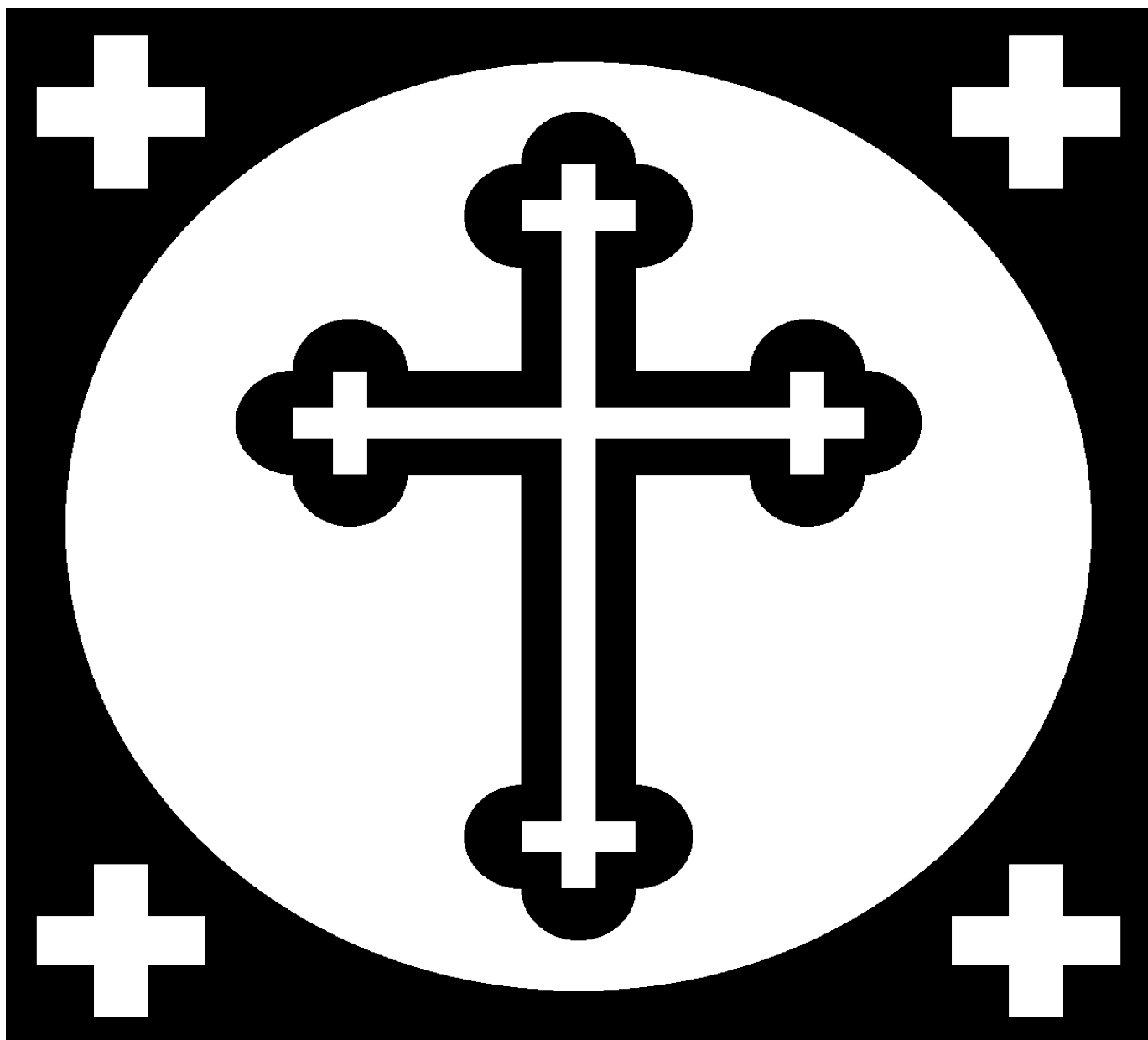


PLANNING MY FUNERAL



*****ST. ANN PARISH*****

MY CATHOLIC FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHEET

Please fill in the information at the beginning and end of this booklet for your family and return the insert to the Parish for our records.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Contact People

