

NAME OF DECEASED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Our hymn selection is: (Check any four.)**

*Amazing Grace*

*Be Not Afraid*

*Christ Be Beside Me*

*Christ Be Our Light*

*How Great Thou Art*

*Morning Has Broken*

*Prayer of St. Francis*

*On Eagles' Wings*

*You Raise Me Up (Josh Groban)*

*We Will Rise Again*

*Only in God*

*Shepherd Me, O God (Haugen)*

*In Every Age (Whitaker)*

*You Are Mine*

*Hail Mary, Gentle Woman*

*Ave Maria*

*Panis Angelicus*

*The Supper of the Lord*

*Holy is God's Name*

*Our Lady of Knock*

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**We wish to participate in the liturgy by:**

ACTING AS PALLBEARERS: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

PLACING THE PALL: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

MINISTERING AS READER:

Old Testament: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

New Testament: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT THE OFFERTORY:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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EULOGY: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

The letter/number combination corresponds to the readings in the sourcebook **THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE (2012)**. Listed below are some favorite scripture passages taken from that book as well as the optional readings.

Please select only one from each grouping.

**OLD TESTAMENT READINGS (PP. 26-34)**

C-2 **Job 19:1, 23-26**

I know that my Vindicator lives.

C-3 **Wisdom 3:1 - 9**

The souls of the just are in the hands of God.

C-5 **Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9** The Lord God will destroy death forever.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ecclesiastes 3:1-11** - To everything there is a season.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Proverbs 31** - A valiant woman

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS: to be sung (PP. 35-44)**

D-1 The Lord is my Shepherd.

D-2 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

D-3 The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW TESTAMENT (PP. 45-55)**

E-5 **Romans 8:31-39**, What will separate us from the love of Christ?

E-8 **1 Corinthians 15:51-57**, Death is swallowed up in victory.

E-10 **2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10**, We have a building from God.

E-14 **1 John 3:1-2**, We shall see him as he is.

\_\_\_\_\_ **2 Timothy 4:6-8**, I have fought the fight

\_\_\_\_\_ **1 Corinthians 13:1-8**, Love never ends.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**GOSPEL READINGS (PP. 59-78)**

G-1 **Matthew 5:1-12**, ...your reward will be great in heaven.

G-2 **Matthew 11:25-30**, Come to me and I will give you rest.

G-12 **John 6:37-40**, Whoever believes in Jesus has eternal life.

G-13 **John 6:51-59**, Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

G-14 **John 11:17-27**, I am the resurrection and the life.

G-17 **John 14:1-6**, In my Father's house there are many dwellings.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Friends,

We, your parish family of **Sacred Heart**, extend our condolences to you on the death of your loved one. Please know that our prayers and concern are with you now and in the days to come.

We hope this pamphlet will be of assistance as you prepare to honor the memory of your deceased loved one. Once the **FUNERAL MASS PLANNING SHEET** is completed we ask that you give it to the minister of prayer at the vigil service.

Sincerely,

The Pastoral Staff

### PERSONALIZING THE FUNERAL HOME SETTING

This is your time to say farewell to your loved one. Therefore, the funeral home setting should be as comfortable as possible. May we offer the following suggestions:

Music is soothing. Perhaps a favorite music tape can be playing softly in the background.

Letters of goodbye can be written and placed in the casket; small children can substitute a drawing.

Some families set a “memory table” with photographs, tools of a trade, special awards or other memorabilia.

### THE VIGIL SERVICE

The vigil service takes place the day/evening before the funeral mass. This gathering of friends and family provides the perfect opportunity for sharing memories of the deceased. Together with prayer and story telling, the spirit of your loved one lives on in all who are present.

**EULOGY:** A family member or friend may speak in remembrance of the deceased at the mass before the final commendation.

### THE FUNERAL MASS

Family members and friends are invited to take part in the Mass of Christian Burial. They may participate by:

**CHOOSING THE MUSIC:** Please use the **PLANNING SHEET** listings of appropriate hymns as a reference for selections: Entrance, Responsorial Psalm, Offertory, Communion and Recessional.

**CHOOSING THE SCRIPTURE:** Please review the sourcebook *Through Death to Life*. For the first reading choose from the **Old Testament (p 26-34)**. For the second reading choose from the **New Testament (p 45-55)**. The **Responsorial Psalm (p 35-44)** will be sung between the Old and New Testament readings. Two optional OT and two optional NT readings are also included in this pamphlet. The **Gospel reading (p 59-78)** and *prayers of the mass* will normally be chosen by the priest. However, if you have a favorite gospel passage, please cite it.

**MINISTERING AS READER:** You may invite a friend or family member to proclaim the scripture passages or we will provide a lector to do so. The priest celebrant proclaims the gospel.

**PLACING THE WHITE PALL OVER THE CASKET:** As the procession enters the church, the casket is blessed with holy water and draped with a large white cloth called the pall. The pall reminds us of our baptismal garment, the “outward sign” of our Christian dignity. Two or more family members or friends may drape the pall over the casket as one final gesture of love and devotion.

**PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT THE OFFERTORY:** Family members or friends may bring the bread and wine in procession to the altar.

