

Basic Funeral Honorarium \$600

The base cost for a funeral or memorial Mass at Ascension and St. Edmund Parish is \$600. This amount includes stipends for the organist and cantor. Please submit one check, made out to Ascension and St. Edmund parish. Do NOT write separate checks for the cantor and organist, as this complicates parish payroll procedures. Payment is due on or before the day of the funeral or memorial Mass. You may pay the fee in advance by check by dropping off a check or cash at the parish center. If you prefer to pay by credit or debit card, visit the [Ascension and St. Edmund GiveCentral portal](#) and type "funeral" in the search bar.

Please note that parish fees are often included in billing from the funeral home. Talk to your funeral director before paying the parish directly. If you are concerned about the funeral and memorial Mass fees, talk with the pastor or your bereavement minister.

Visitation in Church \$100

Visitation is scheduled for one hour prior to the liturgy (visitation of more than one hour is not permitted). The \$100 fee should be added to baseline payment (\$600) for the church.

Live Streaming \$200

Live streaming service is dependent on outside contractors' schedules and is available only at Ascension church. (St. Edmund church does not have live streaming equipment.) In most cases, we can accommodate a live stream request with a lead time of one week or more, but this is not guaranteed. If you wish to have the funeral or memorial Mass live streamed, mention this during your intake call or at your planning meeting. A separate check for \$200, made out to Brian Kinyon, should be submitted on the day of the liturgy.

Program/Worship Aid – honorarium varies

The staff member who designs the program/worship aid is typically given an honorarium. The amount is determined by the family, and any amount is appreciated for the time it takes to create the program. The program format is a four-page booklet with a picture on the front. If you are interested, ask about programs during your initial call to the parish or at your planning meeting.

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Family Funeral Resources

Honorariums (Fees)

Additional musicians \$150 - \$225 per musician

We can usually hire additional musicians (orchestral instruments and singers) with a lead time of one week or more. However, as with live streaming services, availability is not guaranteed. Please note that there is no set cost for musicians; individuals set their own fees. A separate check is required for each musician; names will be provided after confirmation of the individual musicians. If you wish to hire a bagpiper, you may want to contact Shannon Rovers at 773-792-3131. They often supply pipers for Ascension families.

Other Honorariums

Many families ask about stipends for the priest, deacon and other ministers. Payment of honorariums for adult ministers (like priests, deacons, musicians, funeral coordinators, etc.) are not expected, although it is, of course, appreciated. Youth altar servers are typically given \$20 each. Please ask your funeral director if server "tips" are included in the funeral home fees. If so, the funeral director will take care of the servers after Mass.