



Funeral Liturgy Frequently Asked Questions

This list of frequently asked questions is to provide families planning a funeral liturgy at St. Joan of Arc 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 614-761-0905.

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. Joan of Arc clergy to schedule a date and time for a funeral liturgy.

2. When can funerals be scheduled?

We typically schedule funeral masses at 10:30 on weekdays and possibly 11:30 on Saturday if there is not a previously scheduled wedding. 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 or Director of Sacred Liturgy 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. Joan of Arc clergy available for a vigil 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. Is St. Joan of Arc able to live-stream a funeral mass?

Yes. We are blessed at St. Joan of Arc to have a professional 3 camera system to livestream liturgies. Livestreaming is available via our parish website (www.stjoanofarcpowell.org), our parish Facebook (@SJOAPowell) and by our parish YouTube page (by searching – St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church Powell, Ohio). If you desire to have your loved ones funeral livestreamed, please contact the Director of Sacred Liturgy, Fr. Stephen Smith at: liturgy@stjoanofarcpowell.org

7. Does St. Joan of Arc provide a worship aid?

For funeral masses, yes. This worship aid will have the readings and music for the liturgy.

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

Please contact our Director of Sacred Music, Stephen J. Smith (ssmith@stjoanofarcpowell.org). The *Funeral Guidelines* specify further our parish's policy on this matter.

9. What about Eulogies?

St. Joan of Arc 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 is St. Joan of Arc's funeral fees?

Fees for St. Joan of Arc 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. Joan of Arc for \$390.00. If a funeral liturgy is to be had at the cemetery or funeral home, the fee is \$150.00.

13. Does St. Joan of Arc provide a bereavement meal?

Yes. St. Joan of Arc is able to provide a bereavement meal to the family following a funeral liturgy. As of now, we are able to provide a meal for up to 50 persons to be delivered to the family at no cost to the family. Donations are appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in a bereavement meal.