

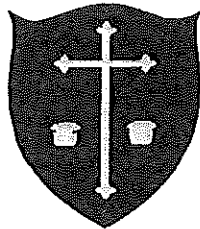
Saint Philip Catholic Parish, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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PREPARING A CATHOLIC FUNERAL



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SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH

We, the Catholic Community of Saint Philip Parish, united in faith and empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are firmly committed to promoting full and active participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church.

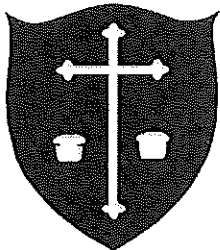
We answer the call of the Gospel to bring about the kingdom of justice and peace through worship, education, service, and stewardship.

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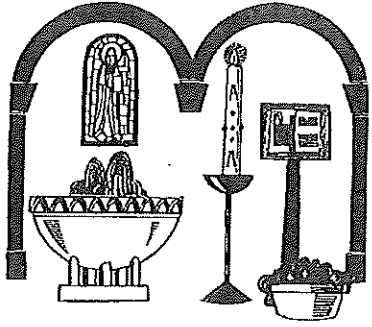
Schedule of Liturgies

Monday - Wednesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip
Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday: 8:00 a.m. at Ascension
Sunday Vigil (Saturday Afternoon): 4:00 p.m. at St. Philip
5:30 p.m. at Ascension
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. at St. Philip
9:30 a.m. at Ascension

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
Saturdays 12:15pm - 1:15pm at Ascension,
and by appointment.



SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1839.



INTRODUCTION

As you prepare for the Funeral Liturgy of your family member and loved one, Father James Torquato, the Parish Staff, and the entire faith community of Saint Philip Catholic Parish offer to you our prayerful support in this difficult time. We want you to know that our ministry of consolation reaches beyond these initial days of grief. In the weeks and months of transition ahead, know that we are here for you. While only time and the grace of the Holy Spirit will ease the pain of these days, you can count on our community to be of assistance in finding God's loving presence and healing in your life, even in the midst of suffering and sadness. Saint Philip Parish also sponsors a Grief Support Group and a Bereavement Group which also may be of help to you. The support group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Conner Hall at Ascension Church. Please call ahead to confirm the meeting time/place/date.

The materials in this booklet have been prepared to assist you in planning and celebrating the Rite of Christian Funerals that will be celebrated for your loved one. It contains: basic principles by which the Catholic Church and this Parish approach the death of its members and details regarding the Funeral Liturgy itself.

FUNERAL PLANNING FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE the enclosed **FUNERAL PLANNING FORM** and **ASK THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO FAX IT TO THE PARISH** (or you may return it to the parish office) as soon as possible so that the Celebrant and Music Minister will have ample time to prepare the details according to your wishes. Should you have any special requests or wishes for the Funeral Liturgy, please discuss them with the Funeral Director and then contact the appropriate persons:

General Questions

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PASTORAL PRINCIPLES

The Catholic Church celebrates the Rite of Christian Funerals chiefly for two reasons: "The Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased" and "ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them with the Word of God and the Sacrament of the Eucharist" (Rite of Christian Funerals, Article IV). The Rite of Christian Funerals provides for a variety of prayerful celebrations. While the traditional practice is the celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial, circumstances may dictate a preference for a service of Scripture and Prayer in the funeral home and/or at the cemetery.

SAINT PHILIP PARISH WILL CELEBRATE THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS FOR ALL WHO SEEK IT. The Catholic Church permits the Rite to be celebrated not only for baptized Catholics, but also for unbaptized children as well as baptized members of non-Catholic faith traditions. The Holy See has also authorized the celebration of funeral liturgies in the United States with cremated remains present, as well as celebration of the Funeral Liturgy even when cremation and committal take place before the Liturgy. If there are any questions regarding the type of funeral service that would be most appropriate for your circumstances, please feel free to contact the Pastor.

