

Music Planning for Funerals

Church of St. Patrick, Milford PA

The music ministry looks to serve our parish family during times of bereavement. If you have lost a friend or family member, and are in the process of making funeral arrangements, the parish's musicians would like to make you aware of the following:

- A cantor and accompanist are automatically assigned to lead the gathered assembly in its hymns, psalms, and sung responses.
- Our musicians do their best to honor requests for specific hymns or psalms, provided they are chosen from the parish hymnal (OCP's Breaking Bread/Music Issue/Respond and Acclaim) and follow any seasonal or liturgical requirements or guidelines. All requests are considered on an "if possible" basis.
- Music with a high degree of sentimental meaning to the family may not always be permissible for use during Mass under the liturgical guidelines of the church. However, arrangements can often be made with our parish musicians for music provided at the funeral home in such cases.
- Family members or friends who are musicians are welcome to join the parish music staff in ministry. Please consider that it may be overwhelming to perform often unfamiliar music during an emotional time for the entire Mass. One or two especially meaningful pieces may be more manageable.

Some suggested hymns		
All Creatures of Our God and King	Hail Mary, Gentle Woman	One Bread, One Body
All I Ask of You	Here I Am, Lord	Out of the Depths
Amazing Grace	Hosea	Prayer of St. Francis
Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone	How Great Thou Art	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Be Not Afraid	I am the Bread of Life	Servant Song
Be Still My Soul	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	Shepherd Me, O God
Be Thou My Vision	I Know that My Redeemer Lives	Song of Farewell
Be With Me, Lord	Irish Blessing	Taste and See
Bread of Life	Lift High the Cross	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Center of My Life	Like A Child Rests	The Lord is My Light
Eat This Bread	Like A Shepherd	The Summons
Eye Has Not Seen	Lord of All Hopefulness	The Supper of the Lord
Fly Like A Bird	Now We Remain	You Are Near
For All the Saints	Ode to Joy	
Gift of Finest Wheat	On Eagle's Wings	