

Planning a Funeral
at
All Saints Catholic Church



When a loved one is near death or has died, the clergy and the staff of All Saints are here to provide spiritual support and to help you with the details of planning the funeral and burial. Likewise, we are available to assist with pre-planning for those who wish to do so. This booklet is provided to advise you on the procedures and options available.

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“He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death and no more mourning or sadness or pain.”

~Rev. 21: 4

The following are some guidelines for funeral planning.

- **It is important to inform caregivers, hospital staff, etc. that the dying/deceased person is Catholic.** If possible, please do not wait until the person is very near death or has already died to contact the parish. This gives the person the opportunity to receive the Sacraments for the dying. Most hospitals, hospices and other care givers will know how to help and may be of assistance.
- **When someone has died, it is important to contact the parish as soon as possible.** Funeral and cemetery / cremation arrangements cannot be finalized until the family of the deceased has communicated with the parish either directly or via the funeral director.
- **While the Catholic Church accepts cremation, it is preferred that the body of the deceased be present in the Church for the funeral.** As such, cremation should be delayed until after the funeral if possible. The funeral rites for a Catholic consist of bringing the body of the deceased to the Church for the liturgy, followed by interment, preferably in the consecrated ground of a Catholic cemetery. *(see page 6).*

Funeral Luncheon Information & Menu

All Saints provides a simple luncheon if the family chooses. This is decided in the planning process with the funeral director or clergy. It will also be necessary to estimating a number of people for the lunch. All Saints’ Funeral Dinner Ministry coordinates all aspects of the meal.

The menu changes seasonally, however the price remains the same. All Saints charges **\$2.50 per person based on the estimate.**

All Saints Funeral Luncheon Menus (subject to change).

<u>SUMMER MENU</u> <i>Served June 1 through August 31</i>	<u>FALL/WINTER/SPRING MENU</u> <i>Served September 1 through May 31</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sliced ham &/or turkey • Assorted Cheeses • Sandwich Rolls • Seasonal Salad • Baked Beans • Potato Chips • Coffee, Lemonade & Water (Milk available on request) • Assorted Dessert Bars (includes cakes, brownies, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal Hot Dish / Lasagna • Green Beans • Green Salad • Dinner Rolls or Breadsticks • Seasonal Vegetable • Coffee, Lemonade & Water (Milk available on request) • Assorted Dessert Bars (includes cakes, brownies, etc.)

Important All Saints Phone Numbers:

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“Jesus said, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

~John 14: 6

Burial / Interment

All Saints works with the Funeral Director and family to plan the burial / cemetery arrangements. In the case of burial at All Saints Cemetery (or another cemetery that is close by), burial is typically done immediately after the funeral (lunch to follow, if desired). When burial takes place further away or on a later date, a lunch would typically follow immediately after the funeral liturgy.

If burial is to take place at a later time, arrangements for final disposition must be made prior to the funeral.

All Saints Catholic Cemetery is located approximately 2 miles south of the church. Cemetery rules and regulations are available by request or by accessing the Cemetery link on the All Saints website at www.allsaintschurch.com/Cemetery. See the insert for services and pricing.

Cremation: Out of reverence for the human body, the ashes of the deceased must be treated as the body is treated: placed in a worthy container, and interred or entombed wholly in a proper, consecrated resting place. Scattering or separating human remains after death suggests misunderstanding of the belief in the resurrection of the body. Keeping cremated remains together and intact symbolizes our belief in the resurrection on the last day.

“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you.” Romans 8: 11

Funeral Homes: Families are welcome to choose any licensed mortuary in the area

The Catholic Funeral Liturgy

All Saints works with the Funeral Director and the family of the deceased to plan the funeral liturgy and other details. Once a date has been set, a planning meeting is scheduled with All Saints clergy.

At the planning meeting, information will be available to assist in selecting music and readings, as well as filling various roles in the liturgy (ie, readers, gift bearers, etc.). The planning meeting is also an opportunity for the family to share experiences and memories of the deceased to assist clergy in preparing for the funeral liturgy.