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- Preferred Funeral Home: _____
- Have you made advanced arrangements with this Funeral Home? *(circle one)* Yes/No
- Do you plan to be cremated? *(circle one)* Yes/No/undecided
- Do you want visitation *(check one)*
 - ☐ At the church before the funeral.
 - ☐ At the funeral home the evening before the funeral.
 - ☐ At the funeral home the evening before *AND* at the church before the funeral.
 - ☐ Evening visitation that includes: *(circle one)* Scripture Service or Rosary
- Do you want a *(check one)*
 - ☐ Funeral *Mass* at St. Ann *(body or cremains present)*
 - ☐ Funeral *Service* at the Funeral home *(body or cremains present)*
 - ☐ Memorial *Mass* at St. Ann *(no remains present)*
 - ☐ Memorial *Service* at St. Ann *(no Mass and no remains present)*
 - ☐ Memorial Service at the Funeral Home *(no Mass and no remains present)*
- Would you like any memorials to be directed to St. Ann? *(circle one)* Yes/No *(see page 10 for more details)*
- If yes, would you like memorials directed to a certain ministry? *(circle one)* Yes/No
- If yes, which one? _____

INTRODUCTION

Someday I will die. I hope and pray that it is not in the near future, but I know it is going to happen. When someone I love dies I feel sad, I feel a loss. I can make my death easier on my family by letting them know my intentions. That is what this booklet is for, letting the people we love, know what we would like for our funeral. This is not a legally binding book, just a book to let our loved ones know our wishes.

Every funeral is about the eternal life that God the Father has given us through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus. We remember the person who died and we remember God's loving mercy. God's desire is for us to be in heaven forever.

Included is a planning sheet for you to fill out. There is a copy for you and a copy for the parish. You do not have to fill out everything on it, just what you would like us to know when you are not here to tell us. You can choose scripture readings, hymns, memorials and more. You can change them at any time, just let the parish know.

St. Ann will keep your planning sheet on file. When the time comes we will share it with your family, or those who are planning your service. You might want to keep your copy in a place where your family can readily find it. A safe deposit box is not a good place for it, as it may not be opened until after the funeral.

May God bless you in this life, and in the life to come.

Father Randy Budnar
Pastor

VIGIL SERVICE/VISITATION

At the vigil, the Christian community keeps watch with the family in prayer to the God of mercy, and finds strength in Christ's presence. You may wish to have a visitation at the funeral home the evening before the funeral, and/or a visitation at the church prior to the funeral. In addition, you may choose to have a Scripture Service or the Rosary with the visitation.

- ☐ Visitation at the Church.
- ☐ Visitation at the Funeral Home
- ☐ Visitation with Scripture Service
- ☐ Visitation with the Rosary.

FUNERAL MASS/ SERVICE/MEMORIAL MASS

The rituals and prayer surrounding death are a witness to the faith of the one who has died. They give comfort to the community of family, friends, and associates who have surrounded the deceased during life. These rituals affirm and express solidarity between the living and the dead in the communion of saints.

The focus shifts from the ending of a life to its new beginning in eternity. If a funeral liturgy takes place outside of a Mass, it may be conducted either at the funeral home or at the church.

There are many decisions involved in how your loved ones will remember you and celebrate your life. You have the opportunity to express your wishes about your preferences, by planning early and discussing it with them. However, this can be an uncomfortable topic for our loved ones, and because of that, this all important conversation may rarely occur.

First, you can decide if you want your body to be present for the celebration, or if you prefer to be cremated and have the cremains present. There are some ritual differences within the Mass, depending on which

choice you make. If *no* remains will be present—no body *or* cremains-- it would then be a Memorial *Mass* or Memorial *Service*.

- ☐ I want a Funeral *Mass* at St. Ann Church. (*Body or cremains present*)
- ☐ I want a Funeral *Service* at the Funeral Home. (*Body or cremains present*)
- ☐ I want a Memorial *Mass* at St. Ann Church. (*no remains present*)
- ☐ I want a Memorial *Service* at St. Ann Church (*no Mass & no remains present*)
- ☐ I want a Memorial *Service* at the Funeral Home. (*no Mass & no remains*)

THE FUNERAL MASS

Rite of Reception

Greeting

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Placing of the Pall (*The pall is a white cloth that is a reminder of the white garment we receive at Baptism symbolizing that we are clothed with Christ.*)

Gathering Song

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (*from the Old Testament or Acts of the Apostles*)

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading (*from the New Testament*)

Gospel Acclamation (*“Alleluia” except during the season of Lent*)

Gospel (*read by the priest*)

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation & Preparation of Gifts (*a song is sung during this time*)

Eucharistic Prayer and Acclamations (*always sung*)

The Lord’s Prayer (*Most always spoken*)

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion *(a song is sung during this time)*

Rite of Final Commendation & Farewell

Invitation to Prayer

Song of Farewell

Prayer of Commendation

Closing Song/Procession to the place of Committal

When the cremains rather than the body are present for the Funeral Mass, the ritual differences are that there would not be a pall or white cloth placed on the urn at the beginning of the Mass, and incense would not be used in the Rite of Commendation and Farewell.

