



CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES FUNERAL MASS FAMILY INVOLVEMENT FORM

We invite family and friends of the deceased to get involved in the celebration of the Funeral Mass.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	INFORMATION
<p>WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE</p>	<p>If the family wishes to have one person speak about the deceased, they are invited to do so at the beginning of our liturgy.</p> <p>The reflection should not be longer than 5 minutes and we strongly encourage the speaker to have a prepared text.</p>	<p>PERSON SPEAKING:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED:</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>FUNERAL PALL or PROCESSION OF REMAINS</p>	<p>When the body is present, a funeral pall which is placed over the casket represents the loved one's baptismal garment. It reminds us of God's promise to be with us always and lead us to heaven when we were baptized.</p> <p>If an urn is present, there is no funeral pall but the remains are carried in procession.</p>	<p>PALL WILL BE PLACED ON THE CASKET BY:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>URN WILL BE CARRIED IN PROCESSION BY:</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>OLD TESTAMENT READING</p>	<p>One of the ways God speaks to us is through Sacred Scripture. The First Reading comes from the Old Testament which reminds us to always look for the coming of the Messiah.</p> <p><i>(The numbered readings are selected from a booklet online or a hard copy that we provide.)</i></p>	<p>PLEASE CHOOSE AN OLD TESTAMENT READING: # _____</p> <p>PERSON READING:</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>NEW TESTAMENT READING</p>	<p>The second reading describes the early Church as it began to proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection. Most often the reading comes from one of the letters of St. Paul.</p> <p><i>(If you do not have anyone to proclaim the readings, someone from the parish will volunteer to do that)</i></p>	<p>PLEASE CHOOSE A NEW TESTAMENT READING: # _____</p> <p>PERSON READING:</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>GOSPEL</p>	<p>The gospel tells us the story of Jesus and his mission to save us. The gospel reading invites us to gaze towards heaven.</p>	<p>PLEASE CHOOSE A GOSPEL READING:</p> <p># _____</p>
<p>PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL</p>	<p>This is an opportunity for us to place before the Lord our prayers and needs during this most difficult and challenging time.</p>	<p>PERSON READING THE PRAYERS:</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>OFFERTORY PROCESSION</p>	<p>There is an option to invite family or friends to present the gifts of BREAD and WINE that are used for the celebration of the Eucharist. This is a good place to involve people who don't want to speak during the celebration.</p> <div data-bbox="581 1621 782 1766" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>1 TO 4 PEOPLE CAN HELP BRING UP THE GIFTS:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>PREFERRED HYMNS TO BE SUNG</p>	<p>The Funeral Choir helps lead us in singing praising God and seeking comfort in this powerful form of prayer.</p> <p>Please let us know if there are any particular hymns from the CBW or Gather that you would like us to include.</p>	

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