PARISH POLICIES

Your Funeral Director will contact the Pastor on your behalf to arrange the funeral. Funeral Liturgies are normally scheduled to be celebrated Monday through Saturday at 10:00 a.m. The family may request another time only if the parish can accommodate the request.

VISITING CLERGY - We welcome the presence of other priests as con-celebrants, and we welcome the ministry of deacons at the Rite of Christian Funerals. If the family requests that another priest/deacon conduct the entire funeral, the family should contact the Parish Office or Father James Torquato. A deacon ministering at a Funeral Mass who would like to deliver the homily is asked to contact the priest presiding at the Liturgy.

PRAYERS AT THE FUNERAL HOME AND GRAVESITE - The priest officiating the Funeral will usually visit the family of the deceased in the funeral home sometime before the funeral itself. Under normal circumstances, a **BEREAVEMENT TEAM** from the parish will conduct a prayer service at the funeral home as part of the Rite of Christian Funerals. The priests of Saint Philip Parish do NOT usually conduct any service in the funeral home immediately before the casket is brought to Church for the Funeral Liturgy.

Saint Philip Parish has a Rosary Prayer Group that gathers in the Church for prayer prior to the celebration of each funeral liturgy.

Generally the priest will accompany the casket to the cemetery. However, in some rare instances, this may not be possible. In such situations, the parish will provide a copy of the **RITE OF COMMITTAL** which may be prayed by the Funeral Director or another person.

FLAG-DRAPED CASKETS and CHURCH ADORNMENTS - If an American flag covers the casket when it is brought to the church, the flag is removed so that the Funeral Pall may cover the casket in church. If the family wishes, funeral flowers may be brought to church for the funeral and left there following the funeral as a memorial to the deceased.

(In Advent and Lent, any funeral flowers need to be removed following the Funeral Liturgy. Church Law prescribes that the church building NOT be decorated with flowers during these seasons.)

FUNERAL DONATIONS - Customary donations for a Funeral Liturgy are as follows: **\$100** to Saint Philip Parish; **\$125** to the Organist who provides music for the Funeral; **\$75** to the Cantor who leads and provides singing; and **\$100** to the Priest celebrant of the Funeral. Of course, **NO ONE** is **EVER** refused a Christian Burial because of financial difficulty or inability to offer these donations. If there is financial difficulty, please speak with the Pastor.

Sometimes families prefer Mass intentions OR Memorial Donations in place of flowers. If you so choose, you may direct donations be given to Saint Philip Catholic Parish. We graciously accept donations. Death notices might direct such memorial contributions to:

Saint Philip Catholic Parish ♦ 114 Berry Street ♦ Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

PARTICIPATION IN THE FUNERAL LITURGY

Family members and friends of the deceased may participate in the Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Philip Parish in the following ways:

1. **PLACING THE PALL** (white cloth) over the casket at the beginning of the Liturgy (2-4 people). *This is omitted in cases of cremation.*
2. **PROCLAIMING** the **FIRST** and/or **SECOND SCRIPTURES** and/or offering the **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL** (1 to 3 persons).
3. **PRESENTING** the **BREAD** and **WINE** for the celebration of the Eucharist (2 people).
4. **SELECTING** the **SCRIPTURES** to be proclaimed and the **HYMNS** to be sung during the Funeral Liturgy.

This type of Liturgical planning or participation is entirely optional. Those wishing to participate in the roles described above will find appropriate places to indicate this on the Funeral Planning Form included with this booklet.

ALTAR SERVERS - Saint Philip Parish normally assigns an Adult Altar Server to minister at Funeral Masses at Saint Philip Parish. Please contact the Pastor if there are trained Catholic Altar Servers among the family who would like to serve at the Funeral Liturgy.

PROCLAIMERS of the WORD (Lectors) = A Parish Proclaimer of the Word (Lector) will be present in the sanctuary just prior to the Funeral Mass to help orient those who will read the Scriptures and the Prayers of the Faithful during the Funeral Liturgy (should you choose this option). During the Funeral, the readings take place immediately following the opening prayer — after the people are seated.

