

Holy Innocents Funeral Planning

The Holy Innocents community extends condolences to you and your loved ones during this time of loss. We are also honored to share this part of your journey with you.

We offer you this form to facilitate your preparations for the Funeral Mass, insofar as you may have preferences regarding the readings, music, and roles. We ask that it be submitted no later than 24 hours before the funeral.

Please let us know if there's any further way we can be of assistance. The parish office is open 9am–3:30 PM Mon-Fri (9am–1:30pm in the summer) to stop by, receive phone calls (914.769.0025), and answer emails (office@hiparish.org).

Name of the Deceased: _____

1. First Reading:

- Wisdom 3:1-9
- Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9
- Lamentations 3:17-26
- 2 Maccabees 12:43-46
- Job 19:1, 23-27a
- We prefer the reading to be selected by the Priest.

2. Responsorial Psalm Settings:

- Psalm 23: "My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want"
- Ps. 27: "The Lord is my light and my salvation of whom should I be afraid"
- Ps. 42: "As the deer longs for running streams, so I long, so I long so I long for you"
- Ps. 91: "Be with me, Lord when I am in trouble, be with me, Lord, I pray"
- Ps. 130: "Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord"
- We invite the Music Minister to select an option.

3. Second Reading:

- Romans 6:3-9
- Romans 8:31-39
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
- Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 1 John 3:1-2
- We prefer the reading to be selected by the Priest.

4. Whom would you like to proclaim the two readings? List up to two names, or simply write "priest" if you prefer the clergy to do the reading.

5. Whom (one individual) would you like to lead the Prayer of the Faithful? The text will be prepared by the Priest and present at the Mass. Or, simply write "priest" if you prefer the clergy to lead the prayer.

6. Music Selections for the Entrance Hymn: [Choose one]

- Amazing Grace
- Be Not Afraid
- Here I am Lord
- I Know that My Redeemer Lives
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- We invite the Music Minister to select an option.
- Other: _____

7. Offertory Hymn: [Choose one]

- Ave Maria [Schubert]
- Because the Lord Is My Shepherd
- Come to Me
- Only In God
- Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
- We invite the Music Minister to select an option.
- Other: _____

8. Any requests for the Musical Setting of the Mass? We use the "Mass of Creation," unless you might have another suggestion.

9. Communion Hymn: [Choose one]

- Behold the Lamb
- Eye Has Not Seen
- Gift Of Finest Wheat
- One Bread, One Body
- Panis Angelicus
- We invite the Music Minister to select an option.
- Other: _____

10. Hymn at Final Commendation: [Choose one]

- Saints of God [Haas]
- Song of Farewell [Sands]
- Songs of the Angels [Dufford]
- We invite the Music Minister to select an option.
- Other: _____

11. Recessional Hymn: [Choose one]

- Holy God We Praise Thy Name
- How Great Thou Art
- I Know That My Redeemer Lives
- Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory (Battle Hymn of the Republic)
- On Eagles' Wings
- We invite the Music Minister to select an option.
- Other: _____

12. Thank you for filling out this form. Do you have any other questions, comments, or concerns?

Options for the First Reading

Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

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 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. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; They shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever.

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.

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!"

The Word of the Lord.

Lamentations 3:17-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the LORD. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall;

Remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: The favors of the LORD are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent;

They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the LORD, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the LORD to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

2 Maccabees 12:43-46

A reading from the Second Book of Maccabees

Judas, the ruler of Israel, took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was

a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

The Word of the Lord.

Job 19:1, 23-27a

A reading from the Book of Job

Job answered Bildad the Shuhite 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 in the 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's, shall behold him; And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.

Options for the Second Reading

Romans 6:3-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: 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 newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. 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.

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, 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.

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have

fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved: 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.