FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

The Funeral Home. The family meets with the Funeral Director to make all necessary arrangements for the Funeral liturgies. At this time the Director will telephone the church with the proposed dates and times. When available, St. Pius V normally holds all Funeral and Memorial Masses Monday through Friday at 10:00 AM.

1. THE FUNERAL VIGIL

The vigil for the deceased (or, as it is often called, the wake service) is normally the first of the funeral rites. At it, the Christian community gathers in prayer to console and support the grieving family and to intercede with God for the deceased. A layperson usually presides. The family should clearly be a part of the assembly and not be separated from it by being in a different room.

The vigil usually takes place in the funeral home on the afternoon or evening before the funeral. It consists of the Liturgy of the Word. Since many people may be unable to attend the funeral liturgy, it is important that the vigil be a coherent liturgical celebration. The family may request the rosary. However, the service should still include a Liturgy of the Word. It is at this service that Eulogies should take place giving both family and friends the opportunity to recall past memories in a comfortable and casual atmosphere.

2. THE FUNERAL MASS

The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral. The funeral Mass includes the reception of the body, if this has not already occurred, the celebration of the liturgy of the word, the liturgy of the Eucharist, and the final commendation and farewell.

Words of Remembrance/Eulogy may be shared by one person and should be no more than 5 minutes in length. A written draft of the eulogy must be approved by the priest 24 hours before the liturgy. This takes place before the Mass. Some topic areas may include:

- Relationship with God and Church
- When and where the deceased was born
- Brothers and Sisters
- Early childhood – localities and interests
- Comments on marriage, children, significant relationships

Place: The funeral Mass is ordinarily celebrated in the parish church (canon 1177, 1). The church is the place where the Christian life is begotten in baptism, nourished in the Eucharist, and where the community gathers to commend one of its deceased members to the Father. The funeral home is not a suitable place for the funeral Mass, because it is not a place of worship. The funeral Mass is not permitted at cemetery chapels.
**Music:** Parishes are pastorally responsible to provide liturgical music at all funeral Masses (Liturgical Music Today, 31). A few elements, sung well, should be given priority. Preference should be given to congregational singing of the acclamations, the responsorial psalm, the song of farewell at the final commendation, and appropriate entrance and communion songs. To plan the music please contact Mr. Art Maramba, Music Director at (626)991-0391 or email: artm@stpiusvbp.org.

**Christian Symbols:** Through the use of various baptismal symbols (e.g. a cross or bible) the community shows the reverence due to the body, the temple of the Spirit. Only Christian symbols may rest on or be placed near the coffin during the funeral Mass.

**The Place of Burial.** The Christian ideal, flowing from the Gospel, calls for a simple and reverential burial rite and a simple and reverential burial place. Because the bodies of the deceased were temples of the Holy Spirit, they must be treated with reverence and respect. Cemeteries should be visible signs of that reverence and not be ostentatious.

**Cremation.** It is the policy of the Diocese of Orange to permit the funeral liturgy to be celebrated in the presence of the cremated remains. The cremains are treated in the same manner as the body, however, the placing of the pall over the cremated remains is omitted, but sprinkling with holy water and honoring the cremated remains with incense is prescribed. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.

At the funeral Mass, the urn containing the cremains is placed in front of the Paschal Candle, the symbol of Christ, the Light of the world. Near the cremains may be placed an 8 x 10 photo of the deceased as well as a small spray of flowers that does not block the view of the sanctuary, ambo and altar.

**Funeral Fees.**

- Church $200.00
- Music $275.00
- Altar Servers (if provided) $20/each $40.00

*None of the above fees go to the Priest who has helped you. Should you feel that you would like to make a gift/donation to the Priest, it should be separate from the above.*

**Mass Readings.** We invite you to pick out the readings to be used at your loved one’s Funeral Mass from the selections provided. At the end of this booklet is a page where you can note your selections as well as the names of those individuals chosen to read them. We encourage you to pick persons other than the immediate family or persons who were very close to the deceased so that
they proclaim the readings without the effects of deep emotion. It is very important that the message of the readings is heard by all and allowed to bring healing and consolation. If you do not have anyone who can read at the Mass, we will provide someone for you.