EACH READER REVERENCES THE ALTAR WITH A BOW UPON ENTERING AND LEAVING THE SANCTUARY. Please note that the Responsorial Psalm after the First Reading is always sung. Scripture readings selected by the family will be found at the ambo (pulpit) at the start of the Liturgy - the reader **SHOULD NOT** bring a copy of the readings into the sanctuary at the time he/she approaches to read.

The first and second Readings are concluded by the reader saying "**THE WORD OF THE LORD**" to which the assembly responds, "Thanks be to God."

The **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL** follow the Proclamation of the Gospel and Homily. As the Celebrant introduces the Prayers, the person who is to read the Prayers of the Faithful should reverence the Altar with a bow and make his/her way to the Ambo.

The Prayers of the Faithful will be on the ambo/pulpit. Following the final petition, the reader remains in place until the Celebrant concludes the prayers, and after reverencing the Altar with a bow, goes back to his/her place in the assembly.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION = At Funerals, Holy Communion is ONLY distributed under the form of the Consecrated Body of Christ. Catholic Christians prepared to receive the Eucharist will be welcomed to do so. Other Christians and Catholics NOT prepared to receive the Body of Christ are welcome to join in silent prayer during the Rite of Communion.

MUSIC MINISTERS = The Parish Director of Music Ministry (or her delegate) ministers at all Masses of Christian Burial at Saint Philip Parish. There is a parish cantor at Funeral Masses.

We welcome the presence of those who wish to serve as cantor/instrumentalists (in addition to, but NOT in place of, the Parish Music Minister) at Funeral Liturgies, whether professionals or trained family members.

If the family requests a vocalist or instrumentalist (or if they are requesting specific songs not listed on the Funeral Planning Form) they should contact the Director of Music Ministry at Saint Philip Parish as soon as possible. This ensures that we can meet as many of your wishes in regard to music as possible. Soloists will **not** be permitted to sing/play any special requests of music unless arrangements have been made by the family directly with the Music Director at Saint Philip Parish **PRIOR** to the day of the Funeral Liturgy.

WORSHIP AIDS (Programs) = Some families choose to prepare a printed Worship Aid/Program for their loved one's services. This is for the families to do — NOT the parish staff. Before printing and duplicating a Worship Aid, please **VERIFY** all of the details of the Liturgy (particularly musical selections) with the appropriate Saint Philip Parish Staff members. The Director of Music at Saint Philip Parish is available to consult with you as you create a worship aid. The following is an outline of the Mass of Christian Burial with explanatory notes that you may wish to include in your worship aid. Remarks in parentheses should NOT be included.

GATHERING RITES

(The Funeral Liturgy begins with the reception of the remains of the deceased in the church, and the following notes might be used to explain the rituals.)

As the church gathers, the earthly remains of N. are sprinkled with Holy Water. The water calls to mind their baptism into the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, as well as the pledge that having died with Christ, N. is promised life everlasting.

A white cloth, or pall, is placed over the casket to remind us that in baptism, N. was clothed in the innocence and glory of Christ, a glory that we now pray reaches its fulfillment in heaven.

(The funeral procession now makes its way into church.)

ENTRANCE SONG

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(It is customary for the book, chapter, and verse of the scripture readings to be listed in any printed program.)

First Scripture

Psalm

Second Scripture

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Song for the Preparation of the Altar

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Holy Communion

Communion / Meditation Song

Reflection by Family Member or Friend *(optional)*

Prayer After Communion

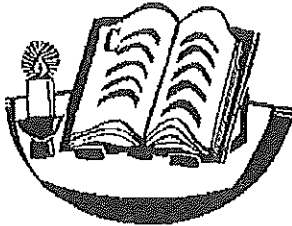
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FINAL COMMENDATION

The Funeral Liturgy ends with prayers commending the deceased to the mercy of God. The Final Blessing occurs at the cemetery, and we are invited to take the deceased to their place of rest. Made strong by Word and Sacrament, we are able to take up our journey again as the pilgrim People of God, on the road to the heavenly city, the place of endless life and peace.