CHOOSING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Every time we gather to celebrate, we look to God's Word to inspire, console, teach, and challenge us. In the Funeral Liturgy, God's Word can be a balm of healing for those we leave behind, as well as expressing our own faith and trust in God. By choosing scripture readings for your celebration, you have a unique opportunity to communicate the power and presence of God as you have experienced it. However, you might also keep in mind that your loved ones may want to choose readings that express how they have seen God's presence through you, or readings that they feel will help them in their healing.

The Funeral Mass or Service typically has a reading from the Old Testament, a sung Psalm Response, a reading from the New Testament, and a Gospel. However, you may choose to have a reading from the Old *or* New Testament, a Psalm, and a Gospel.

Friends or relatives are often asked to proclaim the readings.

FIRST READING (Old Testament)

Job 19: 1, 23-27 (as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives...)

Wisdom 3: 1-9 (The souls of the just are in the hand of God.)

Wisdom 4: 7-15 (The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.)

Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9 (The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces...)

Isaiah 49: 13-16 (Can a mother forget her child? Even should she forget, I will not forget you.)

Isaiah 55: 8-11 (For my thoughts are not your thoughts...)

Lamentations 3: 17-26 (My soul is deprived of peace..Good is the Lord to one who waits...)

Daniel 12: 1-3 (Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake...)

2 Maccabees 12: 43-46

Proverbs 31: 10-31 (When one finds a worthy wife...)

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11 (There is an appointed time for everything and a time for every purpose.....)

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14 (God sets a father in honor over his children....)

****SEE MUSIC SECTION TO SELECT THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM.***

*SECOND READING (New Testament)

Acts 10: 34-43 (God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead.)

Romans 5: 5-11 (Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts.)

Romans 5: 17-21 (Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.)

Romans 6: 3-9 (Let us walk in newness of life.)

Romans 8: 14-23 (I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.)

Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39 (If God is for us, who can be against?)

Romans 14: 7-9, 10b-12 (Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.)

1 Corinthians 12: 31-13:8 (Love is patient, love is kind...Love never fails.)

1 Corinthians 15: 20-23, 24b-28 (All people will be brought to life in Christ.)

1 Corinthians 15: 51-57 (Death is swallowed up in victory.)

2 Corinthians 4: 14-5:1 (What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal.)

2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10 (We have an everlasting home in heaven)

Philippians 3: 20-21 (Our citizenship is in heaven.)

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 (We shall stay with the Lord forever.)

2 Timothy 2: 8-13 (If we have died with him, we shall live with him.)

2 Timothy 4: 6-8 (I have run the race, and I have kept the faith.)

1 John 3: 1-2 (We shall see God as he really is.)

1 John 3: 14-16 (We know that we have passed from death to life.)

Revelation 14: 13 (Happy are those who die in the Lord.)

Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7 (I saw a new heaven and a new earth.)

***Having a 2nd reading is not required. If you choose to have only one reading and a Gospel, you may choose from either the Old or New Testament readings.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 1-12a (the Beatitudes)

Matthew 11: 25-30 (Come to me, all who are weary...)

Matthew 25: 1-13 (the kingdom of heaven is like...)

Matthew 25: 31-46 (When the Son of Man comes in glory...)

Mark 15: 33-39; 16: 1-6 (You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, He has been raised.)

Luke 7: 11-17 (Young man, I say to you, arise!)

Luke 12: 35-40 (...be like servants who await their master's return....)

Luke 23: 33, 39-43 (Today you will be with me in paradise.)

Luke 23: 44-46, 50, 52-53; 24: 1-6a (Father, I put my life in your hands.)

Luke 24: 13-35 (Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer....?)

John 5: 24-29 (Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.)

John 6: 37-40 (It is the will of the One who sent me that I should lose nothing of what he has given me...)

John 6: 51-58 (I am the living bread come down from heaven...)

John 11: 17-27 (Lazarus had already been in the tomb...)

John 11: 32-45 (and Jesus wept...)

John 12: 23-28 (If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.)

John 14: 1-6 (Do not let your hearts be troubled, I am going to prepare a place for you.)

John 17: 24-26 (Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am.)

John 19: 17-18, 25-30 (standing by the cross was his mother...)

FUNERAL SONGS

Key: Song numbers refer to the Gather Hymnal, Third Addition (G3) The column to the right of each song indicates where they can be placed in the Mass. When there is no number for the song, that song is not in the G3 hymnal with words and/or music is put in the program or the choir sings it alone.)

