

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church FAMILY FUNERAL PLANNING SHEET

A Funeral Mass is very similar to a Sunday Liturgy. For a funeral, you may personalize the service with readings and music. You may choose family and friends to serve different roles at the Mass. The Planning Sheet below can be filled in with your choices. For families out of town, please refer them to <http://www.stmichaelcary.org/funerals/>. Suggested readings and music choices can be found there.

Liturgy of the Word (Scripture Readings): Please consult the *Through Death to Life* Funeral Planning Book (or the website) to choose appropriate scripture readings. Adult family members or friends may proclaim the readings. A binder will be created with just these readings in for the mass.

-First reading (Old Testament): Reading _____

Read by _____

-Second reading (New Testament): Reading _____

Read by _____

-Gospel reading (Proclaimed by celebrant): Reading _____
(This will be read by the Priest or Deacon)

Intercessions: These are the prayers of the faithful that will be read at the mass.

Read by _____

Preparation Rite (Offertory): for a Funeral Mass, gifts of bread and wine are presented at the Preparation Rite. You may choose 2 or more family members or friends to bring the gifts to the Altar.

Gifts presented by: _____

Pallbearers: (two people if there will be an urn or 6 people if there is a casket)



Music: A member of the music ministry may meet with you to assist in music selections.
(note: all music must be liturgically appropriate) <http://www.stmichaelcary.org/funerals/>

Gathering Song: _____

Responsorial Psalm (sung by the Cantor): _____

Preparation of Gifts: _____

Communion: _____

Sending Forth: _____

Recommended Funeral Stipends: Music: \$225, Church administrative Fee: \$75.00, Priest: \$100-\$500 (average range of donation)
-Please make one check out to St. Michael

Funeral Reception:

If you wish to have a reception after the funeral at St. Michael, please let us know and we will confirm that space is available. You may choose a caterer and we will work with them.

Additional Information

Our Funeral Ministry has many volunteers who will assist you and your family on the day of your mass.

Flower arrangements, pictures and the guest book should be placed in the gathering space of the Church one hour before the service.

Eulogies are not part of the Funeral Liturgy. These can be expressed at the Visitation, Burial or Reception.

If there is anything we can do to help you and your family, please contact us:

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