

Funeral Liturgy Frequently Asked Questions

This list of frequently asked questions is to provide families planning a funeral liturgy at St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish with quick answers to some of our most asked questions. The detailed answers to these questions can be found in our *Funeral Guidelines*. These can be accessed through the parish office by calling 740-354-4551.

1. Who do I contact to schedule a funeral liturgy?

We ask that the family first contact their desired funeral home. The funeral director responsible for the planning of the funeral will contact St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic office or clergy to schedule a date and time for a funeral liturgy.

2. When can funerals be scheduled?

We typically schedule funeral masses at 10:00am on weekdays. The time and date of a funeral mass will be determined by the funeral home and the availability of presiding clergy.

3. My family is friends with a priest, can he say the mass?

Permission must be given by the Pastor prior to asking any clergy to preside or assist at a funeral mass. Please call the parish office.

4. Can I have a funeral liturgy at the funeral home or the cemetery?

Yes. Funerals can be held at the funeral home or cemetery chapel. These will not take the place of a funeral mass, however. In this case, typically a parish deacon will be assigned an offsite funeral liturgy.

5. Are St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic clergy available for a vigil rosary service at the funeral home? Generally, yes. Please contact the presiding clergy to check their availability. If the presiding clergy are not available for a vigil service, it can be assigned to one of the parish deacons.

6. Am I allowed to choose what campus of St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish the funeral liturgy will be?

Generally, yes, unless a prohibiting factor such as a previously scheduled service is being conducted at the same time of the funeral. Please check with the parish office.

7. Does St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish provide a worship aid?

St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish lists hymn numbers, which can be found in our hymnals on our hymn boards.

8. Can I invite a friend to sing or play at the funeral mass?

Please see our *Funeral Guidelines* for our parish's policy on this matter.

9. What about Eulogies?

St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish does not permit eulogies within the context of a funeral mass. These can, however, take place at the vigil service or the graveside service.

10. How do I pick the readings and music?

Options for readings and music can be found in our *Funeral Guidelines*. Readings must be taken from an approved translation of Sacred Scripture, namely the New American Bible.

11. Who proclaims the readings at mass?

Typically, family or friends of the deceased proclaim the first and second readings. The Gospel is always proclaimed by a Deacon or Priest. Those chosen to proclaim the readings within the context of mass must be baptized.

12. What are St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish's funeral fees?

Fees for St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish are paid through the funeral home. If you chose not to have a funeral home involved in the funeral liturgy, a check can be made out to St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish for \$450.00. If a funeral liturgy is to be had at the cemetery or funeral home, the fee is \$150.00.

13. Does St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish provide a bereavement meal?

Yes. St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish is able to provide a bereavement meal to the family following a funeral liturgy. We are generally able to provide a meal for up to 50 persons. Donations are appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in a bereavement meal.