Responsory—Song of Farewell—In Paradisum

Procession to the Place of Burial and Final Committal



THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FUNERALS

The following pages contain the various options for readings at a Funeral Liturgy. Church Ritual prescribes that **ONLY** Sacred Scripture may be read during the Liturgy of the Word at any Liturgy.

FIRST READING = One of the following Old Testament readings is chosen by the Family who may also select someone to proclaim the reading at Mass. Please indicate your choice on the Funeral Planning Form. ***Please Note that during the Easter Season, a New Testament Reading replaces the Old Testament Reading.

A1. A Reading from the Second Book of Maccabees (12: 43-46)

Judas Maccabeus, 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 sin. **The Word of the Lord.**

A2. A Reading from the Book of Job (19: 1, 23-27)

Job 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 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.**

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A3. A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

(31: 11-15, 20, 25-26, 28-30)

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailling prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel. Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all." Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. **The Word of the Lord.**

A4. A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

(3: 1-8, 10, 11a)

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 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. I have considered the task which God has appointed for people to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts. **The Word of the Lord.**

A5. A Reading from the Book of 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. Those who trust in God shall understand truth; and the faithful shall abide with Him in love; because grace and mercy are with His holy ones, and God's care is with the elect. **The Word of the Lord.**

A6. A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

(4: 7-14)

The upright, though they die before their time, will find rest. Length of days is not what makes age honorable, nor number of years the true measure of life; understanding, this is gray hairs; untarnished life, this is ripe old age. Having won God's favor, they have been loved and, as they were living among sinners, have been taken away. They have been carried off so that evil may not warp their understanding or deceitfulness seduce their soul; for the fascination of evil throws good things into the shade, and the whirlwind of desire corrupts a simple heart. Having come to perfection so soon, they have lived long; their souls being pleasing to the Lord, they have hurried away from the wickedness around them. Yet people look on, not understanding, and it does not enter their heads that grace and mercy await His chosen ones, and that God intervenes on behalf of His holy ones. **The Word of the Lord.**

A7. A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

(25: 6a, 7, 8, 9)

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain, God 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 God 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 God has saved us!" **The Word of the Lord.**

A8. A Reading from the Book of Lamentations

(3: 22-26)

The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, God's mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is God's faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore I will hope in God. Good is the Lord to one who waits for Him, to the soul that seeks God. It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord. **The Word of the Lord.**

A9. A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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. **The Word of the Lord.**

SECOND READING - One of the following readings from the New Testament letters or writings is chosen by the family, who may also select someone to proclaim the reading at the Funeral Liturgy. Please indicate your choice on the Funeral Planning form.

B1. A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(10: 34-36, 42-43)

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 believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins through His Name. **The Word of the Lord.**

B2. A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

(5: 5-11)

Hope will not let us down, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. When we were still helpless, at the appointed time, Christ died for the godless. You could hardly find anyone ready to die even for someone upright; though it is just possible that, for a really good person, someone might have the courage to die. God proved His love for us, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Therefore, how much more can we be sure that, as we have been justified by His death, we shall be saved through Him from the wrath of God. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, how much more can we be sure that, being now reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. What is more, we are filled with exultant trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation. **The Word of the Lord.**

B3. A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

(5: 17-21)

Brothers and sisters: It was by one man's offense that death came to reign over all, but how much greater the reign in life of those who receive the fullness of grace and the gift of saving justice, through the one man, Jesus Christ. One man's offense brought condemnation on all humanity, and one man's good act has brought justification and life to all humanity. Just as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience are many made upright. When law came on the scene, it was to multiply the offenses. But however much sin increased, grace was always greater; so that as sin's reign brought death, so grace was to rule through saving justice that leads to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **The Word of the Lord.**

