



Mass of Christian Burial  
Planning Book  
Saint Bartholomew Church





In memory of MR. and MRS.  
JEROME HAZEN and family

On behalf of all of us at St. Bartholomew's, please be assured of our prayers as you plan the Funeral Services for your loved one. May the Peace and Comfort that come from God be with you in abundance.

The purpose of this booklet is to help you with the planning of the Funeral Mass. A full planning sheet is found in the back of this booklet.

You will be able to:

Select Readings and Readers (pages 7-21)

Select Music (pages 20-21)

Plan for a Eulogy (page 6)

We will be in touch in the coming days to talk through all of the details, but in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Blessings and Peace,

-Fr. Matt

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# The Rites of the Church

All the Baptized are entitled to the full Rite of Christian Burial. You and your family will experience the Rite of Christian Burial in three distinct and important parts:

## THE VIGIL SERVICE:

This will take place the half hour before a viewing at the Funeral Home with just the immediate family or during the last half hour of the visiting hours at the Funeral Home. The Pastor will lead this very brief service as we ask for God's presence with us in this sacred time. Visitation may also be held in the Church.

## THE FUNERAL LITURGY

This is the most important part of the celebration of Christian Burial. Unless taking place in a simple service in the Funeral Home, this will be celebrated in the context of a Funeral Mass. The bodily remains are honored by being brought to the Church. We celebrate the life of the deceased in the whole context of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

## THE COMMITTAL

Almost always, the Pastor will accompany the remains and the family to the cemetery, where the Rite of Christian Burial will conclude with the prayers of Committal and Final Commendation. This can also take place at a later date in the event that burial is delayed.

## **The Time & Place of the Funeral Liturgy**

A Funeral may be celebrated on any day of the week except Sundays and certain Holy Days. The Pastor will discuss these restrictions as they apply. The Funeral Liturgy is ordinarily celebrated in Church with Mass, but may also be celebrated in the Funeral Home (outside of Mass) or even at the cemetery. The time of the Funeral is determined working with Funeral Director, the Family, and the Pastor.

## **Planning the Funeral Liturgy**

The Funeral Liturgy is one of the most beautiful and meaningful celebrations of the Church. Your family has the option of personalizing the Mass by choosing the Scripture readings and by requesting specific hymns. When choosing Scriptures, there should be one reading from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament; however, you can choose from the whole Bible if a passage is particularly meaningful, the texts contained within this booklet are especially appropriate.

## **Cremation**

If cremation is to take place, it is preferred that it be done after the Funeral Liturgy. The cremated remains can also be honored at the Mass if waiting is not possible.

## **Music at the Funeral Liturgy**

Saint Bartholomew Music Ministry will provide music for the Funeral Liturgy at the Church. Family members are welcome to request specific Sacred Hymns. Secular music may not be used during Mass. Please consult the last page of this booklet for a list of suggested Funeral hymns.

## **Funeral Luncheon**

A Funeral luncheon may be held at the Church Social Hall (which holds up to 150) or the Parish Center (which holds up to 300).

The Samaritans of Saint Bartholomew's can provide a set luncheon of Pasta, Homemade Meatballs and Sauce, Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Potatoes, Salad, Bread, Dessert and Drinks. Cost is \$7 per person, based on guests expected, to cover the cost of the meal. Outside caterers are welcome with no charge from the Parish.

## Words of Remembrance (Eulogy)

**A memorandum from Bishop Persico, 'Sacred Responsibility' found in Faith Magazine, April 2013.**

“One aspect I would like to address is what is commonly referred to as the eulogy at a Catholic Funeral Mass. The Diocese of Erie offers guidelines for this important moment. There are opportunities for families to share folksy, cute stories about their beloved dead with each other. The Funeral Mass is not one of them. The words of remembrance at a Funeral Mass should be focused, brief and offered by only one person. It is designed as a moment to provide comfort and hope by talking about the faith life of the deceased.”

The Eulogy at the Funeral Mass is a more formal Eulogy than one that might be done at the Vigil Service or Funeral luncheon. Only one person may speak for no more than 5 minutes at the end of Mass. Here are the guidelines to follow when preparing your Eulogy.

1. How did this person reflect Christ's life to you and to others?
2. For what can we be thankful in the life of the deceased?
3. Focus on the faith journey of your loved one.
4. How did this person love others in the way Christ loves us?
5. Avoid any stories that are not in keeping with a Christian life.
6. Avoid saying anything that might cause embarrassment to the assembly.
7. Write your reflection down.



