

Funeral Mass at St. Lawrence Catholic Community

Name of Deceased _____

Date of Funeral _____ Time _____

Estimated number of family and friends attending Funeral Mass _____

Vigil at Church: Yes _____ No _____ Time _____

Placing of Pall by family members or friends. Names (2-6)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

Placing of Christian Symbol (optional). Book of Gospels and/or Cross (Please circle)

Placed by _____

Music (Select 5) - No. _____, No. _____, No. _____, No. _____, No. _____

Old Testament Reading - (Nos. 1-3) No. _____, read by _____

New Testament Reading - (Nos. 4-11) No. _____, read by _____

Gospel - (Nos. 12-16) No. _____, read by Priest.

Prayer of the Faithful - No. _____, read by _____

Presentation of the Gifts by (2-4 persons) _____

Name of Eucharistic minister: (1 optional) _____

Funeral Luncheon at St. Lawrence? **Yes:** ____ # of people expected: ____ **No:** ____

Luncheon directly after service or after the cemetery? _____

If you are going to the cemetery after Mass, please indicate the expected time of arrival for your luncheon.

Any changes to these arrangements must be made 24 hours prior to the funeral service by calling the parish office at 586-731-5347.

HYMNS FOR FUNERALS

Entrance/Recessional Hymns (choose 2)

1. Amazing Grace
2. Be Not Afraid
3. Blest Are They
4. City of God
5. For All the Saints
6. For You Are My God
7. Hosea
8. Here I Am Lord
9. Just A Closer Walk With Thee
10. On Eagles' Wings
11. Seek Ye First
12. Sing to the Mountains
13. Soon and Very Soon
14. We Are The Light Of The World

Responsorial Psalms (choose 1)

15. Ps 16 - For You Are My God
16. Ps 16 - Path of Life
17. Ps 23 - Good Shepherd Psalm
18. Ps 24 - I Have Loved You
19. Ps 25 - To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul
20. Ps 34 - The Cry of the Poor
21. Ps 34 - Taste and See
22. Ps 62 - Only In God
23. Ps 91 - Be With Me, Lord
24. Ps 91 - On Eagles' Wings

Offertory Hymns (choose 1)

25. Ave Maria
26. Come To Me All Who Are Weary
27. The Cry Of The Poor
28. Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled
29. Earthen Vessels
30. Hail Mary, Gentle Mother
31. I Have Loved You
32. Just A Closer Walk With Thee
33. Prayer Of St. Francis
34. Remember Your Love
35. Seek Ye First
36. Shelter Me, O God
37. Shepherd Me, O God
38. Turn to Me
39. We Praise You

Communion Hymns (choose 1)

40. Be Not Afraid
41. Blest Are They
42. Come To Me All Who Are Weary
43. How Great Thou Art
44. I Am The Bread Of Life
45. On Eagles' Wings
46. One Bread, One Body
47. Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels)
48. Prayer of St. Francis
49. Serdeczna Matko (Polish Hymn)
50. Shelter Me, O God
51. Shepherd Me, O God
52. Taste and See
53. Turn to Me
54. We Have Been Told
55. We Shall Rise Again
56. We Will Raise Again
57. You Are Mine

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

1. Job 19:1, 23-26

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; Whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him, And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

2. Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the just are in the hand 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.

3. Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

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!"

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

4. Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

5. Romans 14:7-12

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why then do you judge your brother or sister? Or you, why do you look down on your brother or sister? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written:

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

6. 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

7. 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

8. Philippians 3:20-21

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

9. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

10. 1 John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall have not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

11. Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

GOSPEL READINGS

12. Matthew 5:1-12a

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil
against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in
heaven.”

13. Matthew 11:25-30

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

14. John 6:37-40

Jesus said to the crowd:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

15. John 11:17-27

When Jesus arrived in Bethany he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

16. John 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - OPTION 1

The priest begins:

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join in our prayers to his:

Assisting minister:

In baptism N. received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.

Lord, in your mercy:
R. Hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

Our brother/sister N. was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

Lord, in your mercy:
R. Hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

Lord, in your mercy:
R. Hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.

Lord, in your mercy:
R. Hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.

Lord, in your mercy:
R. Hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

The family and friends of N. seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Lord, in your mercy:
R. Hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister N. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

The priest then concludes:

Lord God,
giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - OPTION 2

The priest begins:

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Assisting minister:

For N. who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

For the family and friends of our brother/sister N., that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

The priest then concludes:

God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

FOR THE FUNERAL

OF _____

- Age _____
- Known by most people as (nickname) _____
- Place of birth? Is there anything memorable about birth? Place? Coming to this country? Etc.?
- Cause of death
- Prolonged or brief illness
- Name of Spouse _____ Living ___ Deceased ___
- How many children? Grandchildren? Great-grandchildren?
- Occupation? Retired? When?

- Person of deep faith? How shown? Did individual attend church regularly?
- Was individual involved in any church ministry or organization?
- What kind of spouse, parent, neighbor was individual?
- How will individual be remembered by family? Friends? Neighbors? Co-workers?
- Hobbies? Crafts? Interests?
- Any special stories? Memories? Jokes? Often told and retold about individual?
- If he/she could have any one thing said about him/her, what do you think it would be?