

CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

53 ST. PATRICK'S PLACE STATEN ISLAND, NY 10306

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Dear Friends,

We at St. Patrick's Parish sympathize greatly during your loss. Please know that we are praying for you during this time of sorrow. Place all of your trust and cares into the merciful hands of our gentle Lord. It is to Him that all our burdens can be given.

On the following pages are the readings used at the Funeral Mass. They are usually outlined by the following manner:

Scripture Readings Choose the First Reading (from the Old Testament) and, if you choose a Second Reading (from the New Testament) from the choices attached. As in all choices, if you prefer, the priest can make these choices for you. You may choose a family member or friend to read the scripture, or the priest/lector can read them for you.

Music Requests Choose one song from each category on Page 2, all songs can be heard on the website. As in all choices, the Music Minister can select the songs for you. For more information, please call David Dragos, Music Minister at 718-356-1123.

Presentation of the Gifts of bread and wine Two family members or friends may bring up the Gifts of Bread and Wine.

Eulogy (Optional) It is not necessary that there be a eulogy, but one short eulogy may be delivered during Mass – this is strictly optional and should be no longer than 3 minutes and prepared in writing. The wake, gravesite or luncheon would be appropriate places for the eulogy to be given.

The New Day Bereavement Group A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one is available at St. Patrick's Parish. For more information call 718-979-4227.

Please FAX to the Rectory 718-351-0824
the following **TWO** pages as soon as possible

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Name of Deceased: _____ Age: _____

Person to Contact: _____

Relation to Deceased: _____ Contact Cellphone: _____

Funeral Date: _____ Funeral Time: _____

Cemetery: _____

Family Information (names and relationships of family members)

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Parents (if living): _____

Siblings: _____

Others: _____

On the lines below please feel free to provide any other pertinent information that would be helpful to the priest about the life of the deceased, i.e., employment, nickname, favorite pastime, sports team, music, etc.

Please select a reading from Old Testament and if desired a second reading from the New Testament

Old Testament Reading: *(insert reading initials and #, for example OT3, etc):* _____

Read by: _____ Relation to Deceased _____

New Testament Reading: *(optional - insert reading initials and #, for example NT3, etc):* _____

Read by: _____ Relation to Deceased _____

Names of person(s) presenting the gifts of Bread and Wine: _____

Eulogy – Optional – To be given by one person from a prepared text not to exceed 3 minutes.

Eulogy? Yes ___ No ___ Read by: _____

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Music Selections

Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Funeral: _____ Time: _____

Please **check the box** for your choice for each category. If you prefer, the Music Ministry will arrange appropriate hymns and songs for you. All music must be pre-approved by the Music Director

GATHERING:

- Be Not Afraid - #673
- Amazing Grace - #680
- Here I am Lord - #818
- Give him/her eternal rest O Lord
- On Eagle's Wings - #671

PSALMS:

- The Lord is my Shepherd (Ps. 23)
- Shepherd me O God
- The Lord is kind and merciful (Ps. 103)
- The Lord is my Light and my Salvation (Ps. 27)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

- Ave Maria
- The Prayer of St. Francis (Make me a channel of your peace) - #702
- You are Mine -
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say - #692
- Come Follow me and live

COMMUNION:

- One Bread, One Body - #793
- Lord, You have come to the Seashore (Pescador de Hombres) - #729
- Gift of Finest Wheat - #791
- Morning Has Broken (This Day God Gives Me) - #851
- You Raise me Up
- Lady of Knock

RECESSIONAL:

- On Eagle's Wings - #671
- I am the Bread of Life (I will Raise You Up)
- Mine Eyes have seen the Glory (Battle Hymn) - #752
- How Great Thou Art - #614

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Choose ONE Reading from the Old Testament

OT-2 –He accepted them as a holocaust (Wisdom 3:1-6,9)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

*The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torments shall touch them.*

*They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and they're going forth from us, utter destruction.*

But they are in peace.

*For if before men, indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;*

*Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worthy of himself.*

*As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings 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.***

OT-3 – A blameless life is a ripe old age (Wisdom 4:7-15)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.

*For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.*

*Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.*

He who pleased God was loved;

*he who lived among sinners was transported—
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind
or deceit beguile his soul;*

*For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.*

*Having become perfect in a short while,
he reached the fullness of a long career;*

*for his soul was pleasing to the LORD,
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.*

But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

The Word of the Lord.

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OT-4 – The Lord God will destroy death forever (Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9)

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

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 for whom we looked;

let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

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(Optional) Choose ONE Reading from the New Testament

NT-4 – Let us walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4, 8-9)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in the newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.

NT-6 – Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ? (Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

*He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?*

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn?

*It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,
who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.*

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The Word of the Lord.

NT-7 – Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord. (Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12)

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

*For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

*For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.*

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written:

*“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”*

So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

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NT-12 – Jesus will transfigure these wretched bodies of our to be like his glorious body. (Philippians 3:20-21)

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

NT-15 – We shall see God as he really is. (John 3:1-2)

A reading from the first letter of John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

NT-17 – Happy are those who die in the Lord. (Revelation 14:13)

A reading from the first letter of Revelation

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

The Word of the Lord.

NT-19 – There will be no more death (Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7)

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

The Word of the Lord.