



Funeral Liturgy Frequently Asked Questions

This list of frequently asked questions is to provide families planning a funeral liturgy at St Peter St Joan of Arc (SPSJOA) with quick answers to some of our most asked questions. The detailed answers to these questions can be found in our *Funeral Guidelines*. These can be accessed through the parish office by calling 614-761-0905.

1. Who do I contact to schedule a funeral liturgy?

We ask that the family first contact their desired funeral home. The funeral director responsible for the planning of the funeral will contact Patricia Barajas or another staff member to schedule a date and time for a funeral liturgy.

2. When can funerals be scheduled?

We typically schedule funeral Masses at 11:00 am on weekdays (Monday through Friday). The time and date of a funeral Mass will be determined by the funeral home and the availability of presiding clergy.

3. My family is friends with a priest, can he say the Mass?

Permission must be given by the Pastor prior to asking any clergy to preside or assist at a funeral Mass.

4. Can I have a funeral liturgy at the funeral home?

Yes, only a funeral service can be held at the funeral home. This is different than a funeral Mass, however.

5. Can I have a funeral liturgy at the cemetery?

Yes. Funerals can be held at the cemetery chapel.

6. Are St Peter St Joan of Arc clergy available for a vigil service at the funeral home?

Generally, yes. Please contact the presiding clergy to check their availability. If the presiding clergy are not available for a vigil service, it can be assigned to one of the parish deacons.

7. Does St. Peter St. Joan of Arc provide a worship aid?

For funeral Masses, yes. This worship aid will have the readings and music for the liturgy. These are for funerals held at the church.

8. What about Eulogies?

St. Peter St. Joan of Arc does not permit eulogies within the context of a funeral Mass. These can, however, take place at the vigil service at the funeral home, the graveside service, bereavement luncheon or other family gatherings.

9. How do I pick the readings and music?

Options for readings and music can be found in our *Funeral Guidelines*. Readings and hymns must be taken from those provided.

10. Who proclaims the readings at Mass?

Typically, family or friends of the deceased proclaim the first and second readings. The Gospel is always proclaimed by a Deacon or Priest. Those chosen to proclaim the readings within the context of Mass must be baptized.

11. Who presents the bread and wine at Mass?

Typically, family or friends of the deceased bring up the gifts. These individuals do not need to be baptized.

12. What are the funeral fees?

Fees for St Peter St Joan of Arc funerals are paid through the funeral home. If you choose not to have a funeral home involved in the funeral liturgy, a check should be made out to St. Peter or St. Joan of Arc for \$700. If a funeral liturgy is to be held at the cemetery or funeral home, the fee is \$100 and the check should be made out to the clergy. There are no worship aids for services at the cemetery or funeral home.

13. Does St Peter St Joan of Arc provide a bereavement meal?

Yes. St Peter St Joan of Arc can provide a bereavement meal to the family following a funeral liturgy at no cost to the family. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in a bereavement meal. The bereavement meal team needs a week's notice to plan accordingly. Availability of the social hall and bereavement team may vary. Please consider donating separately for the bereavement meal.