## Old Testament Selections

### C-1 II Maccabees 12:43-46

Judas, the ruler of Israel,  
took up a collection among all his soldiers,  
amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,  
which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice.  
In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,  
inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;  
for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,  
it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.  
But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward  
that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,  
it was a holy and pious thought.  
Thus he made atonement for the dead  
that they might be freed from this sin.

### C-2 Job 19:1, 23-27a

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said: Oh, would that my words  
were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record:  
That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock  
forever! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,  
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;  
Whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold  
him; And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is  
consumed with longing.

### C-3 Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

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. 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 his elect.

### C-4 Wisdom 4:7-15

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.

For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time,

nor can it be measured in terms of years.

Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,

and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported – Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul;

For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career;

for his soul was pleasing to the LORD, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.



**C-5** Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

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!"

**C-6** Lamentations 3:17-26

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is;  
I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the LORD.  
The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall;  
Remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me.  
But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope:  
The favors of the LORD are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent;  
They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness.  
My portion is the LORD, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him.  
Good is the LORD to one who waits for him,  
to the soul that seeks him;  
It is good to hope in silence  
for the saving help of the LORD.

**C-7** Daniel 12:1-3

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned and heard this word of the Lord:  
At that time there shall arise

Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people;  
It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress  
since nations began until that time.

At that time your people shall escape,  
everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake;  
Some shall live forever,  
others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

But the wise shall shine brightly  
like the splendor of the firmament,  
And those who lead the many to justice  
shall be like the stars forever.

*(The following selections are also appropriate, especially during Easter.)*

**C-9** Acts 10:34-36, 42-43

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly  
is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel  
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,  
He commissioned us to preach to the people  
and testify that he is the one appointed by God  
as judge of the living and the dead.

To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

**C-10** Revelation 14:13

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this:  
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."  
"Yes," said the Spirit,  
"let them find rest from their labors,  
for their works accompany them."

**C-11** Revelation 20:11-21:1

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.  
The earth and the sky fled from his presence  
and there was no place for them.  
I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne,  
and scrolls were opened.  
Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.  
The dead were judged according to their deeds,  
by what was written in the scrolls.  
The sea gave up its dead;  
then Death and Hades gave up their dead.  
All the dead were judged according to their deeds.  
Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.  
(This pool of fire is the second death.)  
Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life  
was thrown into the pool of fire.  
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.  
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.

**C-12** Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.  
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.  
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.  
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.  
He will dwell with them and they will be his people  
and God himself will always be with them as their God.  
He will wipe every tear from their eyes,  
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain,  
for the old order has passed away."  
The One who sat on the throne said,  
"Behold, I make all things new."  
I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the beginning and the end.  
To the thirsty I will give a gift  
from the spring of life-giving water.  
The victor will inherit these gifts,  
and I shall be his God,  
and he will be my son."



## New Testament Selections

### **E-1** Romans 5:5-11

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### **E-2** Romans 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters: If, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**E-3** Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

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.

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.

**E-4** Romans 8:14-23

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, Father!

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of  
God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,  
if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing  
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children  
of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord  
but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself  
would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious  
freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;  
and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the  
Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption,  
the redemption of our bodies.

**E-5** Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, 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.

**E-6** Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

Brothers and sisters: No one lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord  
of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written:

As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God. So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

**E-7** I Corinthians 15:20-23

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since death came through a man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.  
For just as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,  
but each one in proper order:  
Christ the first fruits;  
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;

**E-8** I Corinthians 15:51-57

Brothers and sisters: Behold, I tell you a mystery.  
We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,  
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.  
For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible,  
and we shall be changed.  
For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility,  
and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.  
And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility  
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,  
then the word that is written shall come about:  
Death is swallowed up in victory.  
Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?  
The sting of death is sin,  
and the power of sin is the law.  
But thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.



**E-9** II Corinthians 4:14-5:1

Brothers and sisters:

Knowing 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.

**E-10** II Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

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 must all 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.

**E-11** Philippians 3:20-21

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven,

and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body

to conform with his glorified Body

by the power that enables him also

to bring all things into subjection to himself.

**E-12** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,

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.

**E-13** II Timothy 2:8-13

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David:  
such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of  
chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen,  
so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,  
together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him we shall also live with him;

if we persevere we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

**E-14** 1 John 3:1-2

Beloved:

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.

**E-15** 1 John 3:14-16

Beloved: We know that we have passed from death to life

because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in  
death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,

and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us;

so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

# **FUNERAL MASS MUSIC SELECTIONS**

Please choose four hymns.

*Categories of hymns are recommended only - all hymns can be used in all categories.*

## **Gathering Song**

Amazing Grace  
Be Not Afraid  
Eye Has Not Seen  
Here I Am Lord  
We Gather Together  
Faith of Our Fathers  
Keep in Mind  
Praise to the Lord

The responsorial psalm will be a setting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm -  
“the Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want...”

## **Preparation of the Gifts**

Be Not Afraid  
Eye Has Not Seen  
Here I Am Lord  
Faith of Our Fathers  
Keep in Mind  
Praise to the Lord  
On Eagle's Wings  
We Are Many Parts  
We Remember  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
Prayer of Saint Francis



## **Communion Hymns**

Bread of Life  
Eat This Bread  
Gift of Finest Wheat  
Here I Am, Lord  
On Eagle's Wings  
One Bread, One Body  
We Are Many Parts  
We Remember  
Taste and See  
I Am the Bread of Life  
Seed, Scattered and Sown  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand

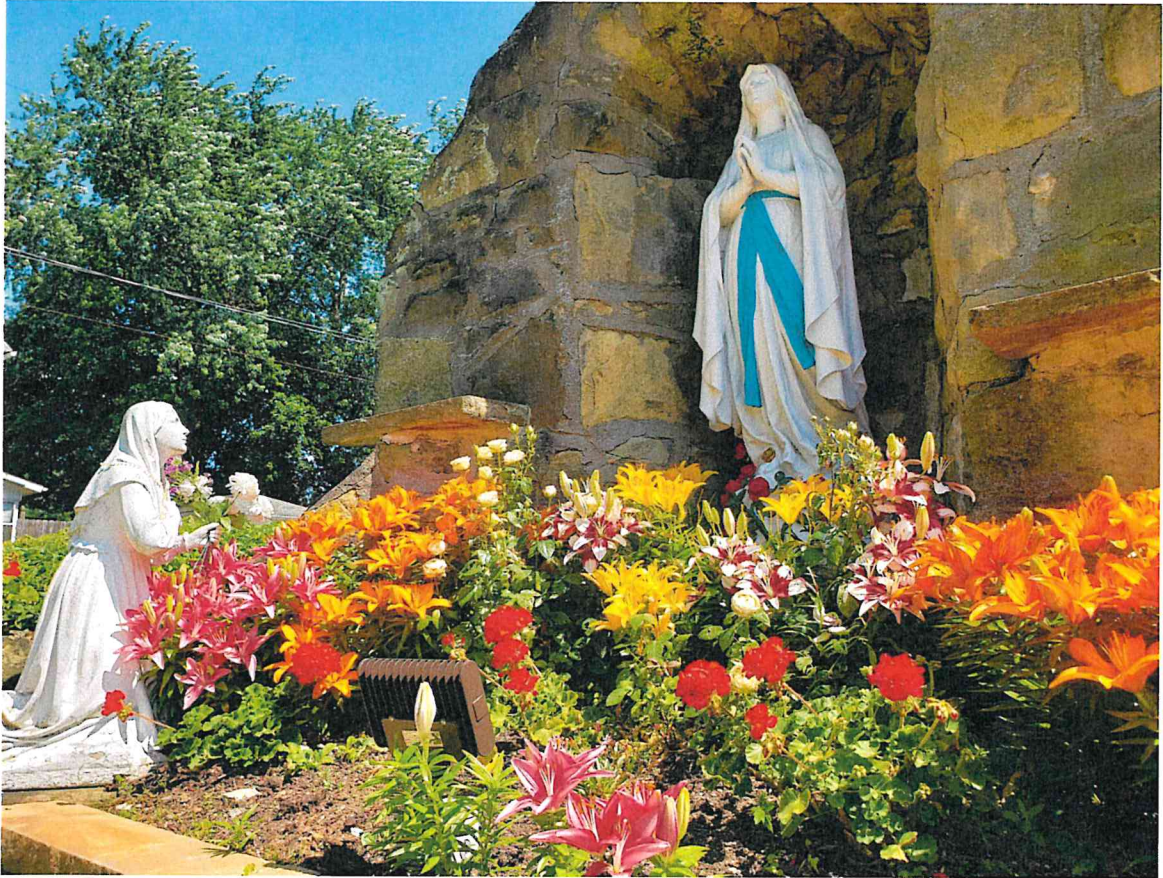
## **Closing Song**

Amazing Grace  
How Great Thou Art  
Eye Has Not Seen  
God of Day and God of Darkness  
I Am the Bread of Life  
On Eagle's Wings  
We Walk By Faith  
Now Thank We All Our God  
To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King  
We Shall Rise Again  
Lift High the Cross  
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name  
Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*Additional hymns,  
other than those listed,  
may be chosen.  
All music must be  
sacred in nature  
and liturgically  
appropriate  
for the ceremony.*

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