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Funeral Mass of the Resurrection
A Planning Booklet for the Family of the Deceased
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A Special Message for the family....

The priests and people of St. Patrick's Parish offer sincere condolences to you during this period of grief and loss. We invite you to place your loss in the light of faith, hope and love.

In the light of faith, we Christians believe that death is not the end. In Christ, God has revealed that there are no tombs greater than his power. We believe that just as Christ was raised into the fullness of God's presence, we also share in that promise. We believe that those who have died live on in the fullness of God's glory, although our understanding of this mystery of love is limited.



In the light of faith, we live in hope. Not only do our loved ones live on in God, but they continue to be present to us as well. While our relationship with them has changed, it has not ended. We can continue to nurture the relationship with our beloved deceased through the power of memory, story and prayer. They continue to live in us in new and powerful ways when we keep alive their memory and spirit. Our grief is not removed by our faith. Rather it is our faith that gives meaning and hope to our grief.

In the light of faith, let us recall the words of St. John's first letter; "God is love and whoever abides in love abides in God and God in them." We are connected to God most profoundly through our experience of love. That love is eternal and unconditional and surely love endures beyond death. In our families and among our friends, our loving presence to one another in this time of loss is the deepest way we give witness to that love.

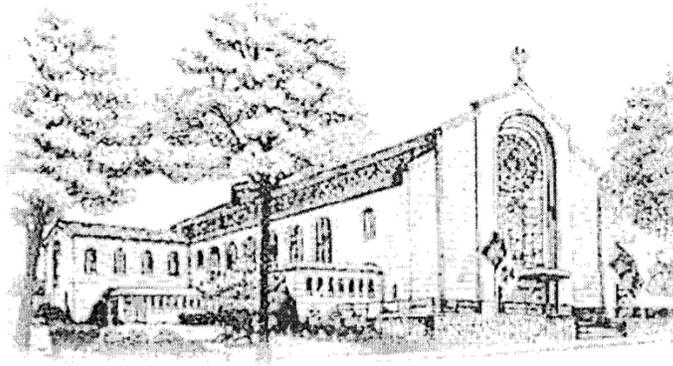
About this booklet...

We have prepared this booklet to help you plan the Mass of Resurrection of your loved one. The celebration of the Christian funeral brings hope and consolation to the living. The Mass of Resurrection witnesses to Christian hope in the resurrection. It reminds all who participate of God's mercy and fills our human need to turn to God in our grief. We suggest to you that the mystery of God's love and the mystery of Jesus' victorious death and resurrection were present in the life and death of your beloved deceased. These mysteries are active in the lives of each of us as well.

Some specific suggestions.....

In this booklet you will find a choice of scripture readings and music. Please consider them and choose a reading from **each section** and a hymn or vocal solo for **each section** of the Mass of Resurrection. Family members may wish to participate by reading scripture from among the three selections found before the Gospel reading. Our Parish Wake Ministry representative will meet with the family, whenever possible, to help you with this process. If they are unavailable your funeral director will assist you in making these selections.

We do not have the custom of Eulogies by family and friends at a Mass of Resurrection. Eulogies are given at the funeral home or graveside. For suggestions, please contact the priest who will celebrate the Mass of your beloved deceased.



The Priests and Staff of St. Patrick's Church are ready to help you.

Please feel free to call the rectory at (631) 385-3311.

The office is open Monday through Friday, 9am- 5pm

First Reading

(Choose one)

1. A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (25: 6-9)

On this mountain the lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord to whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" *The Word of the Lord*

2. A Reading from the book of Wisdom (3: 1-6, 9)

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going from us, an utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet their hope is full of immortality. Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of Himself. As gold tested in the furnace, he proved them, as sacrificial offering, he took them to Himself. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love; because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect. *The Word of the Lord*

3. A Reading from the book of Job (19: 23-27)

Job answered and said: Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: that with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut on rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another upon the dust; whom I myself shall see: my own eyes not another's, shall behold him, and from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing. *The Word of the Lord*

Responsorial Psalm

(Choose one)

1. Psalm 23

Response: ***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

- The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. **R**
- He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. **R**
- You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R**
- Only goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. **R**

2. Psalm 27

Response: ***The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

- The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge of whom should I be afraid? **R**
- One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek; to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, that I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate his temple. **R**
- Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. Your presence, O Lord I seek. Hide not your face from me. **R**
- I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted and wait for the Lord. **R**

3. Psalm 130

Response: ***I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.***

- Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. **R**
- If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. **R**
- I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word. My soul waits for the Lord more than sentinels wait for the dawn. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel hope in the Lord. **R**
- For with the Lord is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; and he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. **R**

Second Reading

(Choose one)

1. **A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (6: 3-9)**

Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ were baptized in to his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too, might live a new life. If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him. *The Word of the Lord*

