used for a funeral liturgy. If you wish to have a guest vocalist, they may sing the Offertory and/or the second Communion song at the discretion of the Director of Music Ministry. The parish cantor will lead the assembly on all other music.

For the funeral liturgy, you may select five sacred hymns or songs. The placement of your chosen songs in the funeral liturgy will be planned by the Music Director and priest.

For assistance making your selections, please visit our parish web site at www.stpatrickparish.org and click on “Music Ministry” then “Funeral Music.” The presentation allows you to listen to audio samples of each piece.

Music List for Funeral Liturgies

Please select **five songs** from this list and write those on the **Funeral Liturgy Plan** form at the end of this document.

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus	Jesus, Remember Me
Amazing Grace	Lord of All Hopefulness
Ave Maria* (Bach/Gounod or Schubert)	Now We remain
Be Not Afraid	O Sons and Daughters
Blest Are They	On Eagle's Wings
Draw Near	One Bread, One Body
Eat This Bread	Panis Angelicus* (Franck)
Eye Has Not Seen	Prayer of Saint Francis
For All the Saints	Sing with All the Saints in Glory
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman	Taste and See
Here I Am, Lord	The King of Love My Shephard Is
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name	What Wondrous Love is This
How Great Thou Art	Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
I Am the Bread of Life	You Are Mine
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Jesus Christ is Risen Today	

** These pieces are sung by the cantor as a solo.*

Church and Music Ministry Fees

\$100 to St. Patrick Parish

\$150 to Organist

\$100 to Cantor

\$150 to Instrumentalist, if applicable

\$10 each to two Altar Servers

Normally, an amount is also given to the priest as a sign of gratitude (usually \$100).

Funeral Information for Parish Register

Please return this form to the Parish Office no later than 24 hours before the funeral liturgy. Please type or print neatly.

Name of Deceased: _____

Age: _____ Date of Death: _____

City deceased lived in: _____

Name of closest living relative: _____

- Relationship: _____
- Phone number: _____

Date of funeral: _____

Place of funeral: _____

Officiant (Priest or Deacon) at Funeral: _____

Date of burial: _____

Place of burial: _____
Cemetery name, city, state

- Cremation
- Burial permit needed
- Body donated to science

Funeral Liturgy Plan

Please return this form to the Parish Office no later than 24 hours before the funeral liturgy. Please type or print neatly.

Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Funeral: _____ Time: _____

Will there be a visitation here at the church? • Yes • No

- If yes, time of visitation: _____

Primary Contact name: _____

- Phone number: _____

Name of Priest/Deacon officiating: _____

Name of Funeral Home: _____

Please check the appropriate selection below:

- Casket will be present
- Cremation (Urn will be present)
- No casket/urn

Scripture Selections

Please list the number of the reading, book, chapter and verse. (ex. # 2 - Wisdom 3:1-9)

Old Testament Reading: _____

- Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

The psalm is sung by the cantor.

New Testament Reading: _____

- Read by: _____

Gospel Reading: _____

The Gospel is proclaimed by the priest or deacon.

Gift Bearers

Two or three people are needed (preferably not small children).

Names: _____

Music Selections

The order in which you list your selections does not mean they will be sung in that order.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Song of Farewell (choose one):

- Celtic Song of Farewell
- Saints of God

If you have any questions or concerns regarding music for the funeral liturgy, please contact Katie Speiden, Director of Music Ministry.

Phone: 309-323-5390 (cell)

Email: music@stpatrickparish.org