

Funeral Procedures

Schedule for Funeral Services

The minister will check the Redeemer Calendar to see if the date and time you desire for the funeral or service is available. Services can be held in the church or chapel at 10:30 a.m. or after 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Items for Discussion with Minister

At the time of your meeting with the minister, please discuss whether the body will be cremated, and if the ashes will be interred in the columbarium of The Church of the Redeemer, or elsewhere. The appropriate size of the urn for Redeemer's columbarium is as follows:

- **South Columbarium** (3 or 4)
 - Round 11 ½ high by 6
 - Rectangular 11 ½ high 6 wide x 6" deep

- If only 2: 11 ½ x 6"
 11 ½ x 12" x 6"

- **North Columbarium**
 - Round 10 ½ x 6"
 - Rectangular 10 ½ x 6 x 5 ½"

The engraving fee for the niche plate is \$400 for metal plates, \$600 for stone plates.

It is *customary* to inter prior to the service.

A homily will be offered by a member of the clergy. Additional reflections can be made during the service as an option, but are not necessary. We suggest that remembrances be short and focused.

Funeral Bulletin

Many families are interested in having a bulletin for their funeral service. The church offers a bulletin for the service. Please discuss the contents of the bulletin with the minister and organist.

Music Selections

Our organist will play for the service and he chooses the voluntaries. Music selections appropriate for a religious ceremony, suitable for organ, can be suggested to our organist. If additional musicians are requested to be part of the service, contact also needs to be made with the organist.

Parking

Handicap parking spaces are available on the east parking lot and there are a limited number of handicap spaces on the south side near the Chapel. Parking is not allowed on the chapel side during the week. Please **do not** park in the circle in front of the church – it is a fire lane and for drop-off purposes **only**. Overflow parking is available across from the church on East Melrose Avenue.

Altar Flowers

It is customary to have flowers on the altar. Arrangements for flowers can usually be made through your funeral director or you can call the florist of your choice and have flowers delivered to the church/chapel. Please indicate to the funeral director or to the florist paper-mache flower holders *cannot* be used and that flower arrangements *cannot* be taller than 30 inches in the Chapel and Church so that they do not block the cross on the altar. If you would like to leave your flowers on the altar after the funeral/service, they would be welcomed and appreciated.

Please note that if flowers are sent from friends or family directly to the church/chapel, they will be placed in the Narthex rather than in the church. If there is a casket present during the service, it will not be open during the service and a pall will replace a floral spray.

Funeral Reception

A reception can be held in our parish hall, if available, following the funeral/service. The fee for the use of the hall is \$250.00. (Table linens are not provided) Arrangements for a caterer are to be made by you, a member of your family, or a friend. Please indicate to your caterer that a full-time server *must be present* for the reception.

*Wine, beer or sherry may be tastefully served.

*A floral arrangement on the buffet table is appropriate.

Caterers that Redeemer recommends:

Carey Talucci 410 499-3024

Carol Williams 410 747-2892

Jackie Nelson 410 655-4602

Honorarium and Gifts:

- \$500.00 to the Church – Check is to be made payable to “*The Church of the Redeemer.*” (This fee is waived for parishioners of Redeemer who are a current “*giver of record*”.)
- The organist honorarium is \$300.00 – Check is to be made payable to The Church of the Redeemer. If additional musicians are requested as part of the service, additional fees apply and the organist should be contacted.
- An honorarium to the Clergy is appropriate – Check is to be made payable to Church of the Redeemer, memo – “Clergy Discretionary Fund”
- Memorial gifts to The Church of the Redeemer, in honor of the deceased, are welcomed and appreciated. Please consider naming “*The Church of the Redeemer Memorial Fund*” as your designation.