

St. Denis Parish Community

Funeral Liturgy Planning Sheet

(To be given to Priest Celebrant or Parish Office)

Name of Deceased: _____ **Nickname:** _____

Family Contact Person: (Please indicate relationship) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Other Immediate Family: _____

Date and Time of Funeral: _____ **Funeral Director** _____

Priest Celebrant: _____

(If there are visiting clergy, or a specific Parish Priest is requested)

Will you, the family, be preparing a Booklet for the Funeral Liturgy? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like St. Denis to prepare a Booklet for the Funeral Liturgy? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like St. Denis to Livestream the Funeral Liturgy on Facebook? Yes _____ No _____

- 1. Placing of Pall at Funeral Liturgy** *(At the beginning of the liturgy, following the blessing with holy water, a large white cloth representing the baptismal garment, will be placed over the casket. Family members are invited and encouraged to assist in this action. Please indicate your preference.)*

_____ Yes, family members will assist in placing the pall.

_____ No

- 2. Selection of Scripture Readings** *(Please review the booklet of readings and choose one from the Old Testament for the First Reading and one from the New Testament for the Second Reading. Also, please indicate who will be reading.)*

Old Testament (1st) # _____ Citation _____ Reader _____

A Psalm will be sung between the Old and New Testament readings. This is normally selected by the Director of Music; however, if there is a preference, please indicate: _____

New Testament (2nd) # _____ Citation _____ Reader _____

- 3. General Intercessions** *(Please review the booklet of readings and choose which setting you would prefer for the General Intercessions, which are read after the homily. Also, please indicate who will be reading the intercessions.)*

Setting # _____ Reader _____

- 4. Presentation of the Gifts** (*At a Funeral Mass, two members of the family are asked to assist in bringing forward the gifts of bread and wine for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The gifts will be on a table near the Baptismal Font.*)

_____ Yes, two family members will bring the gifts forward.

- 5. Selection of Hymns** (*St. Denis Parish Community provides the music for the funeral liturgies. An accompanist and a leader of song/cantor are provided. Occasionally, a family may want to have a leader of song/cantor of their choosing sing at the Mass. We respectfully ask that Mr. Richard Grillone be contacted at the Parish Office, if a leader of song/cantor of your choice is desired. It is best to speak with Mr. Grillone before any arrangements with another leader of song/cantor are made. If you have a particular hymn selection, please indicate them below. For your information and review, please review the Hymn List and then notate your choices.*)

Entrance Hymn: _____

Offertory Hymn: _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Hymn of Praise: _____

Recessional Hymn: _____

6. Guidelines regarding “Words of Remembrance”

- A. The Order of Christian Funerals provides for the possibility of “a member or a friend of the family speak in remembrance of the deceased before the final commendation begins.” [no.197]
- B. As with the homily, these “words of remembrance” are not to constitute a eulogy as such. Rather, they are to express appreciation for the life of the deceased, or take the form of a prayer or other inspirational text.
- C. Only one family member or friend is to speak, and he or she is to be brief, speaking no more than three minutes.
- D. Because of the intensity of the emotions at the time of a Funeral, it is suggested that the “words of remembrance” be consigned to writing. To ensure that these words are in harmony with the celebration, the text should be given to the priest celebrant in advance of the Funeral liturgy, so that he can make any suitable suggestions to help the “words of remembrance” convey the consolation of God’s love, grace, and mercy. These words, then, are intended to particularize the praise and gratitude to God for His gifts to the deceased, especially in the gift of the Christian life.

Please note that those, who wish to give a eulogy or to share a story about the deceased, more fittingly do so during the Viewing/Wake at the Funeral Home, or following the prayers at the cemetery. Also, a biography of the deceased could be included in the Mass booklet if one is prepared for the funeral liturgy.

_____ Yes, there will be Words of Remembrance. It will be given by _____

_____ No, there will be no Words of Remembrance.

7. Brief Biography:

Funeral Music Selections

Please choose one song for each category, without repeating hymns.

Please Note: If the family wishes to make funeral mass booklets/pamphlets, all hymns must be approved first. We as a parish must follow strict licensing and reproduction laws.

Entrance

Amazing Grace NEW BRITAIN
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Arr. Tomlin
Be Not Afraid Dufford
Be Still My Soul FINLANDIA
Be Thou My Vision SLANE
Eye Has Not Seen Haugen
Give Me Jesus Arr. Ortega
Here I Am, Lord Schutte
I Am The Bread of Life Toolan
Just As I Am Arr. Brown
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling Thompson
We Remember Haugen

Offertory

Abide with Me EVENTIDE
Abide with Me Maher
Amazing Grace NEW BRITAIN
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Arr. Tomlin
Come to Me Priory/Norbet
Come to the Water Arr. Maher
Here I Am, Lord Schutte
Hosea Priory/Norbet
How Great Thou Art Hine
I Have Loved You Joncas
It Is Well with My Soul Arr. Assad
Just As I Am Arr. Brown
Let Our Prayer Arise Angrisano/Stephan
O Come To The Altar Elevation Worship
Peace I Leave with You Bridge
Prayer of St. Francis Temple
Rejoice and Be Glad (The Beatitudes) Grillone
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling Thomson
We Remember Haugen

Communion

Amazing Grace NEW BRITAIN
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Arr. Tomlin
At the Table of Christ the Lord Grillone
Gift of Finest Wheat BICENTENNIAL
I Am the Bread of Life Toolan
I Am Yours Thomson
In Remembrance Courtney/Red
Just As I Am Arr. Brown
One Bread, One Body Foley
Panis Angelicus SACRIS SOLEMNIIS
Rejoice and Be Glad (The Beatitudes) Grillone
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling Thompson
Taste and See Moore
The King of Love My Shepherd Is Arr. Hart/Kroger

Hymn of Praise (optional)

Garden Maher/Assad
Hail Holy Queen Arr. Blakesley
Hail Mary (Gentle Woman) Landry
Immaculate Mary Arr. Blakesley
Lady of Knock Scallan
Lord I Need You Maher
Rest Maher
Saint Joseph, Mary's Faithful Spouse Dufner
Schubert Ave Maria

Recessional

An Irish Blessing Grillone
Be Not Afraid Dufford
Go in Peace Hart
Holy God We Praise Thy Name GROSSER GOTT
How Great Thou Art Hine
I Am the Bread of Life Toolan
I Know That My Redeemer Lives Soper
May the Road Rise Up Kenzia
O Loving God LONDONDERRY AIR
On Eagle's Wings Joncas
Pastures of the Lord Stephan
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling Thompson
The Blessing Jobe