



FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

*St. Mary's Catholic Church
Barnesville, Maryland 20838*

FUNERAL HOMES

Hilton's 301-349-2135
 Pumphrey's 301-762-3939

Other _____ Ph _____

Person calling: _____ Date: _____

DECEASED

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Next of kin contact: _____ Phone: _____

FUNERAL SERVICE

Funeral Date: _____ Time _____ Wake Date: _____ Time: _____

Prayers: Yes No

Music: Yes No (Mr. Kim Carpentier, 301-841-2949, 301-349-5990)

Organist contacted by: _____

Arimatheans contacted by: _____

Priest Celebrant: _____

INTERMENT

Place of Internment: _____

Graveside service ONLY Yes

Priest taking his own car Yes No

Family received Liturgy Planning Sheet Yes No

NOTATIONS

Information taken by: _____



GUIDELINES FOR THE FAMILY PLANNING A FUNERAL

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*The loss of a loved one is a most painful time for a family.
The priest of St. Mary's want to be present for you to offer our support and to celebrate a
beautiful, Holy Mass of Christian Burial.*

*It is our hope that the guidelines, readings and prayers in this booklet will assist you in planning
the Mass of Christian Burial.*

Deceased: _____

Wake Service: Yes ___ No ___ **Date:** _____ **Time:** _____

*The wake service is held at the funeral home on the eve of the Mass of Christian Burial.
The service lasts about 15 minutes and consists of a Vigil Service, which includes
Scripture Reading, Psalms, Prayers and a short talk by the Priest, or the recitation of the
Rosary.*

Mass of Christian Burial: **Date:** _____ **Time:** _____

Music: Yes ___ No ___ (Mr. Kim Carpentier, 301-841-2949 or 301-349-5990)

*Call for an appointment and he will assist you in selecting music that is appropriate for a
funeral. He can also recommend and arrange for a vocalist to enhance the beauty and
feeling of the service. Should you wish an additional musical instrument, such as violin,
this can be arranged. Mr. Carpentier will also provide you with information regarding
the customary fees of vocalists and musicians.*

We encourage participation in the Liturgy in the following:

Family places pall over coffin? Yes ___ No ___

Placing of Bible and crucifix on the casket (at the beginning of Mass)

Bible Placer's Name: _____

Crucifix Placer's Name: _____

Mass Details:

In planning a funeral Mass, you are invited to select one reading from each of the following categories: Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, and Gospel. A priest or deacon always reads the Gospel. The responsorial psalm is generally sung; you may discuss this selection with the organist, Mr. Kimball Carpentier. You should select readers for the Old and New Testament readings, as well as the intercessory prayers. If you prefer not to select your own readers, please notify the priest and he will advise the Arimatheans to do the readings. This package contains suggested readings, in each of the categories, for a funeral Mass.

In addition, you will need to select six intercessory prayers from the list on the last page, or you may write some of your own.

After reviewing these readings, use the guide below to identify your selections and readers:

1. *Old Testament (page B)*
Scripture Reference: _____ Reader: _____
2. *Psalm (customarily sung by Cantor or select from page B-2, if recited only)*
Psalm Reference: _____
3. *New Testament (page C)*
Scripture Reference: _____ Reader: _____
4. *Gospel (page D)*
Scripture Reference: _____ (Read by Priest or Deacon)
5. *Intercessions – prayers of the faithful (page E): check selected prayers*
Reader: _____

We encourage participation in the Liturgy in the following:

Gift Bearers: (family, children, etc.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please note: *In order to acknowledge the personal life of the deceased, we ask that a biographical summary of his or her life be written out and presented to the priest so that he may make his homily more personal.*

This sheet (page A1-A2) should be given to the priest no later than the Wake.

Eulogy: *Many families prefer that no eulogy be added to the Sacred Liturgy and the Church concurs in discouraging them. Archdiocesan guidelines suggest that if the family desires a eulogy, that only one presentation be made. If a friend or family member wishes to speak, we suggest it always be written out and be no longer than three minutes in length. This would occur after Communion.*

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Wisdom 3:1-9

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.

2 Maccabees 12:43-46

Judas, the ruler of Israel, then took up a collection
among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand
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.

Wisdom 4:7-14

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 for 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.

Daniel 12:1-3

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.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

Ps 25:6-7, 17-18, 20-21

R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul

Remember that your compassion, O Lord,
and your kindness are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.
Put an end to my affliction and my suffering;
and take away all my sins

R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Preserve my life and rescue me;
let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge
in you.
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
because I wait for you, O Lord.

R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Ps 23: 1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

***R: Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I
fear no evil, for you are with me.***

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
For his name's sake.

***R: Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I
fear no evil, for you are with me.***

Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

***R: Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I
fear no evil, for you are with me.***

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil,
my cup overflows.

***R: Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I
fear no evil, for you are with me.***

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come.