B4. A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

(6: 3-4, 8-9)

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, 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.**

B5. A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

(8: 14-23)

Brothers and sisters: All who are guided by the Spirit of God are children of God; for what you received was not the spirit of slavery to bring you back into fear, you received the spirit of adoption, enabling us to cry out, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself joins with our spirit to bear witness that we are children of God. And if we are children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, provided that we share His suffering, so as to share His glory. In my estimation, all that we suffer in the present time is nothing in comparison with the glory which is destined to be revealed for us, for the whole creation is waiting with eagerness for the children of God to be revealed. It was not for its own purposes that creation had frustration imposed on it, but for the purposes of Him who imposed it—with the intention that the whole creation itself might be freed from its slavery to corruption and brought into the same glorious freedom as the children of God. We are well aware that the whole of creation, until this time, has been groaning in labor pains. And not only that, we too, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we are groaning inside ourselves, waiting with eagerness for our bodies to be set free. **The Word of the Lord.**

B6. A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (8: 31b-35, 37-39)

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? Since God did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for the sake of all of us, then can we not expect that with Him God will freely give us all His gifts? Who can bring any accusation against those that God has chosen? When God grants saving justice who can condemn? Are we not sure that it is Christ Jesus, who died - yes and more, who was raised from the dead and is at God's right hand - and who is adding his plea for us? Can anything cut us off from the love of Christ - can hardships or distress, or persecution, or lack of food and clothing, or threats or violence? No, we come through all these things triumphantly victorious, by the power of Him who loves us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any power, nor the heights nor the depths, nor any created thing whatever, will be able to come between us and the love of God, known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. **The Word of the Lord.**

B7. A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (14: 7-9)

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself and none of us dies for oneself; while we are alive, we are living for the Lord, and when we die, we die for the Lord; and so, whether we live or whether we die, we belong to God. It was for this purpose that Christ both died and came to life again: so that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. **The Word of the Lord.**

B8. A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (15: 20-23)

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, as the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep. As it was by one man that death came, so through one man has come the resurrection of the dead. Just as all die in Adam, so in Christ all will be brought to life; but all of them in their proper order: Christ the first-fruits, and next, at His coming, those who belong to Him. **The Word of the Lord.**

B9. A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (15: 51-57)

Brothers and sisters: I am going to tell you a mystery: we are not all going to fall asleep, but we are all going to be changed, instantly, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet sounds. The trumpet is going to sound, and then the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed, because this perishable nature of ours must put on imperishability, this mortal nature must put on immortality. And after this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and this mortal nature immortality, then will the words of Scripture come true: 'Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin comes from the Law. Thanks be to God, then, for giving us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. **The Word of the Lord.**

B10. A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (4: 14-5: 1)

Brothers and sisters: We know and believe that the one who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up with Jesus in our turn, and bring us to Himself, and you as well. You see, everything is for your benefit, so that as grace spreads, so, to the glory of God, thanksgiving may also overflow among more and more people. That is why we do not waver; indeed, though this outer human nature of ours may be falling into decay, at the same time our inner human nature is renewed day by day. The temporary, light burden of our hardships is earning us forever an utterly incomparable, eternal weight of glory, since what we aim for is not visible but invisible. Visible things are transitory, but invisible things are eternal. For we are well aware that when the tent that houses us on earth is folded up, there is a house for us from God, not made by human hands, but everlasting in the heavens. **The Word of the Lord.**

B11. A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (5: 1, 6-10)

