

St. John Chrysostom Parish, West Roxbury

*Planning for the Funeral Mass*

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Name of the deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Date of funeral \_\_\_\_\_ Funeral Director \_\_\_\_\_

*At the church, after the greeting of the mourners and the blessing of the body of the deceased, family members or friends may assist with placing the pall on the casket, reminding us of the white garment with which we were clothed on the day of our Baptism. Please speak to the funeral director in advance if your family wishes to participate in this simple ritual.*

Reading 1 – Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_

Read by \_\_\_\_\_

Responsorial Psalm (*sung – please choose one.*) \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 23 – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Psalm 25 – To You, O Lord, I lift my soul

Psalm 27 – The Lord is my light and my salvation

Psalm 63 – My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

Psalm 103 – The Lord is kind and merciful

Reading 2 – New Testament \_\_\_\_\_

Read by \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel (*usually chosen by the priest*)

Presentation of the gifts of bread and wine \_\_\_\_\_

Personal words of remembrance (*optional*) \_\_\_\_\_

*“After the Prayer after Communion, a member or a friend of the family may speak in remembrance of the deceased.”*  
*The funeral rite offers the **option** for some words of remembrance. One speaker may be chosen by the family to offer a presentation that should be **simple, brief, well-prepared, and appropriate** for its place during Mass. Please keep the length to five minutes (about one typed page). Within the context of the funeral liturgy, the tone of such a personal reflection should remain one of faith and hope, and should emphasize the way the deceased lived the Christian life.*

**Music for the Funeral Mass** - We invite you to choose two or three of your favorite sacred hymns. Some suggestions for sacred music that is appropriate for the Funeral Mass are listed on the reverse side.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Here is some suggested sacred music that is appropriate for the Funeral Mass:*

**Gathering**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
O God, Our Help in Ages Past  
My Soul is Longing for Your Peace  
One Thing I Ask, This Alone I Seek  
Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart  
There is No Greater Love, Says the Lord  
Be With Me Lord When I Am in Trouble and Need  
Christ Be Beside Me

**Communion**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart with Gift of Finest Wheat  
I Am the Bread of Life  
Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord  
Our Blessing Cup is a Communion  
One Bread, One Body  
Lord Jesus Christ, Gather Us Together

**Song of Farewell**

Come to His/Her Aid, O Saints of God  
Jesus, Remember Me When You Come Into Your Kingdom  
Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ Has Died For Us  
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow  
Yes, I Shall Arise. I Shall Gaze Upon the Loveliness of God

**Recessional**

Dying You Destroyed Our Death  
I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Come Unto Me and Rest  
May the Angels Lead You into Paradise  
May the Choirs of Angels Come to Greet You  
How Great Thou Art  
Holy God We Praise Thy Name

**Other songs**

God is Love, and All Who Live in Love Live in God  
The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor  
Only This I Want, But to Know the Lord  
An Irish Blessing  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman  
Amazing Grace  
We Have Been Told, We've Seen His Face  
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace  
On Eagle's Wings  
Ave Maria  
Creator of the Stars of Night (*Advent*)  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (*Christmas Season*)  
Abide With Me (*Lent*)  
Alleluia, The Strife is O'er (*Easter season*)  
Alleluia, O Sons and Daughters (*Easter season*)  
Jesus Christ is Risen Today (*Easter season*)