PRE= Any song that can be sung/played before the Mass or service begins.
GATH= Gathering, or opening song
PSALM= Responsorial Psalm
POG= During the Presentation & Preparation of the Gifts—or Offertory.
COMM= During the reception of Communion.
FINAL= Song of Farewell in the Rite of Commendation & Farewell
CLOSE= Closing, or Recessional song.

#	Song Name	Use
611	All Creatures of Our God & King	GATH, CLOSE
645	Amazing Grace	GATH, POG, COMM, PRE
---	Ave Maria	POG, PRE
683	Be Not Afraid	GATH, POG, COMM, PRE
735	Blest Are They	COMM, CLOSE, PRE
---	Borning Cry	POG, REFLEC, PRE
590	Christ, Be Our Light	GATH, CLOSE, PRE
766	City of God	CLOSE
869	Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled	POG, REFLEC, PRE
728	Eye Has Not Seen	POG, COMM, PRE
---	Give Me Jesus	GATH, POG, COMM, CLOSE
	Go in Peace	CLOSE, COMM (Reflection after COMM)
777	Here I Am, Lord	COMM, CLOSE
685	How Can I Keep From Singing?	GATH, POG, COMM, CLOSE
578	How Great thou Art	CLOSE
945	I Am the Bread of Life	COMM, CLOSE
588	I Have Loved You	GATH, POG, COMM
724	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	GATH, POG, COMM
972	I Know That My Redeemer Lives	CLOSE
714	In the Arms of God	POG, COMM
510	Jesus, Remember Me	POG, CLOSE
781	Lord, When You Came	POG, COMM
828	Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	POG, COMM
978	May Holy Angels Lead You	FINAL
785	Now We Remain	POG, COMM
598	O God Beyond All Praising	GATH, CLOSE
688	O God, Our Help, In Ages Past	GATH, CLOSE

691	On Eagle's Wings	POG, COMM, CLOSE
535	Resucito'	CLOSE
-	Saints of God	FINAL
35	Shepherd Me, O God	PSALM, POG, COMM
868	Steal Away	POG, PRE
710	The Cloud's Veil	POG, COMM, PRE
790	The Summons	COMM, CLOSE
866	Take Me Home	POG, REFLEC, PRE
981	The Hand of God Shall Hold You	POG, REFLEC, PRE
41	The Lord is My Light	PSALM, POG
730	The Lord Will Heal the Broken Heart	PSALM, POG, COMM
751	The Servant Song	POG, COMM, PRE
681	We Remember	COMM
680	We Walk By Faith	GATH, POG, CLOSE
642	What Wondrous Love is This	GATH, POG, CLOSE
721	You are Mine	POG, COMM
695	You Are Near	POG, COMM

*This is **not** an exhaustive list in any way! You may have other sacred songs that would be fitting for a funeral.*

MEMORIALS

After we die, we may want to give money to things that were important to us. We call that a memorial. Consider leaving a memorial for St. Ann parish. A gift to our endowment fund is a gift you give that keeps on giving forever.

- ☐ I would like to have a memorial for St. Ann's endowment fund.
- ☐ I would like to use some of the memorial money for Masses.
How many masses? _____
- ☐ I would like to use the memorial money to go to another ministry of St. Ann's. What ministry? _____

**Thank you for considering St. Ann's for your memorial gift, and please remember St. Ann Parish when you are planning your estate.
Thank you for entrusting us with your wishes and the spiritual care of your loved ones upon your passing into eternal life.

*Funeral Mass/Memorial Mass Pre-Planning

Date:

___/___/___

For: _____

**If you wish, you may contact the Director of Liturgy & Music to set up a planning session to help with the selection of readings and music.*

LIST SONGS YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE FOR YOUR FUNERAL :

See the list of music on pages 9 & 10 of this booklet.

Song	#	Song	#

LIST SCRIPTURE READINGS YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE FOR YOUR FUNERAL.

See the list of scripture readings on pages 7 & 8 of this booklet.

FIRST READING OPTIONS/ CHOICES: (from the OLD Testament or Acts of the Apostles)

PSALM RESPONSE: Shepherd Me, O God, #35

OR: _____

SECOND READING OPTIONS/ CHOICES: (from the NEW Testament)

GOSPEL OPTIONS/ CHOICES: _____

OPTIONAL

You may wish to share information regarding your life, work, hobbies, church involvement, or any other information that might be helpful to the priest giving the homily.
