

Music Selection

Music is an integral part of worship during the Funeral Mass and can be helpful to the grieving process. Secular music is not appropriate for the Funeral Mass but may be suitable for the Vigil Service, the Committal or the reception following the Funeral.

Entrance Hymn

Responsorial Psalm

Preparation Hymn

Communion Hymn

Commendation Hymn

Recessional Hymn

Special Considerations

Eucharistic Ministers/Servers/Pertinent Information



George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Homes
FUNERAL MASS PLANNING SHEET

The family may participate in the Funeral Mass in a number of ways. This participation invites all to express their sorrow in these religious rituals and to begin the process of mourning.

This booklet was compiled to assist you and your family in planning the Funeral Mass of your loved one. Please include your selections as well as the names of the persons involved. Return this completed form to the funeral director or to the priest.

Name of Deceased:

Date of Funeral:

Time:

Family Contact:

Phone:

Cell Phone:

The Funeral Pall and Pallbearers

Members of the family or friends may place the pall on the casket. The white funeral pall reminds us that the deceased was given the promise of eternal life at baptism. Will family members place the pall: Yes or No.

If you plan to have pallbearers, list them:

The Liturgy of the Word

Family or friends, if they are able, are encouraged to do these readings. The Word of God brings hope and consolation. At the funeral Mass we have two or three readings from the bible: the first is from the Old Testament and the second from the New Testament. The Readings are to be read from this book, not from photocopies.

Reading I

Read by

Relationship to Deceased

Reading II

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Prayer of the Faithful

Prayers of intercession are offered for the deceased, for the family, all who mourn, and for all who are gathered at this Mass.

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Offertory Gift Bearers

Family members or friends are invited to carry up the gifts of bread and wine. This is another liturgical expression of love for the deceased.

Words of Remembrance

At the conclusion of the Mass, one family member or friend can say few words in remembrance of the deceased. We ask that the speaker prepare and write out those remarks in advance and keep remarks to about 5 minutes. Kindly speak to the priest at the wake service or before the Mass. Experience has shown us the importance of the speaker representing the entire family (the pronouns we, us, our are usually better than I, me, mine, etc.) Since we are in Church at Mass it would be a shame not to mention faith, God, prayer, etc. in the life of the deceased. Unfortunately, some speakers in the past have used vulgarity—it is most inappropriate. When a speaker goes beyond 5 minutes the congregation becomes restless. These comments are intended to assist the speaker in this time of mourning a loved one. If there are any questions please speak to your funeral director or the priest/minister.

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