

Please know of our sincere condolences and prayers as you go through these days. Our faith is an important source of support at a time like this, and it is our prayer that your faith, though possibly struggling, will bring you comfort and peace.

The *Liturgy of Christian Burial* recognizes our grief, but also celebrates new life. We encourage the family of a deceased loved one to be involved in the planning of the Funeral Liturgy. This is *completely optional*; if you do not feel you are able to actively participate, that is fine. However, it is our hope that your involvement will help to personalize the liturgy as well as assist you in the process of healing during this difficult time.

Along with this sheet you will find the book, *Through Death to Life*. This will enable you to choose Scripture readings and involve family and friends in this Liturgy of Christian Burial. Listed below are a variety of ways in which family and friends can be involved. Choose any or all of the ways listed.

PLACING OF THE PALL

The Priest meets the casket at the back of Church and leads the procession in. Once the casket is in place at the head of the aisle, the "Pall," a white cloth symbolizing the garment of Baptism, is placed over the casket. A small "Pall" is available to place on the Urn for cremations. This will be done by (check one):

Funeral Director _____ Family Members _____
Friends _____ Choose 2, 3, or 4 people.

NAMES

RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOL (Optional)

A symbol of Christian life, such as a Bible, Cross, Rosary, or Prayer Book that was meaningful to the Deceased may be placed on the casket after the Pall covers the casket or on the table for a cremation.

YES _____ The symbol is _____.

NO _____

It will be placed by _____.

Relationship to the Deceased: _____.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament (Pages 26-30): Page _____; Number _____

Read by _____; Relationship _____

New Testament (Pages 45-55): Page _____; Number _____

Read by _____; Relationship _____

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS/PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

(Pages 83-86) or samples on our website

Page _____; Number _____

Read by _____; Relationship _____

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERTORY GIFTS (Bread/Wine)

Choose 2, 3, or 4 people:

_____; Relationship _____

_____; Relationship _____

_____; Relationship _____

_____; Relationship _____

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE (Optional)

The family is welcome to choose one person to offer a personal reflection at the beginning of Mass. Words of Remembrance are usually a more personal reflection about the deceased, speaking of values and virtues. **This should be prepared beforehand and written out.** Stephanie Hausladen, Parish Minister, should receive a copy of this reflection no later than a day before the funeral. Please limit remarks to **4-5 minutes maximum.**

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE WILL BE OFFERED BY:

_____ ; Relationship _____

MUSIC Music for the Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by our Organist and Cantor. Congregational singing is an integral part of Mass. However, one or two solos by our Cantor are possible. Musical selections should reflect the sense of hope and peace given to us in the Resurrection of Jesus. By nature, they should be religious or spiritual. Any secular songs will only be allowed prior to the beginning of Mass or after the closing hymn and only if they are appropriate for the Church setting. Hymns suggested will be used if they are known by the people involved with the Music Ministry. Our Organist, Jane Moore-Price, can assist you (315-637-8570).

Hymns requested for Mass: _____

Homily Hints: Ideas about your loved one for the priest to incorporate in his homily. Please return to: Stephanie Hausladen, Parish Minister (315) 751-0713 (cell) or shausladen@syrdio.org.

Website: www.icfayetteville.org Click on Funerals on the homepage.

A fillable form is at the bottom of this website page. When you provide this information online, it will automatically be sent to Stephanie's email address.



**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
FOR**

(Name of Deceased)

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Fayetteville, New York
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