

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Moorestown, NJ

FUNERAL PLANNING: READINGS

As a parish community, our condolences go out to each family when they have lost a loved one; in our Catholic faith, we teach and believe that their life has changed, not ended, and so as you plan the Funeral Mass for your loved one, it is within the framework that Jesus, the merciful judge, desires all people to return one day to eternal life with Him in Heaven. In the Funeral Mass you are planning, it is the entry into Eternal Life which we celebrate.

In planning the Funeral Mass, families may choose one reading from the selection of Old Testament readings, and one from the selections of New Testament readings. The priest chooses the Gospel reading after meeting with the family for their bereavement meeting.

The Responsorial Psalm is always sung, and is selected from the list of options found on the music file, page 2.

The General Intercessions are listed on the final page of this document for your reference, and to be shared with whomever you may choose to read the petitions

Music selections are chosen from the listed selections. It is recommended that hymns, once chosen, be listed for the principal parts of the Mass, namely: Entrance, Offertory, Communion, and Recessional. Optionally, a fifth hymn may be selected as a Meditation Hymn for post-Communion. (Please note: some traditional hymns, such as the Ave Maria, are not in the hymnals, but are certainly available for choosing; these hymns are listed on page 2 of the Music Selections file.

A word about “eulogies” ...

“Eulogies” are not a normal part of a Catholic Funeral Mass, not appearing within the Funeral Rite. As commonly defined, these are simply words of praise for a person who has died recently. The Funeral Mass is focused on the promise of Baptism, which is Eternal Life.

For those who may wish to offer Words of Remembrance, focused on the faith-life of the deceased loved one, they must discuss such requests with Father Jim and provide a copy (no more than 2 pages, double spaced) 48 hours in advance of the Funeral for approval.

FIRST READINGS (FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT)

Notes for your chosen readers:

Each reading selection has a box around it; only read what is inside the box, not the title or scripture references on the headings of the pages. Copies of the readings will be in a 3-ring binder at the ambo, to the left of the sanctuary.

As you come forward the celebrant will call you by name; please make a slight bow toward the tabernacle before going up the steps, and we recommend that all readers proceed up beside the ambo, where the handrail is located. After your reading, you return in the same manner, with a slight bow toward the tabernacle before returning to your seat.

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Church _____ or Chapel _____ Casket or Cremains _____ Meeting _____

Deceased _____ Date of Death _____
Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Next of Kin _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Family Members: Spouse _____

Children: _____

Funeral Home & Contact _____ Phone: _____

Viewing: Day _____ Date _____ Time _____

Wake Service: Day _____ Date _____ Time _____

Mass: Day _____ Date _____ Time _____ Presider: _____

Organist: _____ Soloist: _____

Placement of the Pall: Family - or - Funeral Director (*circle one*)

Gathering Song: _____

1st Reading: _____ Reader: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____ (sung)

2nd Reading: _____ Reader: _____

Gospel: _____ (usually selected by priest)

General Intercessions: Reader: _____

Offertory Song: _____

Gift Bearers: Yes No (Names: _____)

Communion Song: _____

Communion Meditation (*optional*): _____

Recessional Song: _____

FIRST READINGS (FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT)

1. 2 Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the Second Book of Maccabees 12:43-46

Judas, the ruler of Israel, took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

The Word of the Lord.

Pronunciation Guide:	
Maccabees	Mack-ah-bees

FIRST READINGS (FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT)

2. Job 19:1, 23-27a

A reading from the Book of Job

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and said: Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; Whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him; And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.

Pronunciation Guide:	
Bildad	Bil - dahd
Shuhite	Shoe-height

3. Wisdom 3:1-9 (Long form)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READINGS (FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT)

OR

3. Short form - Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace.

For if in the eyes of men, indeed they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them, and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

4. Wisdom 4:7-15

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported – snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; for the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.

Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the LORD, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READINGS (FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT)

5. Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

On that day it will be said: “Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord.

6. Lamentations 3:17-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the LORD. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me.

But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: The favors of the LORD are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness.

My portion is the LORD, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the LORD to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; it is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READINGS (FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT)

7. Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

In those days, I, Daniel, mourned and heard this word of the Lord: At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

The Word of the Lord.

8. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

9. Isaiah 43:1-5

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, and formed you, Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name: you are mine.

When you pass through waters, I will be with you;
through rivers, you shall not be swept away.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned,
nor will flames consume you.

For I, the LORD, am your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your savior.

I give Egypt as ransom for you,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my eyes
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you
and nations in exchange for your life.

Fear not, for I am with you.

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READINGS (FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT)

(During the Easter Season, the following Readings from the New Testament may serve as the First Reading.)

FIRST READINGS (FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT)

10. Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak, saying: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears Him and acts uprightly is acceptable to Him.

You know the word that He sent to the children of Israel as He proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

To Him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believe in him will receive forgiveness of sins through His name.”

