



## Funeral Luncheon Guideline

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Many families plan a luncheon which immediately follows the Mass or follows the committal service at the cemetery (or other funeral service). Such a gathering permits fellowship, hospitality and support at a difficult time.

Your Funeral Director can provide information on local establishments that can accommodate funeral luncheons.

In addition, as a ministry to the families and friends of a parishioner who has died, you may ask the Community of Our Lady of Victory to provide a luncheon following funeral services. Because this is a volunteer ministry, we are not able to make accommodation for outside catering services. Also, due to insurance liability, we cannot allow any alcohol to be served.

The ability to provide a luncheon at the Parish is contingent on the availability of parish facilities and the existing parish calendar. Some dates or time periods we are not able to offer this ministry because volunteers are not available:

- The week of Thanksgiving
- The week before and after Christmas
- The days of Holy Week and the Monday following Easter
- The Friday through Monday for Labor Day and Memorial Day Holidays
- Fourth of July; the days available is based on where the holiday falls in the calendar that year
- Saturday Funeral Luncheons are not available.

To inquire about the possibility of scheduling a luncheon, please contact the Parish Office. If the facilities are available, a member of the parish staff will be happy to contact the Funeral Luncheon Team on your behalf.

The family pays for the main meat, rolls, milk, and butter. The Parish Hospitality Ministry will provide hot dishes, salads, and desserts.