

Prince of Peace Parish

Funeral Planning Guide



Introduction

Our sincere condolences as you experience the loss of your loved one. Although these days may be very difficult, they can also be a source of healing for you and your family.

Please take this time to read through this booklet and make the selections that will assist us in preparing the funeral rites for your loved one.

How A Funeral Works

There are three “stations” to the funeral rites: **the wake, the liturgy, and the commendation at the cemetery**. The funeral rites can be a source of comfort and healing for those left behind. Participating in the planning process of a loved one’s funeral can make it a more personal and meaningful experience for those attending, as well as a loving tribute to the deceased. The following instructions are meant to assist you prior to your funeral planning meeting with the Priest.

In addition, the Priest is available to assist you in whatever way he can at this difficult time for your family and friends.

Rite of Christian Burial

The Wake

This is a time to receive family and friends who want to pay their respects.

The Funeral Liturgy

Below are some selections that will need to be made to prepare for the Liturgy. Please select the readings and who it will be read by.

Reading I: The first reading may be chosen from the Old Testament. Non-biblical texts may not replace scriptural readings at Mass. Please choose a family member or friend to proclaim the reading.

Responsorial Psalm: The Responsorial Psalm is sung by a cantor.

Reading II: A second reading comes from the New Testament. Non-biblical texts may not replace scriptural readings at Mass. Please choose a family member or friend to proclaim the reading.

Gospel: The Priest or Deacon will proclaim the Gospel.

Homily Preparation: To assist the Priest as he prepares the homily for the funeral liturgy please think of the highlights/key events of the deceased's life. What were some of the passions of his/her life and why? What were some of his/her Christian virtues? What would be important for Father to know about your loved one as he prepares the homily? Please fill out the Funeral Information Form below for the Priest.

Presentation of the Gifts: The family may choose three people to carry the offertory gifts to the altar. The family may also choose not to have an offertory procession.

Words of remembrance: The Catholic liturgy does NOT include eulogies. Eulogies may be offered at the funeral home, the cemetery or at the reception after the funeral. However, if the family desires, they may have one person come forward at the end of the liturgy to offer some remarks of remembrance lasting no longer than 3 - 4 minutes. The remarks at the liturgy should be focused on the deceased's Christian virtues and not simply memories.

Special Music Request

If there are particular hymns that the deceased would have preferred or that the family would like to suggest they should let us know as soon as possible. If suitable these will be integrated into the liturgy as best possible. It is not possible to include “secular” or “pop” music. The Music Director will organize the music.

Other Important Information

Offering for Funeral: \$400.00

Funeral & Memorial Masses without a Funeral Home present: \$500.00

Calling Hours in Church: \$50.00

Livestreaming: \$50.00

Funeral Home & Graveside Services: \$150.00

Programs

The Church provides a program which indicates the readings and the page numbers of the song selections for the liturgy. The family is responsible for preparing anything beyond that.

Visitation in Church

The family can receive visitation to the church an hour or two before the funeral. For more information, please ask the Priest.

Any further questions that we can help with please contact the Parish Office at 607-754-4333.

Funeral Planning Worksheet

Prince of Peace Parish at St. Anthony of Padua

Name of Deceased: _____ DOB: _____

Funeral Date: _____ DOD: _____

Funeral Home: _____ Calling Hours: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Procession: YES / NO Placing of the Pall: _____

Gathering Song: _____ # Responsorial Song: _____ #

Preparation of Gifts: _____ # Communion Processional: _____ #

Communion Meditation: _____ # Sending Forth: _____ #

1st Reading OT: Reader _____ Book, Chapter, Verse: _____

2nd Reading NT: Reader _____ Book, Chapter, Verse: _____

Gospel: Reader _____ Book, Chapter, Verse: _____

Prayer of the Faithful: Reader _____

Presentation of Gifts: _____

Words of Remembrance: _____

Celebrant for Mass: _____

Cemetery: _____

Burial: _____

Luncheon: Yes /No Place: _____ Announce: YES /NO

Details:

Funeral Meeting – Family Information

DOB: _____ City of Birth _____

Spouse:

Children: _____

Grandchildren # _____

Great-grandchildren: # _____

School: HS/College:

Met Spouse: _____

Military: _____

Hobbies:

Please bring both the Funeral Information and the Funeral Liturgy Planning sheet to your meeting with the Bereavement Team.