Brothers and sisters: We are well aware that when the tent that houses us on earth is folded up, there is a house for us from God, not made by humans hands but everlasting in the heavens. We are always full of confidence, then, realizing that as long as we are at home in the body we are exiled from the Lord, guided by faith and not yet by sight; we are full of confidence, then, and long instead to be exalted from the body and to be at home with the Lord. And so whether at home or exiled, we make it our ambition to please God. For at the judgment seat of Christ we are all to be seen for what we are, so that each of us may receive what we have deserved in the body, matched to whatever we have done, good or bad. **The Word of the Lord.**

B12. A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians (1: 3-5)

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Thus He chose us in Christ before the world was made to be holy and faultless before Him in love, marking us out for Himself beforehand, to be adopted sons and daughters through Jesus Christ, such was His purpose and good pleasure. **The Word of the Lord.**

B13. A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians (3: 20-21)

Brothers and sisters: Our homeland is in heaven and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transfigure this wretched body of ours into the mold of His (glorious body, through the working of the power which He has, even to bring all things under His mastery. **The Word of the Lord.**

B14. A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians (4: 13-18)

We want you to be quite certain, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, to make sure that you do not grieve for them, as others do who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that in the same way God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that we, who are still alive for the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have fallen asleep. At the signal given by the voice of the Archangel and the trumpet of God, the Lord Himself will come down from heaven: those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and only after that shall we who remain alive be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. This is the way we shall be with the Lord forever. With such thoughts as these, then, you should encourage and console one another. **The Word of the Lord.**

B15. A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy (2: 8-13)

Beloved: Remember the good news I carry, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David; it is on account of this that I have to put up with suffering, even to being chained like a criminal. But God's message cannot be chained up. So I persevere for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they, too, may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with Him, then we shall live with Him. If we persevere, then we shall reign with Him. If we disown Him, then He will disown us. If we are faithless, He is faithful still, for He cannot disown His own self. **The Word of the Lord.**

B16. A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John (3: 1-2)

Brothers and sisters: You must see what great love the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children - which is what we are! The reason why the world does not acknowledge us is that it did not acknowledge Him. My dear friends, we are already God's children, but what we shall be in the future has not yet been revealed. We are well aware that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He really is. **The Word of the Lord.**

B17. A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John. (3: 14-16)

Beloved: We are well aware that we have passed over from death to life because we love our brothers and sisters. Whoever does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother or sisters is a murderer, and you are well aware that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. This is the proof of love, that Christ laid down His life for us, and we too ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. **The Word of the Lord.**

B18. A Reading from the Book of Revelation

(7: 9-10, 15-17)

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, impossible for anyone to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe, and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted in a loud voice, "Salvation is from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb." That is why they are standing in front of God's throne and serving Him day and night in His sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread His tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; sun and scorching wind will never plague them, because the Lamb who is at the heart of the throne will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes. **The Word of the Lord.**

B19. A Reading from the Book of Revelation

(14: 13)

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are those who die in the Lord! Blessed indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest forever after their work, since their good deeds go with them." **The Word of the Lord.**

B20. A Reading from the Book of Revelation

(20: 11-21: 1)

I, John, saw a great white throne and the One who was sitting on it. In His presence, the earth and the sky vanished, leaving no trace. I saw the dead, great and small alike, standing in front of his throne while the books lay open. And another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged from what was written in the books, as their deeds deserved. The sea had given up all the dead who were in it; Death and Hades were emptied of the dead that were in them; and everyone was judged as their deeds deserved. Then Death and Hades were hurled into the burning lake. This burning lake is the second death; and anybody whose name could not be found written in the book of life was hurled into the burning lake. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. **The Word of the Lord.**

B21. A Reading from the Book of Revelation

(21: 1-5a, 6b-7)

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, here is God's dwelling with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be His people and God Himself will always be with them. 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 there God, and they shall be my children." **The Word of the Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - These petitions are offered following the homily of the Mass. Members of the family or friends may offer these petitions. Following the homily, the Celebrant introduces the Prayers of the Faithful. The Reader approaches and bows to the Altar, then proceeds to the Ambo (pulpit), and reads the prayers. If there is a reader for these Prayers, please list their name on the Funeral Planning Form.

