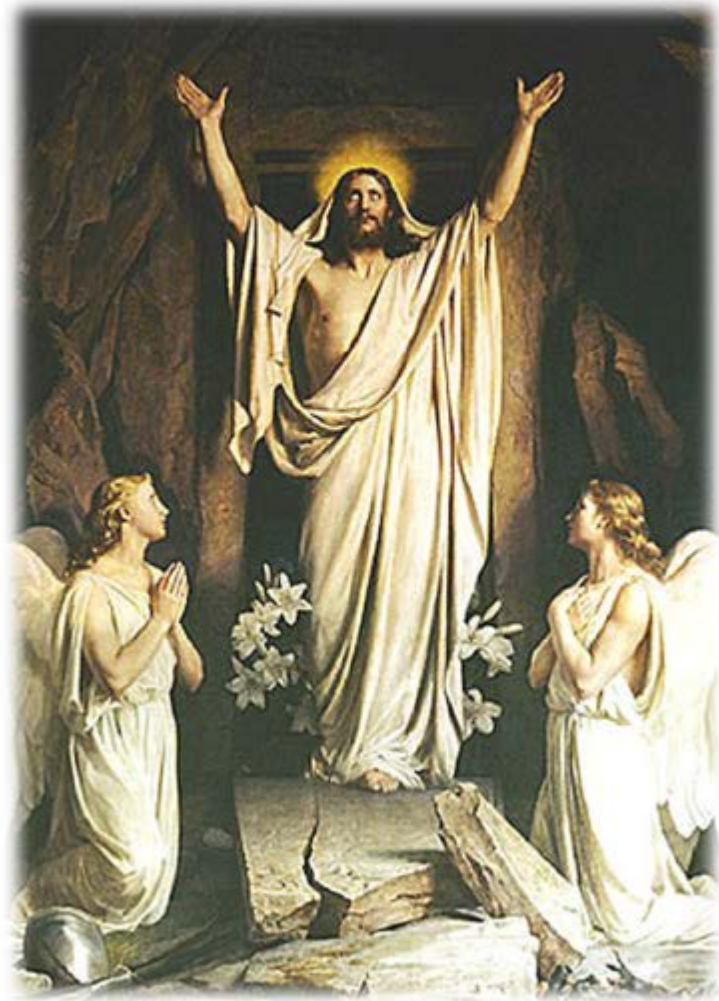


# The Catholic Funeral Rites

## A Planning Guide



*"I am the Resurrection and the Life."*

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish  
Central City, Pennsylvania 15926



Dear Friends in Christ,

In the face of the death of a loved one, our Catholic faith offers us the hope that for those who believe "life is not ended but merely changed." The Funeral Rites that we celebrate offer in prayer what many of us cannot find the words to express. They are intended to comfort the family and friends of the deceased as well as to assist the soul of the departed person as they enter eternal life.

The Funeral Rites of the Catholic Church consist of a series of prayers and liturgies, celebrated at various places and times, in the days between the death of a Christian and his or her burial. Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish has compiled this booklet to help those who are mourning the loss of their loved one to find consolation in our Faith and to assist in the planning of the Funeral Liturgy as it will be celebrated in our parish church.

Fr. Aron, or a representative of the parish, is glad to take the time to meet with you in order to provide consolation in light of our Faith at your time of loss as well as to assist you in planning the Funeral Mass according to diocesan and parish guidelines and to answer any particular questions.

May the Risen Lord fill your heart with hope at this time of sorrow, trusting in His Resurrection.

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

February 21, 2018



# THE CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

## A. The Vigil Service

The Vigil for the deceased typically takes place at the funeral home during the visitation hours. The Vigil liturgy consists of readings from Sacred Scripture, as well as prayers for the repose of the deceased.

## B. The Mass of Christian Burial

The Mass of Christian Burial is at the center of the Funeral Rites. The Mass makes present for us the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross which remains the source of our hope in eternal life. The Eucharist is where Christians encounter the Risen Lord Jesus who reveals to us the new life of the Resurrection and where the Lord gives Himself to us as our strength and nourishment. Funeral Masses are typically celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish at 10:30 am, Monday through Saturday. The time of the funeral is determined by the funeral director and the parish. On certain Holy Days and Feasts, funeral Masses are not permitted to be celebrated by Church norms.

### I. Planning the Funeral Mass

Often families are comforted by helping to plan the Funeral Mass and by inviting family members or close friends to take some part in the Mass. Our parish is also present to your family in our prayers and in those who will assist with and participate in the liturgy.

The sections printed on the following pages explain the parts of the Mass where you might like to make some selection of music or Scripture readings, and the opportunities for you to invite others to participate.

Included with this booklet is a brief form that can serve as a guide in making your choices. We encourage you to read over these next few pages and complete the planning sheet. The funeral director and Fr. Aron are glad to help you.

