

Funeral Planning Form

Family Contact: _____
Phone #: _____
Relationship to deceased: _____

Name of deceased: _____ Date of Death: _____

Born on _____ at _____

Baptized on _____ at _____

Married on _____ at _____

Spouse's name (alive or deceased?): _____

Family members (eg. children, siblings, parents): _____

Funeral Home: _____

Vigil/Wake: Location: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

____ With Rosary ____ Without Rosary

Funeral: Mass or Ceremony Date: _____ Time: _____

Rite of Committal/Burial: Location: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Selections for the Funeral Mass

Please note:

It is customary in some churches or funeral ceremony situations to invite family members or friends of the deceased to speak on their behalf on highlights of their life, or on a passage in scripture, or other religious theme, but this practice is not normally allowed during the Funeral Mass at St. Joseph's given the important spiritual nature of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass being offered for the deceased. However, family or friends may offer such reflections at a suitable time during the "Vigil of the Deceased" (Wake/Visitation). In addition, such words may also be offered at the Rite of Committal (Graveside Service). If desired, the celebrant may read written reflections, or a poem, or other similar words from a family member or friend during the Funeral Mass homily.

The Catholic Funeral Rites entrust our beloved faithful departed into the arms of God's mercy and we pray for the repose of the soul of the faithful departed. We pray also for the consolation of those who remain. Therefore the Catholic funeral rites should not be described as a "celebration of life," but rather as prayer to entrust the faithful departed to Almighty God and to celebrate what brings about forgiveness, redemption and salvation: the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Any words given at the Wake or Graveside service in remembrance of the deceased should not give scandal by pointing out the deceased person's sin or glorifying these sins in any way, nor should it be frivolous or of ill taste.

Please circle preferred color of priest vestments for Funeral: White Violet Black

Which will be present? Casket (body) or Urn (cremains)

If casket, placement of the pall will be done by: (usually at least 3 people; eg. children or grandchildren) _____

Processional Hymn: _____

1st Reading (Old Testament): _____ Reader: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____ (Normally sung by cantor)

2nd Reading (New Testament): _____ Reader: _____

Gospel Reading: _____ (read by priest or deacon)

Prayers of the Faithful read by: _____ (if preferred can be read by priest or deacon)

Offertory Hymn: _____

Offertory Gifts brought up in procession by: (can be 2 or more; eg. children, grandchildren, siblings) _____

Communion Hymn: _____

A Recessional Hymn at the end of the Funeral is not normally sung by the congregation, but the hymn "May the Angels Lead You into Paradise" is sung by the cantor as the celebrant, altar servers, casket, and family make their way out of the church.

Preference of Celebrant Priest or Deacon: _____

This checklist was completed by: _____ Date: _____

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Organist _____

Cantor _____

Check List:

- Deacon
- Music Director
- Sacristan/ Adult Acolyte
- Bereavement Ministry
- Maintenance (to move the Paschal Candle)
- Altar Servers (Three Needed)
- Food Tray
- Bulletin