READER : Please respond, "Hear us, O Lord."

In baptism, *(name of deceased)* received the light of Christ Jesus. Scatter the darkness now, and lead *HIM/HER* over the waters of death. Together, we pray:

Assembly: Hear us, O Lord.

READER : Our *BROTHER/SISTER* *(name of deceased)* was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome *HIM/HER* into the halls of your heavenly banquet. Together, we pray:

Assembly: Hear us, O Lord.

READER : Many friends and members of our families have also gone before us and await the final kingdom. Grant to them all an everlasting home with your Son, Jesus. Together, we pray:

Assembly: Hear us, O Lord.

READER : The family and friends of *(name of deceased)* seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Together, we pray:

Assembly: Hear us, O Lord.

READER : We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our *BROTHER/SISTER* *(name of deceased)*. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son Jesus' return. Together, we pray:

Assembly: Hear us, O Lord.

THE READER REMAINS AT THE PULPIT until
the Priest completes the closing prayer and the Assembly is seated.

MUSIC MINISTRY AND CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

When used in the context of the Liturgy, music becomes the sung prayer of the assembled community. Music at every Liturgy of Christian Burial, therefore, must be of a sacred nature, it must be able to be sung by the congregation, and it must bring those gathered to a better understanding of God's loving presence. Vocal/Instrumental solos may be incorporated into the celebration of a Funeral Mass, but it should not replace the singing of the congregation.

The following pages contain the titles of hymns and psalms used for the Liturgy of Christian Burial. Please feel free to contact the Music Director with any questions OR to ask for help in selecting appropriate music. The best way to plan music for any Liturgy is to select the scripture readings first, and then make musical selections. Any requests for music not listed on these pages **MUST** be approved by the Director of Music Ministry at Saint Philip Parish **PRIOR** to the celebration of the Funeral Mass.

ENTRANCE SONGS (CHOOSE ONE)

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES
THE KING OF LOVE, MY SHEPHERD IS
WE WALK BY FAITH
HERE I AM, LORD

PSALM AND RESPONSE (CHOOSE ONE)

PSALM 23 — MY SHEPHERD IS THE LORD
PSALM 25 — TO YOU, LORD, I LIFT MY SOUL
PSALM 27 — THE LORD IS MY LIGHT
PSALM 63 — MY SOUL IS THIRSTING
PSALM 103 — THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL

SONGS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR (CHOOSE ONE)

JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?
SHELTER ME, O GOD
I HAVE LOVED YOU
BE NOT AFRAID

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COMMUNION / MEDITATION SONGS (CHOOSE ONE)

EYE HAS NOT SEEN
I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE
I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD
ON EAGLE'S WINGS
AVE MARIA
PANIS ANGELICUS
HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN

A FAMILY REMEMBRANCE / EULOGY

Our parish priests and staff welcome ONE family member or close friend to offer a family remembrance of the deceased. We ask that this remembrance be limited to 5 to 6 minutes and that it be most appropriate for a church service. Please make certain that the officiating priest knows if there will be a eulogy and which individual will be offering it after the time of Holy Communion.

CLOSING SONG (CHOOSE ONE)

SONG OF FAREWELL
CELTIC SONG OF FAREWELL
SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY
THE HAND OF GOD WILL HOLD YOU
AMAZING GRACE



When finished planning the Funeral Liturgy, please return this booklet and the Funeral Planning Form to the Funeral Director or to the Parish Office. Thank you!

A Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow Love.

Where there is injury, Pardon.

Where there is doubt, Faith.

Where there is despair, Hope.

Where there is darkness, Light.

Where there is sadness, Joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to Console; to be understood as to Understand; to be loved as to Love.

For it is in Giving that we receive; it is in Pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are Born to Eternal Life!

May the good Lord bless your loved one,
all your deceased family members and friends, and you
with peace and consolation now and always!