

Funeral Procedures

Scheduling

The priest will check the Redeemer calendar to see if the date and time you are interested in are available. Services can be held in the church or the chapel Monday through Saturday, ordinarily at 10:30 a.m. or after 1 p.m.

For Discussion

When you meet with the priest, please discuss whether the body will be cremated and whether ashes will be interred in the columbarium of the Church of the Redeemer or elsewhere.

The appropriate sizes of urns for our columbarium are as follows:

- **South Columbarium** (for three or four containers within a niche)
 - Cylindrical: 11½ inches tall and 6 inches in diameter
 - Rectangular: 11½ inches high by 6 inches wide by 6 inches deep
 - If only two urns in the niche: 11½ inches by 6 inches for a cylinder OR
11½ inches by 12 inches by 6 inches for a rectangular shape
- **North Columbarium**
 - Cylindrical: 10½ inches tall and 6 inches in diameter
 - Rectangular: 10½ inches by 6 inches by 5½ inches

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

We can inter ashes before or after a service.

For a memorial service with a casket, the casket is closed, and the church provides a pall to cover it.

At the service in the church or chapel, a member of the clergy will offer a homily. Additional remarks can be made before the homily but are not necessary. We suggest that any remembrance be short and focused.

Funeral Bulletin

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

Music Selections

Our director of music will play the organ for the service and chooses the voluntaries. Selections appropriate for a religious ceremony, congregational singing and suitable for the organ can be suggested to the music director. Certain hymns (such as “I am the bread of life,” “Eagle’s wings,” “Here I am, Lord”), may require the music director to engage a soloist or additional musicians.

Parking

Handicap parking spaces are available in the east parking lot. No parking is allowed on the chapel side of the campus during the week. Please do not park in the circle in front of the church: it is a fire lane and for dropping off only. Overflow parking is available in our lot across East Melrose Avenue from the church.

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Altar Flowers

It is customary to have flowers on the altar. Arrangements for flowers can be made through your funeral director, or you can call a florist of your choice and have flowers delivered to Redeemer. Please indicate to the funeral director or to the florist that paper-mâché holders cannot be used and that flower arrangements may not be taller than 30 inches so that they do not block the cross on the altar. If you would like to leave your flowers at the altar after the funeral, they would be welcomed and appreciated.

Florists used at Redeemer include:

Simply Beautiful Flowers	410-484-7743
Crimson & Clover	410-534-5459
Radebaugh's	410-825-4300
Gordon Florist	410-467-6116

Please note that if other flowers are sent from friends or family directly to Redeemer, they will be placed in the narthex rather than in the church.

If a casket is present during the service, it will be covered with a pall rather than a floral spray.

Flags, Banners, Portraits, etc.

Flags, banners, portraits and posters are appropriately displayed in the narthex (the lobby between the outer doors and the nave). An easel or stand is available for such items. Additionally, these displays can be used at a reception.

No such items may be on the altar table, nor can they be hung from the lectern, pulpit or railings.

Reception

A reception can be held in our parish hall, if it is available, following the service. The fee is \$250.

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. Caterers that Redeemer recommends include:

Carol Williams	410-747-2892
Carey Talucci	410-296-0509
Jackie Nelson	410 655-4602

Wine or beer may be responsibly served. An equally attractive nonalcoholic beverage is also required.

We cannot provide table linens.

Fees and Honorarium:

Make all checks payable to The Church of the Redeemer.

1. A fee of \$500 for the church. This is waived for a parishioner of Redeemer who is a current "giver of record."
2. A fee of \$300 for the organist. If additional musicians are part of the service, additional fees apply, and Redeemer's organist should be contacted in advance.
3. An honorarium to the clergy of \$300 is at your discretion. Please note in the memo field that this is for the "Clergy Discretionary Fund."
4. As noted above, there is a \$250 fee for the use of the parish hall for a reception.

Gifts

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.