***R: Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I
fear no evil, for you are with me.***

OTHER PSALM SUGGESTIONS (TO BE SUNG):

Ps 63 *My Soul is thirsting for you*Ps 27 *The Lord is my light and my salvation*Ps 84 *How lovely is your dwelling place*

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Romans 5:5-11

Hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless men. It is rare that anyone should lay down his life for a just man, though it is barely possible that for a good man some one may have the courage to die. It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us. Now that we have been justified by his blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by him from God's wrath. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him by the death of his Son, it is all the more certain that we who have been reconciled will be saved by his life. Not only that; we go so far as to make God our boast through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5:17-21

If death began its reign through one man because of his offense, much more shall those who receive the overflowing grace and gift of justice live and reign through the one man, Jesus Christ. To sum up, then: just as a single offense brought condemnation to all men, a single righteous act brought all men acquittal and life. Just as through one man's disobedience all became sinners, so through one man's obedience all shall become just. The law came in order to increase offenses; but despite the increase of sin, grace has far surpassed it, so that, as sin reigned through death, Grace may reign by way of justice leading to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:3-9

Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. If we have been united with him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection. This we know; our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer. A man who is dead as been freed from sin. If we have died with Christ, we believe that we also live with him. We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him.

1 Corinthians 15:2-24, 25-28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Death came through a man; hence the resurrection of the dead comes through a man also. Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will come to life again, but each one in proper order; Christ the first fruits and the, at his coming, all those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when after having destroyed every sovereignty, authority, and power, he will hand over the kingdom to God the Father. Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under his feet, "and the last enemy to be destroyed is death. Scripture reads that God "has placed all things under his feet." But when it says that everything has been made subject, it is clear that he who has made everything subject to Christ is excluded. When, finally, all has been subjected to the Son, he will then subject himself to the One who made all things subject to him, so that God may be all in all.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS (CONTINUED)

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

We know that when the earthly tent in which we dwell is destroyed we have adwelling provided for us by God, a dwelling in the heavens, not made by hands but of last forever. Therefore we continue to be confident. We know that while we dwell in the body we are away from the Lord. We walk by faith, not by sight. I repeat, we are full of confidence and would much rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. This being so, we make it our aim to please him whether we are with him or away from him. The lives of all of us are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ so that each one may receive his recompense, good or bad, according to his life in the body.

1 John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has bestowed on us in letting us be called children of God! Yet that is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized the Son. Dearly beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall later be has not yet come to light. We know that when it comes to light we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Revelations 14:13

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me: "Write this down: Happy now are the dead who die in the Lord!" The Spirit added, "Yes, they shall find rest from their labors, for their good works accompany them."

Revelation 21: 1-5, 6-7

I, John, saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne cry out: "This is God's dwelling among men. He shall dwell with them and they shall be his people and he shall be their God who is always with them. He shall wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain, for the former world has passed away." The One who sat on the throne said to me, "See, I make all things new! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To anyone who thirsts I will give to drink without cost from the spring of life-giving water. He who wins the victory shall inherit these gifts; I will be his God and he shall be my son."

GOSPEL READINGS

The kingdom of Heaven belongs to little children

Mark 10:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
 People were bringing their children to Jesus that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
 for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are they who mourn,
 for they will be comforted.
 Blessed are the meek,
 for they will inherit the land.
 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for
 righteousness,
 for they will be satisfied.
 Blessed are the merciful,
 for they will be shown mercy.
 Blessed are the clean of heart,
 for they will see God.
 Blessed are the peacemakers,
 for they will be called children of God.
 Blessed are they who are persecuted for the
 sake of righteousness,
 for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are you when they insult you and
 persecute you and utter every kind of evil
 against you falsely because of me.
 Rejoice and be glad,
 for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Come to me and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus answered: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

You also must be prepared

Luke 12:35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL READINGS (CONTINUED)

Today you will be with me in Paradise.

Luke 23:33, 39-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the soldiers came to the place called the Skull they crucified Jesus and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left.

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other man, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from death to life.

John 5:24-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus answered the Jews and said to them: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life and I shall raise him on the last day.

John 6:37-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and I will raise them up on the last day.

John 6:51-59

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh and the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my Flesh is true food, and my Blood is true drink. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL READINGS (CONTINUED)

In my Father's house there are many dwellings.

John 14:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST: God the almighty Father raised Christ, His Son, from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save his people, living and dead. (or similar words)

READER (A family member or friend) **ANNOUNCES:**
Our response will be “Lord hear our prayer.”

- N.* ate the bread of eternal life, the body of Christ; raise him/her up, Lord, at the last day. R:/
- Our brother/sister *N.* was given the promise of eternal life in Baptism; Lord, give him/her communion with your saints forever. R:/
- We pray for our brothers and sisters, our relatives, for all who were close to us; Lord, give them the reward of their goodness. R:/
- We pray for all who have died in the hope of rising again; welcome them, Lord, into the light of your presence. R:/
- We pray for all the sick, especially those whom the Lord will call home today. R:/
- We pray for all those who have died from violence, hunger or are all alone. R:/
- We pray for all who gathered here to worship in faith; Lord, make us one in Your kingdom. R:/
- We pray for all who died in faith; may the Lord welcome them into his presence. R:/
- We pray for our deceased relatives and for all who have done good to us; may God welcome them into the radiant light of his presence. R:/
- We pray that God may give him/her joy in the company of all his saints. R:/
- We pray that God may give him/her peace and light forever. R:/
- We pray for all who suffer in mind or body; may they realize that God is always with them. R:/
- We pray for all in public office; may they work for justice and true peace. R:/

We suggest you choose and check six of the above, or compose some of your own.