

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
Funeral Preparation

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

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.

Funeral Liturgy Details

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

Public Viewing: _____

Wake Service (at the Viewing)?: _____

Funeral Liturgy or Mass: _____

Committal at the Cemetary: _____

Reception _____

Other information of note (for example, the funeral will be with cremated remains, or the family has an aversion to incense).

Music

Please see the music planning document. Direct questions to the priest or Dr. Stephen Lay: (slay@res-ec.org, 410-989-6284)

Opening Hymn: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Preparation of the Gifts: _____

Communion: _____

Closing Hymn (optional): _____

If you have further requests please list them below. An example would be a request for a prelude (that might not fit liturgically in the celebration of the Mass). All requests need to be approved by our music ministry.

Other Requests: _____

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: C _____, Read by: _____

2nd Reading: E _____, Read by: _____

Gospel: G _____, Priest/Deacon will read the Gospel

Prayers of the Liturgy * (optional)

For many families it is enough to select the readings and can become burdensome thinking about each prayer. Sometimes there is not enough time. The family may recommend prayers to be used. Some modifications may be made by the priest (for example, due to the liturgical season).

Opening Prayer: B _____

General Intercessions: H _____, Read by: _____

Prayer over the Gifts: J _____

Preface: K _____

Prayer after Communion: N _____

Invitation to Prayer: O _____

Prayer of Commendation: Q _____

Family Involvement

For some families or family members the task of being involved is frightening, so please do not consider any of these roles to be imposed upon you. For others, it is understandably helpful to be involved.

The funeral pall is the white garment placed on the casket at the beginning of Mass, reminding us of the white garment worn at baptism. Often close family members, from 2-8 people, will assist.

Placing of the Funeral Pall: _____

(Readings: see Liturgy of the Word above)

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.

Presentation of the Gifts: _____

The Archdiocesan regulation is one speaker, no more than five minutes. Arrangements can be made to have a poem, song or words of remembrance shared also at the funeral home or before the liturgy. Please speak with the priest regarding plans.

Words of Remembrance/Eulogy: _____

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.