



# St. Barnabas Funeral Preparation Form

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For each funeral mass, a program is created and printed. Please make sure all the following information is accurate for this purpose. In order to adequately prepare this program, please return this preparation form (both pages) to the parish office by 12 noon the day before the funeral.

Funeral Mass for \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like it to appear on the program)

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

Next of Kin \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

- A **white cloth**, called a pall, is unfolded and laid over the casket at the beginning of Mass. Please tell the funeral director if your family would like to do this. Please list the family members placing the pall.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

- **Songs:** Along with this form is a selection of religious music. Please choose four, and list them here. If there is another song that you would like; please list it, and we will try our best. The musician(s) will determine a proper order, but if you want a specific song at a specific time (entrance, communion, recessional, etc), please list your preference.

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- We will supply a keyboard player for the funeral. If you wish, we have instrumentalists available (violin, flute). An additional fee will be required for an instrumentalist. Would you like an instrumentalist at the Mass?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please list your preference. \_\_\_\_\_

- **Readings:** The funeral director will give you a book which includes the scripture readings often selected for funerals. Please invite a friend or family member who is able to do the readings, and give them a copy to practice ahead of time.

**Old Testament:** Select a reading from pages 37 – 46.

Page No. \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Read by:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

The **Responsorial Psalm** is played by the organist in between the readings. If you prefer, please tell us specifically which psalm you would like, and we will try our best. The psalms are listed on the accompanying music form.

**Psalm** \_\_\_\_\_

**New Testament:** Select a reading from pages 57 – 67.

Page No. \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Read by:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Gospel:** Select a gospel from pages 70 – 80 or have the priest choose for you.

Page No. \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

- **Memories:** In order to help the priest make the homily more personal, it would help if you would either record your thoughts or call the priest to talk about your loved one. For example, you may want to include family members, work done, hobbies, involvements, personality, faith involvement, etc.

- **Gifts:** Please choose 2 or 3 people to bring up the bread, wine and water. List their names here.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

- **Eucharistic Ministers:** If there are certified Eucharistic Ministers from among your family and friends who are coming and would like help distribute Communion, please list their first and last names below. If needed, Eucharistic Ministers from St. Barnabas will serve.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like their names printed in the program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- A **eulogy** is not a part of the Catholic funeral rite. It is suggested that eulogies be given at the funeral home during the wake or at the committal at the cemetery. A few words of remembrance may be spoken on behalf of the family at the Mass. This would usually be done by one person and be no longer than 2 to 4 minutes in length. If someone will speak on behalf of the family, please list the name of the person.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you want a picture of your loved one in the program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, will you be e-mailing us a picture or bringing in a picture for us to scan?

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- Do you want the birth and death dates listed in the program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- List the names of your pall bearers here if you would like them included in the program?

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

- About how many programs do you anticipate we will need for those in attendance? \_\_\_\_\_

- Would you like any additional personal notes of thanks included on the back of the program. If so, please attach.

A copy of this form is available on our website [stbarnabasfamily.org](http://stbarnabasfamily.org). If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 330-467-7959.

For information on our Bereavement Ministry, please call the parish office at the above number.

Know that you are in our prayers,  
St. Barnabas Parish Family