### II. Liturgical Music

Our organist will be glad to honor choices for hymns which you make from this list. If you have any special requests, be sure to make them known and we will do

our best to accommodate your wishes. Please understand that due to the fact that the funeral Mass is a religious act, only liturgical music from our Catholic tradition is used. Songs that may not be appropriate for Mass, but have special meaning for families, may be played at the funeral home after the Vigil Liturgy or during the Committal Service at the cemetery.

### Hymns:

## THE ST. MICHAEL HYMNAL, FOURTH EDITION

- 402 Abide with Me
- 422 All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure
- 430 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound
- 441 Ave Maria
- 450 Be Not Afraid
- 451 Be Still, My Soul
- 452 Be Thou My Vision
- 467 Cerca de Ti, Señor
- 516 Es el Señor mi Buen Pastor
- 519 Fairest Lord Jesus
- 528 Gift of Finest Wheat
- 561 Holy God We Praise Thy Name
- 569 How Great Thou Art
- 572 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- 573 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
- 581 In Paradisum (May Choirs of Angels)
- 587 Jerusalem, My Happy Home
- 592 Jesus, Lord, Have Mercy
- 593 Jesus My Lord, My God, My All
- 595 Jesus Remember Me
- 614 Lift High the Cross
- 622 Lord of All Hopefulness
- 623 Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me
- 624 Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist
- 628 Lux Aeterna
- 633 Merciful Savior, Hear Our Humble Prayer
- 634 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
- 637 Nearer, My God, to Thee
- 659 O God Beyond All Praising

661	O God Our Help in Ages Past
667	O Jesus We Adore Thee
698	On Eagle's Wings
709	Panis Angelicus, Lambillotte
710	Panis Angelicus, Chant, Mode IV
719	Praise to the Holiest in the Height
724	Prayer of St. Francis
732	Requiem Aeternam
754	Sing With All the Saints in Glory
755	Song of Farewell
761	Spirit Seeking Light and Beauty
784	The King of Love
787	The Strife Is O'er, with Alleluia
788	The Strife Is O'er
807	Ultima

**Also available are two hymns honoring the ethnic heritage of Our Lady Queen of Angels (formerly the Churches of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Saint John the Baptist):**

- a. 764 Stainless the Maiden - Serdeczna Matko (Traditional Polish Hymn)
- b. O Maria Bolestiva (Traditional Slovak Hymn)

### **III. Scripture Readings**

You may choose from among the readings which are listed beginning on page nine. Please make one selection each from the Old Testament and the New Testament. (During the Easter season it is customary to utilize two New Testament readings-the first from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation). If you prefer, you can also allow the priest who will celebrate the Mass to select readings which he feels are most appropriate.

You can ask two friends or family members to serve as lectors(readers), one who will read the first reading, and one to read the second. If you prefer, a parish lector will be glad to fill that role. The priest will choose and read the Gospel.

The Responsorial Psalm, sung after the first reading, is typically Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

### **IV. The Homily**

The homily, given by the priest or deacon, is to "illumine the mystery of Christian death in the light of the risen Christ"(CCC, 1688) as proclaimed in the readings from Sacred Scripture. It is not a eulogy. The priest or deacon will speak of the Paschal mystery and how it is made present in the life and death of the deceased person.

### **V. The Offertory Gifts**

After the homily the offertory rites begin. Our gifts of bread and wine symbolize that the Lord takes what we offer Him and fills it with His Life. Some members of the family(usually 2 or 3) are welcome to bring these gifts from the offertory or gift table to the priest.

### **VI. Personal Reflection(Eulogy)**

Often families will take the opportunity to remember their departed one by asking someone to offer a brief reflection on their life. The Vigil for the Deceased or the Committal rites at the cemetery are the best times for



individuals to give a eulogy or personal reflection in order to share remembrances of the deceased. The remarks are to be simple, brief, and prepared. During the repast, or meal that is often shared following the funeral, there is also this opportunity.

## **VII. What does the Church teach concerning Cremation?**

For various reasons a family may choose to have the body of their deceased loved one cremated. For some this can be a difficult decision. Many Catholics have questions about the Church's teachings on the growing practice of cremation. This is understandable since before 1963, the Church insisted that Catholics follow only the manner of Christ's burial by either entombing or burying the body. Even today, the Church acknowledges that "cremation does not hold the same value" as this traditional way of allowing the body to go gently back into the earth (Order of Christian Funerals, Reflections, p. 14.)

The revised Code of Canon Law of 1983 helps Catholics understand that the 1963 lifting of the prohibition forbidding Catholics to cremate their deceased loved one's remains was never intended as an endorsement: "The Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, it does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching (Canon 1176.)" The Church allows for cremation of the body, providing that family members making that decision are not doing so because they fear the body is lost forever and has no future together in Christ with the immortal soul.