- **Wake / visitation arrangements are based on family needs and preferences.** All Saints is able to accommodate a one-hour visitation prior to the funeral liturgy in our Gathering Space. Any wake / visitation arrangements for the evening prior to the funeral would take place at a funeral home and are arranged with the funeral director.
- **A Remembrance (Eulogy) is not required.** If a remembrance is desired, it would take place prior to the beginning of the liturgy. Other options include at the wake / visitation or at the luncheon.

A few things to keep in mind:

- Only **one speaker** if it is prior to the funeral liturgy.
- **Time:** 5 minutes maximum.
- **Text:** Prepare a full text of what you will say. This will help with what can be an emotional experience. Also, you will know going in how long you will speak.
- **Topic:** What is shared should be in keeping with proper reverence for the liturgy and what we are celebrating — the life of the deceased and God’s promise of eternal life; and to bring comfort to those who grieve.
- When asking someone to do this, be sure to do so in a way that gives them permission to say “no” in case the person doesn’t think that they can do it. Otherwise it is easy to feel obliged.

- **There are no fees to the family of the deceased related to standard funeral liturgy arrangements at All Saints.** However, any costs incurred for special requests such as particular musicians are to be covered by the family of the deceased. A donation to help defray the parish costs is appreciated but not required.
- **Funeral liturgy includes three readings from Sacred Scripture:** one reading from the Old Testament; one reading from the New Testament; and one reading from the Gospels. The parish can provide a list of suggested Scripture readings that are fitting for funeral liturgies.
 - One or two lectors may be chosen for the first two readings. Clergy proclaims the Gospel reading. (Lectors can be provided if needed.)
 - In addition to these readings, a psalm in sung-response form is included in the liturgy. As with the other Scriptures, the parish can provide a list of suggested psalms.
- **Additional options:**
 - A reader for the General Intercessions (Otherwise these are read by clergy).
 - Gift Bearers for the Preparation Rite.
 - A speaker to offer a remembrance if such is desired.
- **Music for liturgy.** As with the Sunday Liturgy, the assembly is called to actively participate in the prayers, readings and hymns. Music is sung prayer, and due to the sacredness of the liturgy, we use only music composed for liturgical prayer. We do not use pre-recorded music. Accompanists, soloists and choir members from All Saints provide the music leadership for all funeral liturgies.
 - **Four to five hymns** may be chosen. The Director of Music will place the chosen hymns in the outline of the liturgy.
 - Requests for special prelude music or outside musicians / vocalists will be considered by clergy and the Director of Music. Appropriateness of the music and the availability of musicians will determine whether a particular piece of music can be used.
 - In the event that a special request is permitted, the family is responsible to provide printed music.

- The following are common hymn selections for a funeral liturgy.
(*This list is not exhaustive.*)
(“W” or “G” indicate All Saints’ hymnals; *Worship or Gather.*)

Amazing Grace (W 583)
 Ave Maria *Instrumental or vocal solo*
 Be Not Afraid (G 430)
 Blest Are They (G 469)
 Come To Me (G 459)
 Eat This Bread (G 588)
 Eye Has Not Seen (G 450)
 For All The Saints (*except during Lent*) (W 705)
 Gift of Finest Wheat (You Satisfy the Hungry Heart) (W 736)
 I Am the Bread of Life (especially verses 1, 4, and 5) (W 738)
 I Have Loved You (G 351)
 I Heard the Voice (W 607)
 I Received the Living God (W 735)
 Jerusalem, My Happy Home (W 690)
 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (*except during Lent*) (W 442)
 Joyful, Joyful (W 525)
 The King of Love (W 609)
 Lord of All Hopefulness (W 568)
 Now We Remain (G 498)
 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (W 579)
 On Eagle’s Wings (G 433)
 Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me A Channel of Your Peace) (G 524)
 Take and Eat (G 614)
 Sing With All the Saints in Glory (W 467)
 We Walk By Faith (G 414)
 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (*except during Lent*) (W 707)

Notes