*If you wish to discuss anything relating to the funeral, you may call Sister Kathleen Masterson, our Pastoral Associate, at 718-224-5695.*

**Sacred Heart Church  
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

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**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MINISTERS**

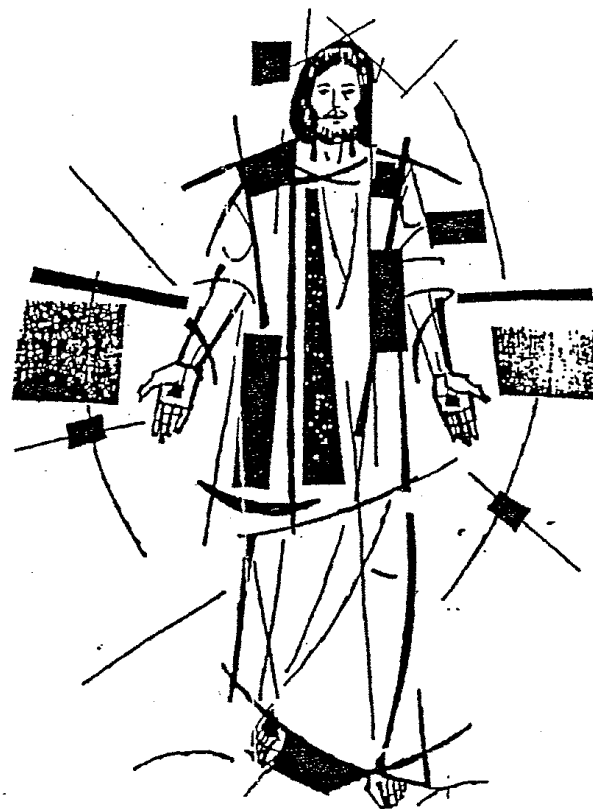
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The **Sacred Heart Bereavement Ministry** attempts to promote healing through information and education while offering support and encouragement to the newly bereaved in the weeks and months after the funeral.

A **General Bereavement Support Group** is held on the first Tuesday of every month (except August) from 7:30 to 9:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church Hall (215<sup>th</sup> Place entrance).

Please call **Sister Kathleen Masterson** at **718-224-5695** for further information.

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**Sacred Heart Church**

Bayside, New York

Please PRINT CLEARLY the names of **immediate family members** *who are living* and their relationship to the deceased.

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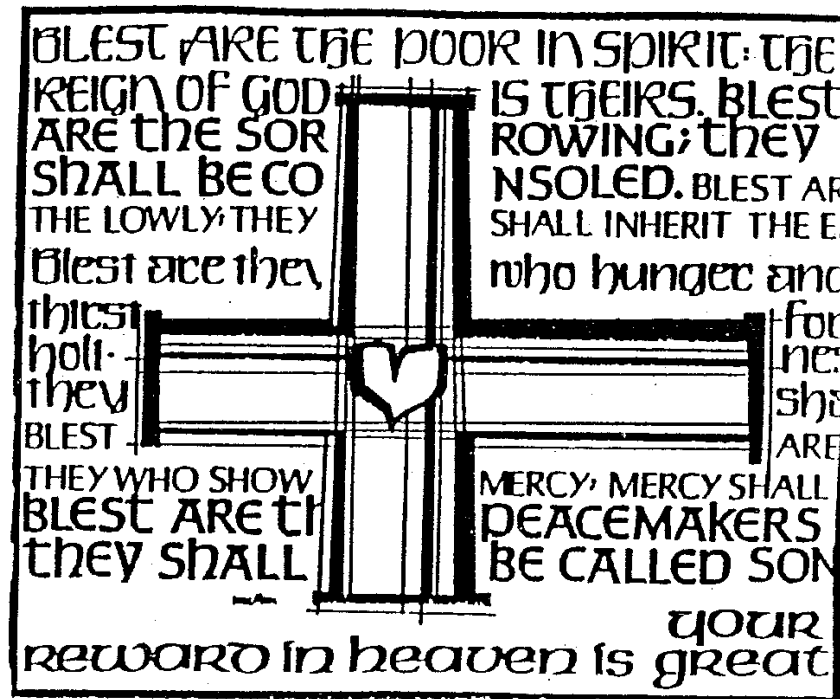
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## FUNERAL MASS PLANNING SHEET

*(To be given to the presider at the wake service)*



## Optional New Testament Reading

### LOVE NEVER ENDS

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Corinthians:

Strive for the greater gifts.  
And I will show you a still more excellent way.  
If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,  
but do not love,  
I am a noisy gong or clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers,  
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,  
And if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,  
but do not have love, I am nothing.

*Love is patient;  
Love is kind;  
Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.*

*It does not insist on its own way;  
It is not irritable or resentful;  
It does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.  
It bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.*

*Love never ends.*

*The Word of the Lord*

## Optional Old Testament Reading

### TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes:

There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;  
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

God has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put  
the timeless into our hearts, without our ever discovering, from  
beginning to end, all that God has done.

The Word of the Lord

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11)

## Optional Old Testament Reading

### A VALIANT WOMAN

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

When one finds a valiant woman,  
her value is far beyond price.  
She brings good, and not discord,  
all the days of her life.  
She obtains wool and flax  
and weaves cloth skillfully.  
She offers her life to the work of God,  
and her hands for justice.  
She reaches out to those in crisis,  
and extends herself to the needy.  
Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the times to come.  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
Her family rises up and praises her;  
her friends, too, extol her:  
*“Many have done admirable things, but you surpass them all!”*  
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;  
the woman who reverences and reflects God  
is to be praised.  
Give her a reward for her labors,  
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

(Book of Proverbs)

## Optional New Testament Reading

### I HAVE FOUGHT THE FIGHT

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy:

I am already being poured out like an offering  
and the time of my departure is at hand.  
I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith.  
From now on a merited crown awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge that he is, will award to me;  
and not only to me but to all  
who have looked for his appearing with eager longing.

The Word of the Lord

(2Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18)