

What to do at the time of Death

The circumstances that surround the loss of a loved one and the planning for funeral services may vary widely. Nevertheless, the arrangements typically follow this pattern in whole or in part.

- When death has occurred, the family notifies the funeral home which they have selected.
- The funeral home contacts Our Lady of Victory Parish and the process of preparing for the funeral begins.
- The family meets with the funeral home staff to make arrangements. The funeral home will call the Parish to confirm dates and times for services which typically include:
 - A Vigil Service; Scripture Service, or/Rosary at the funeral home
 - The funeral liturgy
 - The committal at the cemetery
- A member of the Parish Staff is available to meet with the family or a family representative to finalize details for the funeral services.
- The parish will provide an organist for the funeral Mass or other service in Church. The norm, in our community, is that a cantor will also be provided.
- Our Lady of Victory Parish is glad to be of service at this difficult time and will try to accommodate the needs and wishes of the family.
- Some funeral homes provide grief counseling following the funeral. Likewise, a member of the Parish Staff will be happy to meet with members of the family or to provide a referral for additional assistance.
- Angela Hospice in Livonia provides ongoing grief support groups free of charge. For more information, you may call (866) 464-7810.
- Our OLV Stephen Ministry offers ongoing confidential support. For a Stephen Minister please call (248) 349-0216