

Planning Ahead for a Funeral Mass at Pax Christi

Full Name of Deceased: _____

Typically funerals at Pax Christi are held at 11:00 am weekdays or 10:00 am Saturday with a one hour visitation beforehand in the gathering space and a funeral luncheon afterwards in the dining hall. Usually the family chooses to proceed to the cemetery for burial after the luncheon.

Funeral Home: _____ **Expected number of people:** _____

Pax Christi will provide a musician and cantor unless there is a family member or friend who wishes to provide the music. **Musician:** _____ **Cantor:** _____

Relatives or friends may be asked to take part as Readers, Gift Bearers (to bring up the bread and wine), Eucharistic Ministers (if they have been trained and commissioned), and someone may share about the deceased after Communion (similar to a eulogy, for 2-4 minutes.) The funeral Mass often takes place without altar servers, but if there are relatives or friends who are trained as servers and would like to take part in the Mass, please make note of this.

Order of the Funeral Mass

Greeting, Holy Water Sprinkling, Placing of the Pall on the casket

Entrance Song:  _____

Opening Prayer

First Reading: _____ **Reader:** _____

Responsorial Psalm:  _____

Second Reading: _____ **Reader:** _____

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Gospel: _____ (Will be read by the priest)

Homily by the priest

Prayers of the Faithful (choose or write 5 or 6 petitions) **Reader(s):** _____

Presentation of the Gifts **Gift bearers:** _____

Offertory Song:  _____

Liturgy of the Eucharistic

The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)

Sign of Peace

Communion: *EM #1:* _____

Communion Song:  _____ *EM #2:* _____

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Reflection (Eulogy) speaker: _____

Final Commendation and Incense:

Song of Farewell:  _____

Closing Song:  _____

Funeral Luncheon:

The Women of Pax will host the luncheon by setting the tables, arranging food items on the buffet tables, and cleaning up afterwards. Pax Christi will provide: coffee, lemonade, and all tableware (plates, cups, silverware, napkins, etc.) If there are more than 150 in attendance, paper plates and plastic silverware may need to be used.

Caterer and menu are chosen and paid for by the family of the deceased.

If the lunch will consist of cold food (sandwiches, salads, etc), it should be delivered about ½ hour before the funeral Mass begins, in order to have time to set things up appropriately.

If there is a hot item on the menu (ie: Canadian Honker), it should be delivered about ½ hour after the funeral Mass has begun.

Caterer: _____

Menu: _____

Information required for the church's Death Registry Book and Records:

Name of Deceased: _____ **Age:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Date of Death:** _____ **Parish membership:** _____

Place of Residence: _____

Sacraments Received (Anointed/Last Rites?): _____

Date of Funeral: _____ **Priest:** _____

Place of Burial: _____

Contact Information for Next of Kin (Parents, Spouse, Children):

Name _____ *Relationship* _____ *phone #* _____

email _____ *mailing address* _____

Name _____ *Relationship* _____ *phone #* _____

email _____ *mailing address* _____