Whenever possible, Catholics are encouraged to honor the body of their loved one by bringing it to church for a Funeral Mass, after which the body may be cremated. In situations where this is not possible, the cremated remains should be brought to the church for the Funeral Mass.

Please feel free to discuss any concerns or questions which you may have with Fr. Aron or the parish priest.

## **VIII. Treatment of Cremated Remains of the Body**

The Church requires that these remains of the body be placed in a respectful vessel and treated in the exact same way that a family would treat a body in a casket. Since the

human body has an eternal destiny in any form, the Church requires that cremated remains of a body be buried or entombed immediately after the Funeral in the same timely manner as a body. Cremated remains of a loved one are not to be scattered, kept at home or divided into other vessels among family members, just as it is clear that these practices would desecrate a body in a casket. The Church allows for burial at sea, providing that the cremated remains of the body are buried in a heavy container and not scattered.

All of these teachings on the treatment of cremated remains of the body correspond with the Christian's foundational belief in eternal life—both body and soul—in Jesus Christ among the Communion of Saints.

## **IX. The Committal or Burial Service**

The cemetery or place of burial is where we celebrate the Rite of Committal. The prayers of this last farewell, which often include a blessing of the grave, is normally celebrated by the priest.

## **X. The Funeral Luncheon or Repast**

If you so desire, the ladies of our Society of Angels will arrange for the family of the deceased, a repast, upon availability of our facilities. They will provide information concerning the costs.

➤ **A. Old Testament Readings**(Please choose one of the following)

#1

**Job 19:1, 23–27**

**A Reading from the Book of Job**

Then Job answered 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.

#2

**Wisdom 3:1–9 or 3:1–6, 9**

**A Reading from the Book of Wisdom**

But 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. 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 the elect.

#3

**Wisdom 4:7–14**

**A Reading from the Book of Wisdom**

But the just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, 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 transforms 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.

#4

Isaiah 25: 6, 7–9

### A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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 our 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!"

#5

Lamentations 3:17–26

### A Reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all 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.

#6

Daniel 12:1–3

### A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

[I, Daniel, mourned and I 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.

#7

2 Maccabees 12:43–46

**A Reading from the Second Book of Maccabees**

Judas [the ruler of Israel] then 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.

#8

Ecclesiastes 3:1–11

**A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes**

There is an appointed time for everything,  
 and a time for every affair under the heavens.  
 A time to give birth, 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 of war, and a time of peace.  
 What profit have workers from their toil?  
 I have seen the business that God has given to mortals to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its time, but has put the timeless into their hearts so they cannot find out, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

➤ **B. New Testament Readings**(Please choose one of the following)

#1 **Acts of the Apostles 10:34–43 or 10:34–36, 42–43**

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Peter proceeded to speak and said, "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 Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and(in) Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised(on) the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 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."

#2 **Romans 5:1–11**

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

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.

#3

Romans 5:17–21

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

For if, by the transgression of one person, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one person, Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#4

Romans 6:3–9 or 6:3–4, 8–9

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

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.

#5

Romans 8:14–23

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

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 joint 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.

#6

**Romans 8:31–35, 37–39**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

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 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 intercedes 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.

#7

**Romans 14:7–9, 10–12**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

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 the 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).



#8

1 Corinthians 15:20–24, 25–28

**A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will(also) be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

#9

1 Corinthians 15:51–57

**A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

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.

#10

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6–10

**A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

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.

#11

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

### **A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

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 fallen 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.

# 12

Philippians 3:20–21

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians**

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.

#13

2 Timothy 2:8–13

### **A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

#14

2 Timothy 4:6–8

**A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy**

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.

#15

1 John 3:1–2

**A Reading from the First Letter of John**

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.

#16

1 John 3:14–16

**A Reading from the First Letter of John**

We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

#17

Revelation 14:13

**A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

#18

Revelation 20:11–21:1

**A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire. Then I 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.

#19

Revelation 21:1–5, 6–7

**A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

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, 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 victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."





# Queen of Angels Parish Central City, Pennsylvania Planning Sheet

Name of deceased	
Date of Funeral	Time of Funeral
Family Contact	Phone #
Family Contact Relationship	
First Reading	Name of Person Reading 1 <sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading
#	
Second Reading	Name of Person Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading
#	
Intercession Reader (if any)	
Gift Bearers	Relationship to the Deceased
Altar Servers (if any)	
Prelude ( <i>Hymn # or Title</i> )	
Processional Hymn ( <i># or Title</i> )	
Offertory Hymn ( <i># or Title</i> )	
Communion Hymn ( <i># or Title</i> )	
Song of Farewell ( <i># or Title</i> )	
Recessional Hymn ( <i># or Title</i> )	