

**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs**  
Forest Hills, New York

**Funeral Liturgy  
and  
Music Planner**



*“I Am the Resurrection  
and the Life”*

Dear Friends:

Our parish joins with you at this time of loss, as a consoling hope and a helping hand in the preparation of the funeral Mass.

The Rites of Christian Burial recall the fulfillment of the promise of the Easter mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The prayers communicate our belief that those who are baptized and believe in Jesus will pass with Him from death to life and that the purified soul is welcomed into the Communion of Saints for all eternity.

This booklet is offered as a means to help you in making the Mass of Christian Burial for your loved one an expression of our shared faith and hope in the promise of the Resurrection. As St. Paul wrote:

***“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.”***

*(1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)*

We encourage you to spend some time preparing the personal information on pages three and four. We also ask that you choose one reading from the Old Testament and one reading from the New Testament (provided to you by the funeral director) that best expresses the faith of your family in relation to the deceased. These selections, as well as other information about the participants in the parts of the Mass, are to be noted on page five. Finally, since music is such an important element of the service, we ask that you consider the selections of your choice, one from each of the underlined categories. These selections are the liturgically approved hymns for a funeral Mass.

Please feel free to explore the selected options or other concerns with the visiting clergy, Consolation Committee member, or the funeral director after the Wake service.

Be assured of our prayers for your family at this difficult time.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Very Reverend Francis J. Passenant, V.F. – Pastor*

*The Priests and Deacons of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish*

# I. Personal History

Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Was the Deceased Married?    Yes \_\_\_    No \_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Information

Living \_\_\_    Deceased \_\_\_    Divorced \_\_\_

Children

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Grandchildren

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Brothers and/or Sisters

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**II. Personal Information**

*Is there any specific information that you would like to share with us to make the Funeral Service and Liturgy more personal and meaningful? (For example: qualities of the deceased; names of primary caregivers; special interests, hobbies, and/or talents; favorite saints and/or special devotions; involvement in parish life.)*

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### III. The Mass of Christian Burial

*Please indicate your selections and preferences for  
Old and New Testament readings.*

#### Old Testament Reading:

Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

To be read by:    Priest         Family/Friend

Name of Reader:

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#### New Testament Reading:

Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

To be read by:    Priest         Family/Friend

Name of Reader:

\_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Reading: To be selected and proclaimed by the  
priest or deacon

Presentation of the Gifts: Will family members and/or  
friends bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar? You may  
select two people. Yes  No  If yes, who?

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Our Request: *A eulogy is best given during the wake or at the cemetery.  
While it is natural to want to pay tribute to a person who has died, we must  
remember that the Mass is a celebration to strengthen our faith and hope in  
the Resurrection. We request that any eulogy or personal reflections given at  
Mass are written in advance, limited to three to five minutes, and delivered  
by one person.*

# IV. Musical Selections

*Please choose one (1) from each category:*

## Entrance

- \_\_\_ “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”  
*(not available during Advent or Lent)*
- \_\_\_ “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”
- \_\_\_ “Alleluia, the Strife Is O’er”  
*(not available during Advent or Lent)*
- \_\_\_ “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
- \_\_\_ “Be Not Afraid”

## Communion

- \_\_\_ “Gift of Finest Wheat”
- \_\_\_ “Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist”
- \_\_\_ “I Am the Bread of Life”
- \_\_\_ “Panis Angelicus” (solo)
- \_\_\_ “One Bread, One Body”

## Presentation of the Gifts

- \_\_\_ “Ave Maria” (solo)
- \_\_\_ “Be Still, My Soul”
- \_\_\_ “You Are Mine”
- \_\_\_ “Come to Me”
- \_\_\_ “Like a Shepherd”

## Recessional

- \_\_\_ “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”
- \_\_\_ “O God Beyond All Praising”
- \_\_\_ “For All the Saints”  
*(not available during Advent or Lent)*
- \_\_\_ “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”  
*(not available during Advent or Lent)*
- \_\_\_ “How Great Thou Art”
- \_\_\_ “On Eagle’s Wings”

*These musical selections are in keeping with the liturgical rites for funerals.*

# Bereavement Ministry

We can offer ongoing spiritual support to family members in need through our **Bereavement Support Group**. The group meets regularly (every third Monday evening of the month) at 6:45 p.m. in Our Lady Queen of Martyrs rectory. For those grieving the loss of a loved one, the group provides a supportive setting and place for finding healing, comfort, and hope. At each support group meeting, a facilitator will guide those wishing to journey together through shared experiences, feelings, and memories.

For bereavement support, we ask you to please contact the rectory at 718-268-6251.



Sharing in the Holy Eucharist at the time of the death of a loved one is a sign of belief in the Resurrection and our share in eternal life. There can be no fuller participation at Mass than the reception of the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. As Jesus Himself said,

***“ . . . whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world.”***  
*(John 6:51)*

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