

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Funeral Preparation

Life of the Deceased - Name _____ **Age:** _____

Address: _____

Birth date: _____ **Death date:** _____

Family Members: _____

Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

Any words of remembrance, favorite quotes, stories, favorite hobbies or activities, work or other words to assist the priest in preparing the homily and remarks during the liturgy. Use the space below or attach separate document.

Funeral Liturgy Details

To assure the priest has the correct information, please confirm the times, dates and locations.

- What Funeral Home will you be using? _____
- Will there be a Public Viewing? If so, where? _____
- Will there be a Wake Service (at the viewing)? _____
- Are you having a Funeral Liturgy, Funeral Mass, or a Memorial Mass? _____
- Will there be Committal at a Cemetery? Which cemetery? _____
- Are you having a Reception? If so, where? _____

Other information of note.

- Who is the Celebrant (priest)? _____
- Will the remains be Casketed or Cremated? _____
- What do you expect will be the Estimated Attendance? _____

Liturgy of the Word -- Readings

You are invited to select one reading from each: Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel. You may select readers for the Old and New Testament readings, as well as the Universal Prayer, however, a priest or deacon always reads the Gospel. After reviewing these readings, use the guide below to identify your selections and readers:

1st Reading: _____, Read by: _____

2nd Reading: _____, Read by: _____

Gospel (read by the Priest or Deacon): _____

Universal Prayer, read by: _____

Music and Media

Music: Please see the music planning document. All music must be approved by Dr. Stephen Lay: slay@res-ec.org, 410-989-6284

Opening Hymn: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Preparation of the Gifts: _____

Communion: _____

Closing Hymn: _____

Media: If you would like to have a Slide Show, we have options for that in both the chapel and the church. Please contact Stephen to arrange resources and setup. Livestreaming is available in the church.

Worship Program (optional): If you would like to create a program, there is a template on the parish website. The family is responsible for creating and printing. We are happy to proofread it for you; contact Stephen or one of the priests.

Family Involvement

Funeral Pall: The funeral pall is the white garment placed on the casket or cremains at the beginning of Mass, reminding us of the white garment worn at baptism. Close family members, from 2-8 people, will be invited to assist.

Who will be placing the pall? _____

Readings: (see Liturgy of the Word above)

Presentation of Gifts: Family members may bring up the bread and wine (the priest will invite the family at the appropriate time). 2-4 family members is the norm.

Who will present the gifts? _____

Words of Remembrance (optional): The Archdiocesan regulation is one speaker, no more than five minutes. Additional poems, songs, or words of remembrance can also be shared at the funeral home or at the reception. Please speak with the priest regarding plans.

Who will be giving the Words of Remembrance? _____

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion

In order to receive Holy Communion, one must be a practicing Catholic, not be conscious of any grave sin not remitted by a priest in the sacrament of Penance and have fasted for one hour. Anyone not receiving Holy Communion, including people of other religions, may come forward at communion time to receive a blessing, indicated by folding one's arms across one's chest.