



St. Mary Parish

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Dear family,

Please be assured of our prayers for you as you schedule and plan a funeral service at Saint Mary Parish for a loved one during this pandemic. Since we are obligated to following the guidelines that the Diocese of Cleveland has issued for Mass at this time, we are providing the following guidelines to assist with your planning. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions as you are making your arrangements:

Fr. Lawrence Jurcak , Pastor	frjurcak@stmaryhudson.cc	330.653.8118 x230
Fr. Scott Goodfellow , Parochial Vicar	frscott@stmaryhudson.cc	330.653.8118 x222
Mark Ludwig , Music Director	mludwig@stmaryhudson.cc	330.653.8118 x234
Polly Wise , Administrative Assistant.	pwise@stmaryhudson.cc	330.653.8118 x221

Scheduling

It would be helpful for us to know if you plan to have a Wake Service at the funeral home, a Funeral Mass (with body/cremains present) or Memorial Mass (without body/cremains present), and/or a Committal service at the cemetery. Given the scheduled activities that take place in the church, as well as the sanitizing that must take place before and after every Mass, we can best accommodate a Funeral or Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. on weekdays and at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays. We will work with you if you are unable to schedule a date that works with these times.

Mass Planning

- Funeral Planning Guidelines are available at <https://stmaryhudson.cc/funerals>. If you are unable to access them, please call the parish office (330.653.8118 x 221) and will make them a copy available to you. Please complete the planning sheet included with this document and then contact the priest presider to review planning details.
- We are not able not accommodate any visitations/wakes in the church narthex at this time.
- We are not able to accommodate a meal/reception at the parish at this time.
- We will ensure the church is properly sanitized prior to your arrival.
- Please plan to arrive no more than 20 minutes prior to the service time and enter through the main church doors.
- All guests must sanitize their hands upon entering the white narthex.
- All guests over age 2 must wear a face mask or other face covering over their nose and mouth upon entering the building and keep it on for the entire service to prevent droplets and particulates from spreading. The parish will supply face masks for those who do not have one.
- You must maintain 6-foot social distanced seating between individuals/households. We estimate our church can seat ~150 people maximum with this requirement of the state of Ohio and the bishops of Ohio.
- The service will be livestreamed. Please visit <https://stmaryhudson.cc/livestream> to view.
- If there is no casket, we will set up a table in front of the sanctuary for the cremains, a flower arrangement, and a picture of the deceased.
- You are welcome to take flower arrangements with you when you leave. If you choose to leave them here, we will place them at the statue of the Blessed Mother, either at the grotto or the front circle.
- A parish musician and cantor will provide music for the service. Choirs and guest musicians are not permitted at this time. Please contact Mark Ludwig (mludwig@stmaryhudson.cc) to make music arrangements.
- You are invited to select the Scripture readings and may have one (1) individual proclaim the readings and Universal Prayer at the ambo. The priest or deacon proclaims the Gospel.
- There will be no gift bearers. Gifts will already be at the altar for the priest to set up.
- Eulogies are not permitted at Mass. A wake or committal service would be a better place for any eulogy.
- Social distance must be respected while leaving the church. Guests should exit the church immediately upon dismissal without stopping in the church or narthex to facilitate everyone moving out of the church.

Mass of Christian Burial Planning Sheet

We have provided this planning guide to assist family members in preparation for the funeral of a loved one. When completed, this sheet, along with any notes for the homily, should be given to the presider of the Funeral Mass at least two days before the funeral.

Funeral of: _____

What form of the deceased's name should be used during the Funeral? _____

Date of Funeral: _____ Time: _____

Family Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Presider: _____

Reader (who will proclaim the following): _____

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Universal Prayer: (Parish provides a copy of the intercessory prayers. Please include any special names or intentions below)

Names of grieving family members: _____

Names of deceased family members: _____

Special petition: _____

Gospel (choose Gospel reading; proclaimed by priest): _____

Music (arrange with Mark Ludwig: mludwig@stmaryhudson.cc)

Opening Song: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Communion Song: _____

Post-communion Reflection (optional): _____

On a separate sheet please include any notes about the deceased that would be helpful to the presider in preparing the homily.