2. **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (8: 31-39)**

If God is for us, who can be against us? Is it possible that He who did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for the sake of us all, will not grant us all things besides? Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? God, who justifies? Who shall condemn them? Christ Jesus, who died, or rather was raised up, who is at the right hand of God and who intercedes for us? Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword? Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of him who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death or life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present or the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord. *The Word of the Lord*

3. **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (14: 7-12)**

None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master. While we live, we are responsible to the Lord and when we die we die as his servants. Both in life and in death we are the Lord's. That is why Christ died and came to life again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. We shall all have to appear before the judgment seat of God. It is written, "As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me and every tongue shall give praise to God" Every one of us will have to give an account before God. *The Word of the Lord*

4. **A Reading from the first Letter of John (3: 1-2)**

See what love the Father has bestowed on us in letting us be called children of God, yet that is in fact what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized the Son. Dearly beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet come to light. We know that when it comes to light we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

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Gospel - to be chosen and read by the Priest

Music Selections

(Choose one piece from each group.

The words and music to the hymns are included in the Hymnal located in the pews of the church.

Pieces in bold are recommended traditional selections.)

Entrance Procession:

Amazing Grace (#707)

For All the Saints (#989**)

Grant Them Eternal Rest (#891)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (#878)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (#867)

Requiem aeternam (chant)

Translation: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

The King of Love my Shepherd Is (#854)

Presentation of the Gifts:

Abide with Me (#896)

Ave Maria* (Bach-Gounod)

Ave Maria* (Schubert)

Note: Ave Maria is the Latin text to the prayer "Hail Mary."

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (#855)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (#878)

Pie Jesu (from Faure's "Requiem")

Translation: "Pious Lord Jesus, grant him/her eternal rest."

The King of Love my Shepherd Is (#854)

Communion Procession:

Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart)

Translation: "Hail, the True Body of Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary."

Draw Near (#650)

I Received the Living God (#676)

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life (#667)

Panis Angelicus (Franck)

Translation: "The Bread of the Angels is made bread for mankind."

Recessional:

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (#746**)

Abide with Me (#896)

How Great Thou Art (#941)

In Paradisum (chant)

In Paradisum (from Faure's "Requiem")

Translation: "May angels lead you into Paradise."

Sing With All the Saints in Glory (#975)

*May not be sung during Communion

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Funeral Mass Selections

At this difficult time, please know that you are kept in the thoughts and prayers of the parishioners of St. Patrick's. As you prepare to celebrate the funeral Mass for your loved one please choose readings and hymns

from the "Funeral Mass of the Resurrection" booklet provided. Circle or write out your choice for each listed below.

The priests of the parish ask you to please indicate the relationship to the deceased of the readers and presenters of the Bread and Wine. This will enable them to personalize their participation in the Mass. If you wish the priest celebrating Mass to read, please indicate in the space provided.

We do not have the custom of eulogies. Eulogies are given at the funeral home or at the graveside. For suggestions, please contact the priest who will celebrate Mass.

Be sure the funeral director faxes this form to the Church as soon as possible.

Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Memorial: _____ time _____

Family Contact: (name and phone number) _____

SELECTIONS FOR THE ORDER OF THE MASS

Entrance Hymn: (title and hymn number if applicable) _____

First Reading: to be read by: _____

Relationship _____

(Circle one:) **Isaiah 25: 6, 7-9** / **Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9** / **Job: 19: 1, 23-27**

Responsorial Psalm: to be sung by the parish's cantor.

(Circle one:) **Psalm 23** / **Psalm 27** / **Psalm 130**

Second Reading: to be read by: _____

Relationship: _____

(Circle one:) **Romans 6: 3-9** / **Romans 8: 31-39** / **Romans 14: 7-12** / **First Letter of John 3: 1-2**

Gospel: chosen and read by the priest. The priest then offers words of reflection in his homily (sermon).

Presentation Hymn: (title and hymn number if applicable) _____

Presenters of the Bread and Wine (2-3) _____

Relationships _____

*Communion Hymn: (title and hymn number if applicable) _____

Recessional Hymn: (title and hymn number if applicable) _____

***Please note that "Ave Maria" is not appropriate at Communion,
per Diocesan liturgical instruction.**

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Family interview
Personal information on Deceased

To prepare for the Mass of Resurrection, the priest would like to know more about your loved one. Please complete the following questions and fax form with Mass selections St. Patrick's Church.

Name of deceased: _____

How do you want her/him referred to at Mass? _____

Parishioner? Yes/No _____

What ministries or church organizations does he/she belong to?

Family:

Spouse (if married) _____

Children: _____

Grandchildren: _____

Siblings:

Brothers: _____

Sisters: _____

Occupation: _____

Cause of death: _____

Any caregivers?: _____

Special hobbies or Talents: _____

What are some of the things that made him/her special to you?