The Word of the Lord.

FIRST READINGS (FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT)

11. Revelation 14:13

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

“Yes,” said the Spirit, “let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them.”

The Word of the Lord

12. Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

The Word of the Lord.

1. Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

2. Romans 5:17-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: If, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

3. Long form—Romans 6:3-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

OR

Short form—Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

4. Romans 8:14-23

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, “Father!” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

5. Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

6. Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: No one lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God. So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord.

7. Long form—1 Corinthians 15:20-28

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for he subjected everything under his feet. But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

OR (7)

Short form—1 Corinthians 15:20-23

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

8. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

9. 2 Corinthians 4:14–5:1

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

10. 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

11. Philippians 3:20-21

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified Body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

12. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

13. 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

14. 2 Timothy 4:6-8

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Word of the Lord.

15. 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

16. 1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Beloved: We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

17. 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a (long form)

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

The word of the Lord.

OR (18)
(Short Form) 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

The word of the Lord.

PRIEST: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

READER: Our response will be, "Lord, hear our prayer"

For _____ who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that **he/she** may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord: ... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our **brother/sister** who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that **he/she** may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord: ... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord: ... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord: ... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the family and friends of our **brother/sister** _____ that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend, Lazarus. We pray to the Lord: ... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord: ... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

(Reader remains in place for final prayer by Priest)

PRIEST: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Funeral Planning – Music Suggestions

The Catholic Funeral Mass requires careful planning and selection of music. **You may select up to four hymns for the funeral mass, one each for the Entrance, the Offertory, Communion and the Recessional.** Musical selections are also made for the Responsorial Psalm which is always sung, and optionally for a Meditation Hymn which would follow Holy Communion. If you are unsure of songs to select, the musician(s) will select appropriate music for the liturgy. *(Because of the sacred nature of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, secular and popular music, or the use of recorded music is not permitted at the Mass.)*

Music is identified by parts of the Liturgy where it would be particularly appropriate, however, significant latitude is possible to use hymns at other parts of the funeral liturgy.

Select	Title	Part of Liturgy ¹
	Amazing Grace	E
	Be Not Afraid	O
	Blest Are They	E, R
	Bread of Life	C
	Carry Me Home	R
	Christ Be Our Light	E
	Christ Is Alive	R
	Christ The Lord Is Risen Today	E
	Eat This Bread	O, C
	Eternal Father, Strong to Save	C
	Eye Has Not Seen	E
	Fly Like a Bird	R
	For All the Saints	E
	Gift of Finest Wheat	C
	Hail Holy Queen	M
	Hail Mary: Gentle Woman	M
	Here I Am, Lord	O
	Holy God, We Praise Thy Name	R
	How Great Thou Art	R
	How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place	E, R
	I Am the Bread of Life	C
	I Heard the Voice of Jesus	R
	I Know That My Redeemer Lives	E
	I, The Lord	O
	Jerusalem, My Happy Home	R
	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	E

¹ Parts of the Liturgy indicated are *suggestions*, which may be discussed with the priest or the Bereavement Team: E- Entrance; P- Psalm; O- Offertory; C- Communion; M- Meditation; R- Recessional

Music Suggestions, continued

Select	Title	Part of Liturgy ¹
	Keep In Mind	C
	Lead Me, Lord	O, R
	Let There Be Peace On Earth	C
	Lift High The Cross	E, R
	Lord of All Hopefulness	E, O
	Lord, You Have Come	E, C
	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	C, R
	Morning Has Broken	E
	O God Our Help In Ages Past	E
	O God, You Search Me	O
	O Loving God	M
	On Eagle's Wings	E, O
	One Bread, One Body	O, C
	Parable	O
	Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace)	O, C
	Seek Ye First	C
	Shepherd Me, O God	P, O
	Shepherd of Souls	O, R
	Sing with All the Saints in Glory	O, R
	Song of Farwell	R*
	Table of Plenty	O
	Taste and See	O
	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	O
	The Lord is My Light	O, C
	The Strife Is O'Er	R
	The Summons	O
	We Walk By Faith	E, C
	Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones	O, R
Meditation Hymns - OPTIONAL		
	Ave Maria (Schubert)	M
	Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart)	M
	Panis Angelicus (Frank)	M
	Pie Jesu (Fauré)	M
Responsorial Psalms – CHOOSE ONE		
	Psalm 16: Center of My Life	P
	Psalm 19: Lord, You Have the Words of Everlasting Life	P
	Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God	P
	Psalm 25: To You, O Lord	P
	Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light and Salvation	P
	Psalm 34: The Cry of the Poor	P
	Psalm 63: My Soul is Thirsting for You My God	P
	Psalm 116: Our Blessing Cup	P

* The "Song of Farewell" is part of the post-Communion Funeral Mass at all times.