

# **Saint Luke Church**

## **Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ**

### **Funeral Mass Planner**



Parish Office Phone Number 201-444-0272

## **FUNERAL LITURGY PLANNING SHEET.**

**Please complete the planning sheet below as best you can and bring it for planning with a staff member.**

**Contact person:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**First Reading Reader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Reading Reader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer of the Faithful Reader:**

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**Gift Bearers: (two)**

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# OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

*Is 25:6a,7-9*  
*HE will destroy death for ever.*

## **A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah**

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!"

**The Word of the Lord**

# **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 kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down,  
and a time to build.**

**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.**

**A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war,  
and a time of peace.**

**The Word of the Lord**

## **A Reading from the Book of Wisdom**

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.  
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of  
time,  
nor can it be measured in terms of years.  
Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,  
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved;  
He who lived among sinners was transported—  
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind  
or deceit beguile his soul;  
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right  
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.

Having become perfect in a short while,  
he reached the fullness of a long career;  
for his soul was pleasing to the Lord,  
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.  
But the people saw and did not understand,  
nor did they take that consideration into account.

## **The Word of the Lord**

## **A Reading from the Book of Proverbs**

Who can find a woman of worth?  
far beyond jewels is her value.  
Her husband trusts her judgment;  
he does not lack income.  
She brings him profit, not loss,  
all the days of her life.  
She seeks out wool and flax  
and weaves with skillful hands.  
Like a merchant fleet,  
she secures her provisions from afar.  
She rises while it is still night,  
and distributes food to her household,  
a portion to her maidservants.  
She picks out a field and acquires it;  
from her earnings she plants a vineyard.  
She girds herself with strength;  
she exerts her arms with vigor.  
She enjoys the profit from her dealings;  
her lamp is never extinguished at night.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her fingers ply the spindle.  
She reaches out her hands to the poor,  
and extends her arms to the needy.  
She is not concerned for her household when it snows—  
all her charges are doubly clothed.  
She makes her own coverlets;  
fine linen and purple are her clothing.  
Her husband is prominent at the city gates  
as he sits with the elders of the land.  
She makes garments and sells them,  
and stocks the merchants with belts.  
She is clothed with strength and dignity,  
and laughs at the days to come.  
She opens her mouth in wisdom;  
kindly instruction is on her tongue.  
She watches over\* the affairs of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her blessed;  
her husband, too, praises her:  
“Many are the women of proven worth,  
but you have excelled them all.”

**The Word of the Lord**

## **A Reading from the Book of Lamentations**

My soul is deprived of peace,  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
I tell myself my future is lost,  
all that I hoped for from the Lord.  
The thought of my homeless poverty  
is wormwood and gall;  
Remembering it over and over  
Leaves my soul is downcast within me.  
But I will call this to mind,  
As my reason to have hope:  
The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,  
his mercies are not spent;  
They are renewed each morning,  
so great is his faithfulness.  
My portion is the Lord, says my soul;  
therefore will I hope in him.  
Good is the Lord to one who waits for him,  
to the soul that seeks him;  
It is good to hope in silence  
for the saving help of the Lord.

## **The Word of the Lord**

## **A Reading from the Book of Wisdom**

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.

## **The Word of the Lord**

# NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

*Rom 8:31b-35,37-39*  
*What will separate us from the love of Christ.*

## **A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:

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.

**The Word of the Lord**

## **A Reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters:

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.

**The Word of the Lord**

*Rom 6:3-9*

*We too might live in newness of life.*

## **A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

**The Word of the Lord**

1 Thes 4:13-18

*Thus we shall always be with the lord.*

## **A Reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians**

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.

**The Word of the Lord**

Rom 8:14-23

*We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.*

## **A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, "Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

**The Word of the Lord**

## **THE SECOND READING**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8**

### **READER:**

**A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to Timothy**

**As for me, my life is already poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith. All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearing.**

**The Word of the Lord**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*Reader:* Our response is: "Lord, hear our prayer

For \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

For all our deceased relatives and friends, especially

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may their welcome of \_\_\_\_\_ into eternal life, bring us comfort give us peace. We pray to the Lord.

For the family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ that they may always know how much he/she treasured and loved them all. We pray to the Lord.

For all who have helped \_\_\_\_\_'s family in their time of need, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may have peace in knowing that \_\_\_\_\_ is with God, and give thanks for the gift of his/her life, his love and faith. We pray to the Lord.

For all of us gathered here today, that we may be consoled in our grief knowing that we will be with \_\_\_\_\_ again one day. We pray to the Lord.



**ST. LUKE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**FUNERAL MUSIC PLANNER**  
*(CHOOSE ONE FROM EACH CATEGORY)*

**GATHERING SONG**

Amazing Grace  
Be Not Afraid  
Here I Am, Lord  
How Great Thou Art  
I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
Lift High the Cross

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Shepherd Me, O God  
The Lord Is My Shepherd

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Celtic Alleluia

**PRESENTATION AND  
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

Amazing Grace  
Be Not Afraid  
Fly Like A Bird  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman  
Here I Am, Lord  
In Every Age  
Prayer of St. Francis  
You Are Near

**EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**

Mass of Creation

**COMMUNION**

Bread for the World  
I Am the Bread of Life  
One Bread, One Body  
Shelter Me, O God  
We Remember

**MEDITATION (optional)**

Ave Maria (Schubert)  
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman  
Lady of Knock  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
Softly & Tenderly

**SONG OF FAREWELL**

Be Thou My Vision  
Celtic Song of Farewell  
(tune: Oh Danny Boy)  
Go In Peace  
In Paradisum  
O Loving God  
Song of Farewell  
Songs of the Angels

**SENDING FORTH**

Amazing Grace  
Be Not Afraid  
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name  
How Great Thou Art  
I Am the Bread of Life  
Lift High the Cross  
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
On Eagle's Wings



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**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

Owen Alstott



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