

Our Lady of Victories RC Church

Harrington Park, NJ 07640

Funeral Preparation Guide



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150 Harriot Ave., Harrington Park, NJ 07640
(201) 768-1706

Funeral Mass for _____
Date _____
Person to contact _____
Phone _____

As Roman Catholics, the Mass is the highest and most perfect prayer that we as humans can offer to God. Celebration of the Funeral Mass commemorates Jesus' Life, Death and Resurrection and our belief in the Resurrection and eternal life. As members of the Mystical Body of Christ and the Communion of Saints we believe that death is a transition, not an end. We believe that Jesus rose from the dead. We believe that by dying, He destroyed our death and that by rising, He restored our life. We are participants in the Resurrection, not spectators. This participation began with our Baptism and will continue through the transition of death. As members of the Catholic Faith, we believe in the Resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, which we recited in The Nicene Creed at Mass each and every Sunday.

Would someone from the family and friends wish to read one of the readings? Y N

1st Reading: Old Testament Selection _____ Reader _____

2nd Reading: New Testament Selection _____ Reader _____

Would the family like:

To bring up the gifts? (2 to 4 gifts) YES _____ NO _____

Most of the music for the funeral liturgy is taken from the music for the Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist that is sung on Sundays at the parish. The processional songs will be chosen for the appropriateness to Christian death and burial. You may wish to make suggestions for songs that would be appropriate. A list is on the last page of Our Lady of Victories Funeral Preparation Sheet.

**THE PRIEST WHO DOES THE WAKE SERVICE WILL ALSO HEAR CONFESSIONS,
IF ANYONE DESIRES**

**Please provide the above selections to Maria at
OLV Rectory 201-768-1706**

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS: (CHOOSE ONE)

A) A Reading from the book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hands 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.

B) 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.

C) 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, 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

D) A Reading from 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

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS: (CHOOSE ONE)

A) A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

Remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, was raised from the dead. This is the Gospel I preach, in preaching it, I suffer as a criminal, even to the point of being thrown into chains- but there is no chaining the Word of God! Therefore I bear with all of this for the sake of those whom God has chosen, in order that they may obtain the salvation to be found in Christ Jesus and with it, eternal glory. You can depend on this: If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him; if we hold out to the end, we shall also reign with Him. But if we deny Him, He will deny us. If we are unfaithful He will still remain faithful; for He cannot deny Himself. THE WORD OF THE LORD

B) A Reading from the First Letter of John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us in letting us be called children of God! Yet, that in fact is 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 later 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. THE WORD OF THE LORD.

C) A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I am going to tell you a mystery. Not all of us shall fall asleep, but all of us are to be changed- in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet. The trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. This corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility, this mortal body with immortality. When the corruptible frame take on incorruptibility and the mortal immortality, then will the saying of Scripture be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory, O Death, where is your victory? O Death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the law, but thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ. THE WORD OF THE LORD.

D) A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

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 nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor 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.

E) A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me "Write this down: happy now are the dead who die in the Lord." The Spirit added, "Yes, they shall find rest from their labors, for their good works accompany them." THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Our Lady of Victories Funeral Music Planner

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Parish Phone: 201-768-1706

Organist: Lesa Rossmann 201-887-6028

Cantor: Selena Piazza 201-294-5163

<i>Gathering Song:</i>	<i>Be Not Afraid</i>	<i>(BB#427)</i>
	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	<i>(BB#428)</i>
	<i>For All the Saints</i>	<i>(BB#723)</i>
	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	<i>(BB#378)</i>
	<i>This Day God Gives Me</i>	<i>(BB#640)</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm:</i>	<i>My Shepherd is the Lord</i>	<i>(BB#749)</i>
	<i>Shepherd Me, O God</i>	<i>(BB#464)</i>
	<i>The Lord is My Light</i>	<i>(BB#756)</i>
	<i>To You, O Lord</i>	<i>(BB#436)</i>
	<i>Out of the Depths</i>	<i>(BB#816)</i>
<i>Gospel Acclamation:</i>	<i>Celtic Alleluia</i>	
<i>Preparation Song:</i>	<i>Ave Maria</i>	<i>(Schubert or Bach)</i>
	<i>Hail Mary: Gentle Woman</i>	<i>(BB#711)</i>
	<i>Mary's Song</i>	<i>(BB#707)</i>
	<i>Lady of Knock</i>	<i>(Scallon)</i>
	<i>Prayer of St. Francis</i>	<i>(BB#527)</i>
	<i>Come To Me</i>	<i>(BB#456)</i>
	<i>Eye Has Not Seen</i>	<i>(BB#457)</i>
	<i>Blest Are They</i>	<i>(BB#635)</i>
<i>Eucharistic Acclamations:</i>	<i>Mass of Creation</i>	
<i>Communion Song:</i>	<i>Panis Angelicus</i>	<i>(Franck)</i>
	<i>I Am the Bread of Life</i>	<i>(BB#349)</i>
	<i>Eat This Bread</i>	<i>(BB#331)</i>
	<i>Only This I Want</i>	<i>(BB#510)</i>
	<i>The Supper of the Lord</i>	<i>(BB#355)</i>
	<i>Take and Eat</i>	<i>(BB#360)</i>
	<i>You Are Mine</i>	<i>(BB#454)</i>
	<i>You Are Near</i>	<i>(BB#430)</i>
<i>Final Commendation:</i>	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>	<i>(BB#684)</i>
	<i>Song of Farewell</i>	<i>(BB#686)</i>
	<i>Song of Farewell</i>	<i>(BB#832)</i>
	<i>Song of the Angels</i>	<i>(Duffard)</i>
<i>Sending Song:</i>	<i>Holy God, We Praise They Name</i>	<i>(BB#195)</i>
	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	<i>(BB#420)</i>
	<i>On Eagle's Wings</i>	<i>(BB#432)</i>
	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	<i>(BB#692)</i>
	<i>We Will Rise Again</i>	<i>(BB#440)</i>

Eulogies

By Decree of the Archbishop of Newark, any eulogies given by friends or family must be limited to either the Side Chapel, the Cemetery, or at the Repast. Since we do not have a Side Chapel, we must request that they be given either at the Graveside, Funeral Home, or the Repast. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Cremation

In May of 1963, The Vatican's Holy Office lifted the prohibition forbidding Catholics to choose cremation. This permission was incorporated into the revised Code of Canon Law of 1983.

The Catholic Church strongly prefers that the cremation take place after the full funeral mass with the body.

The Catholic Church also insists that the ashes **must be buried or entombed**.

The scattering of cremated remains on the sea, air or ground or keeping the cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend **is forbidden**.