Also, you can choose two people to bring up the gifts of bread and wine at the Preparation of Gifts. Please note their names on the form as well.

**ORDER OF MASS:**

- Opening Rites
  - Greeting and Placing of the Pall (in the Gathering Area)
  - Procession into church
  - Opening Prayer (then all sit)
- Liturgy of the Word
  - First Reading
  - Responsorial Psalm (to be sung by the Cantor)
  - Second Reading
  - Gospel (stand)
  - Homily (sit)
  - Prayer of the Faithful (stand)
- Presentation of Gifts (sit)
- Eucharistic Prayers
  - Holy Communion
  - Prayer after Communion
- Final Commendation
  - Song of Farewell
    - Incensing
    - Procession out of church
FIRST READING:

Please choose only one

(Number 1 Option) - Wis. 3: 1-6

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. 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 the elect.

The Word of the Lord.

(Number 2 Option) - Wis. 4: 7-15

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 this into account. 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 the elect.

The Word of the Lord.

(Number 3 Option) - Isaiah 25:6-9

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. 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.
SECOND READING:
Please choose only one

(Number 1 Option) - Thes. 4: 13-18
A Reading from the first letter of St. 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.

(Number 2 Option) - II Corinthians 5:1, 6-10
A Reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians
Brothers and sisters: 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. 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 may receive recompense according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.
The Word of the Lord.

(Number 3 Option) - Romans 5: 5-11
A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans
Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.
The Word of the Lord.
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Please choose only one:

(Number 1 Option)

**Priest:** God the Almighty Father raised Christ, His Son from the dead; with confidence we ask Him to save His people, living and dead.

Reader: Our response will be: Lord, hear our prayer.

For ___N.___ who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she now be admitted to the company of saints, we pray to the Lord... All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brother/sister who ate the Body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised on the last day, we pray to the Lord... All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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...

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... All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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... All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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... All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Priest:** 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. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Number 2 Option)

Priest: 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 our prayers to His:

Reader: Our response to each prayer beginning “Lord, in Your mercy” is “hear our prayer.”

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…. All: Hear our prayer.

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…. All: Hear our prayer.

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant then an everlasting home with Your Son.  Lord in your mercy..... All: Hear our prayer.

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.... All: Hear our prayer.

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all those whose faith is known to You alone.  Lord, in Your mercy.... All: Hear our prayer.

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.... All: Hear our prayer.

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of Your Son’s coming. Lord, in Your mercy.... All: Hear our prayer.

Priest: 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. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
FUNERAL PLANNER

Name of Deceased: ________________________________________________

Date and time of Funeral Mass: ____________________________________

Presider: ________________________________________________________

Words of Remembrance by: ________________________________________

Entrance Song: __________________________________________________

First Reading: ___________ (Option Number: ________)  
Reader: _________________________________________________________

Responsorial Psalm: _____________________________________________

Second Reading: ___________ (Option Number: ________)  
Reader: _________________________________________________________

Prayer of the Faithful: ______ (Option Number: __________)  

Song for the Preparation of Gifts: _________________________________

Gift Bearers: ____________________________________________________

Communion Song: ______________________________________________

Recessional Song: ______________________________________________

Ushers for the Casket: ____________________________________________

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OR

Person bringing in the Urn: ________________________________________
Local Mortuaries

Renaker Klockgether Mortuary
Joe Klockgether, Proprietor
7651 Commonwealth Ave,
Buena Park, CA 90621
Phone: (714) 521-1010

Pierce Brothers Funeraria del Angel
2425 W Lincoln Ave,
Anaheim, CA 92801
Phone: (714) 828-6440

Forest Lawn
4471 Lincoln Ave,
Cypress, CA 90630
Phone: (714) 828-3131

Area Catholic Cemeteries

Holy Sepulcher Cemetery
7845 E Santiago Canyon Rd,
Orange, CA 92869
Phone: (714) 532-6551

Good Shepherd Cemetery
8301 Talbert Ave,
Huntington Beach, CA 92646
Phone: (714) 847-8546