

St. Peter Parish

Planning for the Funeral Mass

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Name of the deceased _____

Date of funeral _____ Funeral Director _____

At the church, after the greeting of the mourners and the blessing of the body of the deceased, family members or friends may assist with placing the pall on the casket, reminding us of the white garment with which we were clothed on the day of our Baptism. Please speak to the funeral director in advance if your family wishes to participate in this simple ritual.

Reading 1 – Old Testament _____

Read by _____

Responsorial Psalm (*sung – please choose one.*) _____

Psalm 23 – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Psalm 25 – To You, O Lord, I lift my soul

Psalm 27 – The Lord is my light and my salvation

Psalm 63 – My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

Psalm 103 – The Lord is kind and merciful

Reading 2 – New Testament _____

Read by _____

Gospel (*usually chosen by the priest*)

Presentation of the gifts of bread and wine _____

Personal words of remembrance (*optional*) _____

“After the Prayer after Communion, a member or a friend of the family may speak in remembrance of the deceased.” The funeral rite offers the **option** for some words of remembrance. One speaker may be chosen by the family to offer a presentation that should be **simple, brief, well-prepared, and appropriate** for its place during Mass. Please keep the length to five minutes (about one typed page). Within the context of the funeral liturgy, the tone of such a personal reflection should remain one of faith and hope, and should emphasize the way the deceased lived the Christian life.

Music for the Funeral Mass - We invite you to choose two or three of your favorite sacred hymns. Some suggestions for sacred music that is appropriate for the Funeral Mass are listed on following pages.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____