

**Information Sheet**  
**Planning a Mass of Christian Burial or Memorial Mass**

The following information is offered to assist you in planning for the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Ann's Community for your loved one.

1. **White Funeral Pall** (omitted when there are cremated remains or if it will be a memorial mass - no body) The significance of this part of Liturgy is to recall the person's baptism. The small white Robe that was placed on the infant at his/her Baptism by the parents is now placed on the person's casket by the children, grandchildren or relatives recalling how the person nourished, cared for, and gave us life. The White Baptismal Pall (blanket) is put on the casket at the entrance of the Chapel.
  
2. **Words of Remembrance**  
If someone from the family would like to offer a few words of remembrance, then we would ask that these guidelines be followed: a) the purpose is to help the congregation remember the person; b) it is about the deceased not about the person speaking; c) it needs to be limited to 3 or 4 minutes maximum; d) it is at the beginning of the liturgy in order for the Celebrant to hear more about the person who has died; and e) a family can decide that this type of sharing is more appropriate at the wake or the gathering after the funeral.
  
3. **Scripture Reading**  
The family may choose one reading from each of the following categories. These can be found in the folder or on the St. Ann's website: <https://stannscommunity.com/pastoral-care/funerals/>
  - a) First Reading is from the Old Testament.
  - b) Responsorial Psalm - typically sung. Please refer to musical selections for options.
  - c) Second Reading from the New Testament.
  - d) A Gospel Reading.
  
4. **Music**  
The family may select the various hymns that are to be incorporated in the Eucharistic Liturgy. A list will be provided. The following is a list of hymns found in a liturgy:
  - a) A Gathering Hymn
  - b) A Psalm
  - c) Offertory Hymn
  - d) Communion Hymn
  - e) Recessional Hymn
  
5. **Prayers of the Faithful**  
One or more family members can read the Prayers of the Faithful. (Staff will provide).
  
6. **Offertory Gifts**  
The family can bring up the Offertory Gifts. Typically, three or four Offertory Gifts will be placed at the entrance of the Chapel.