

THE CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH
FUNERAL MASS INFORMATION

PLEASE RETURN THIS SHEET TO THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR

FUNERAL OF: _____

DATE OF DEATH: _____ **FUNERAL HOME:** _____

AGE OF DEATH: _____ **CEMETERY:** _____

NEXT OF KIN: _____

FIRST READING (OLD TESTAMENT) SELECTION: _____

Please list your readings as cited, i.e. (2 Maccabees 12:1 - etc.)

READ BY: _____

SECOND READING (NEW TESTAMENT) SELECTION: _____

Please list your reading as cited, i.e. (Romans 6:3 - etc.)

READ BY: _____

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL **READ BY:** _____

OFFERTORY GIFTS **BROUGHT UP BY:** _____

OPTIONAL EULOGY: **READ BY:** _____

Martial Status of Deceased: Single [] Married [] Separated [] Divorced [] Widowed []

Name of Spouse: _____ **Living** [] **Deceased** []

Number of Children: _____ **Names:** _____

Occupation: _____

Additional Information About the Deceased:

A Reading from the Second Book of Maccabees:

(2 Maccabees 12:43-46)

Judas, 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 this sin.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Job:

(Job 19:1, 23-27A)

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite and 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 the 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.

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs:

(Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-31)

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax and make cloth with skillful hands.
Like merchant ships, she secures her provisions from afar.
She rises while it is still night,
and distributes food to her household.
She picks out a field to purchase;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
She is girt about with strength, and sturdy are her arms.
She enjoys the success of her dealings; at night her lamp is undimmed.
She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.
She fears not the snow for her household; all her charges are doubly clothed.
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.”
Give her a reward of her labors,
And let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes:

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every thing 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 weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
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 to war, and a time to peace.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom:

(Wisdom 3:1-6, 9)

The Souls of the just are in the hands of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead,
and their passing away was though 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.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom:

(Wisdom 4:7-15)

The just man,
though he die early, shall be at rest.
For the age that is honorable come not with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.
Rather, understanding is the crown,
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 transform the innocent mind.
Having become perfect in 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.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

(Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9)

On this mountain the Lord of Hosts will provide for all peoples.

On this mountain he 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 he will remove from the whole earth;
for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said: “behold God, to whom we looked to save us!

This is the Lord for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations:

(Lamentations 3:17-26)

My soul is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;
I tell myself my future is lost,
and that I hoped for from the Lord.
The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall;
Remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me.
But I will call this to mind,
as my reason to have hope:
the favors of the Lord are not exhausted,
his mercies are not spent;
they are renewed each morning,
so great is his faithfulness.
My portion is the Lord, says my soul;
therefore will I hope in him.
Good is the Lord to one who waits for him,
to the soul that seeks him;
it is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

(Romans 5:5-11)

Hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
For Christ, while we were still helpless,
yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,
though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.
But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.
How much more then,
since we are now justified by his blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath.
Indeed, if, while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
how much more, once reconciled,
will we be saved by his life.
Not only that,
but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

(Romans 6:3-9)

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 we have grown into union with him through a death like his,
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.
We know that our old self was crucified with him,
so that our sinful body might be done away with,
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.
For a dead person has been absolved from sin.
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.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

(Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12)

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both dead and the living.

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written:

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So (then) each of us shall give an account of himself (to God).

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Roman:

(Romans 8:14-23)

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

but you received a spirit of adoption,

through which we cry, “Abba, Father!”

The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if

children, then heirs, heirs of God and join heirs with Christ,

if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time

are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation

the revelation of the children of God;

for creation was made subject to futility,

not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,

in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption

and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;

and not only that, but we ourselves,

who have the first fruits of the Spirit,

we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption,

the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

(Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39)

What then shall we say to this?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ (Jesus) who died,
rather, was raised,
who also is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercede for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Saint Timothy:

(2 Timothy 4:6-8)

For I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord,
the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me,
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

(1 Corinthians 15:51-57)

Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,
the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility,
and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,

then the word that is written shall come about:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God

who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

(2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10)

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed,
we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands,
eternal in heaven. So we are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.
Yet we are courageous,
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.
Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.
For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each one may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians:

(Philippians 3:20 – 4:1)

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body
by the power that enables him also to
bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians:

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers,
about those who have fallen asleep,
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
Indeed, we tell you this,
on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fall asleep.
For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,
will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.
Thus we shall always be with the Lord.
Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John:

(1 John 3:1-2)

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we
are God's Children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation:

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

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth has 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, God’s dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them,
and they will be his people,
and God himself will always be with them (as their God).
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 victory will inherit these gifts,
and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.”

The Word of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Now in humility and sincerity of heart, let us bring our needs to God, our heavenly Father. The response will be: "Lord, hear our prayer."

Reader: In Baptism, _____ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him / her over the waters of death, we pray to the Lord.

Our brother / sister _____
was nourished at the table of the savior. Welcome him / her into the halls of the heavenly banquet, we pray to the Lord.

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom; grant them an everlasting home with your Son, we pray to the Lord.

The friends and family of _____
seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief, we pray to the Lord.

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother / sister. Strengthen our hope in the salvation won by the Cross of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Priest: Almighty God, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers,
for we ask them through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Music Selections for Funeral

The Church of St. Joseph Bronxville, NY

Mr. David P. Tisbert, Director of Music

Name: _____ Date & Time of Funeral: _____

"Sacred music has an integral role in the funeral rites, since it can console and uplift mourners while, at the same time, uniting the assembly in faith and love. Since music can evoke strong feelings, it should be chosen with care. It should console the participants and help to create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and in the Christian's share in that victory."

-Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship (USCCB, 2012)

Selecting Music

In general, music that is appropriate for a Catholic Mass is also appropriate for a Funeral Liturgy. If you have a request of SACRED music that is not listed, please notify Mr. Tisbert at least 24 hours prior to the funeral. Secular music should not be sung or played in the church. If you have favorite songs that are meaningful but are secular, they can be played/sung at the wake, gravesite or gathering after the Mass. If you have any questions, please email Mr. David Tisbert at: stjosephmusicoffice@gmail.com or call 914-337-1660, ext. 129. Please choose from the musical selections listed below, and the music director will put them in an appropriate order.

Order of Music at a Funeral Mass

Prelude (instrumental) _____ *you may select (optional)*

Entrance Hymn: (Please select) _____

Responsorial Psalm: you may select (optional) _____

Gospel Acclamation _____ *selected by the music director*

Preparation of the Gifts: (Please select) _____

Mass Parts ("Holy, holy...", "Lamb of God", etc.) _____ *selected by the music director*

Communion Hymn: (Please select) _____

Song of Farewell _____ *selected by the music director*

Closing Hymn: (Please select) _____

Postlude (instrumental) _____ *selected by the music director*

Musician Fees and Payment

The donation to the church provides for an organist/pianist, who can also provide basic cantor duties (leading hymns and mass parts). However, the Church of Saint Joseph strongly recommends families to have a dedicated cantor (vocal soloist) for all Funeral or Memorial Masses and is required if you would like any of the vocal solos below or have any special requests not listed on this sheet. You may also wish to have other instruments at the Mass as well (violin, cello, harp, trumpet, flute, bagpipes, etc.), and these instrumentalists as well as the cantor can be arranged by the music director, provided this is communicated to the music director at least one day before the memorial. The fee for a cantor/soloist is \$200 and the fee for an instrumentalist is \$300. Payments (cash or checks) should be made at the time this sheet is returned to each singer or instrumentalist.

Cantor/Soloist: Yes _____ No _____

Other instruments:(list) _____

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Please note that the GATHERING, PRESENTATION and RECESSIONAL HYMNS may be interchanged.

Please Choose up to four Hymns

Gathering Hymn

- ☐ Alleluia Sing to Jesus (not during Lent)
- ☐ Amazing Grace
- ☐ America the Beautiful
- ☐ Be Not Afraid
- ☐ Faith Of Our Fathers
- ☐ Here I Am Lord
- ☐ I Know that My Redeemer Lives
- ☐ Lift High the Cross
- ☐ O God Our Help In Ages Past
- ☐ To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

Responsorial Psalms (Optional) choose one

- ☐ Psalm 23: Shepherd Me O God /Haugen
- ☐ Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd
- ☐ Psalm 34: Taste and See
- ☐ Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light /Haas

Presentation Hymn

- ☐ Ave Maria (Schubert)
- ☐ Be thou My Vision
- ☐ Blest Are They
- ☐ Christ Be Our Light
- ☐ Come To Me
- ☐ Eye Has Not Seen
- ☐ Fairest Lord Jesus
- ☐ Hosea
- ☐ I Heard the Voice of Jesus
- ☐ Lord of All Hopefulness
- ☐ My shepherd Will Supply My Need
- ☐ Nearer My God To Thee
- ☐ Prayer of Saint Francis
- ☐ We Remember
- ☐ You Are Mine

Communion Hymn

- ☐ Behold the Lamb
- ☐ Draw Us In the Spirits Tether
- ☐ Gift of Finest Wheat
- ☐ I Am the Bread of Life
- ☐ I Have Loved You
- ☐ One Bread, One Body
- ☐ Pan de Vida
- ☐ Panis Angelicus
- ☐ Taste and See

Recessional Hymn

- ☐ Eternal Father... (Navy Hymn)
- ☐ For All the Saints (not during Lent)
- ☐ Holy God We Praise thy Name
- ☐ How Great Thou Art
- ☐ Jerusalem My Happy Home
- ☐ Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
- ☐ Let There Be Peace on Earth
- ☐ On Eagle's Wings
- ☐ Sing with All the Saints in Glory
- ☐ Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (N.D.L.)

Sometimes Requested

- ☐ In Paradisum (Gregorian Chant)
- ☐ Lady of Knock (Irish)
- ☐ Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (N.D.L.)
- ☐ The Irish Blessing

Vocal Solos (Optional) A Soloist is Required

- ☐ Ave Maria /Gounod
- ☐ He shall Feed his Flock /Handel
- ☐ I Know that My Redeemer Lives /Handel
- ☐ If with All Your Hearts /Mendelssohn
- ☐ Laudate Dominum /Mozart
- ☐ O Divine Redeemer / Gounod
- ☐ O For the Wings of a Dove /Mendelssohn
- ☐ Pie Jesu / Faure

Instrumental Selections (Optional) choose one or two

- ☐ Adagio /Albinoni
- ☐ Adagio from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue /Bach
- ☐ Adagio from Sonata I / Mendelssohn
- ☐ Adagio New World Symphony /Dvorak
- ☐ Andante Sostenuto / Widor
- ☐ Arioso /Bach
- ☐ Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring /Bach
- ☐ Lullaby from Suite II /Hampton
- ☐ Sheep May Safely Graze / Bach

Other Selections not on this sheet:
