

A checklist for funeral planning may be helpful during a time of grief

Catholic Cemeteries – DRVC

Here is a checklist for funeral planning:

- **Make an appointment**

Contact your pastor, the pastoral minister, the liturgist or other staff person in charge of funeral planning. Find out what guidelines the parish follows. Some parishes have a helpful checklist of things to be considered.

- **Notify relatives and friends**

Find someone to help answer sympathetic phone calls, cards and letters, as well as greet people when they call.

- **Review burial choices**

If you have not made arrangements with a cemetery, consider calling the Catholic Cemeteries office (516-334-7990) to review burial options. If you have not made prior arrangements with a specific funeral home, your parish may assist with recommendations.

- **Selections**

Choose cemetery property, casket, clothing, flowers, music, thank you cards.

- **Choose Scripture**

Consider readings that are special to your loved one. Hopefully, the deceased spoke about readings and songs before death. Ask for a list of the optional readings for a funeral in your parish.

- **Meaningful music**

What are the hymns and music that are used for funerals at your parish? Which ones do you think are appropriate for a celebration of new life?

- **Who will take part?**

What members of your family and which friends do you want to have certain roles in the vigil, funeral Mass and service at the burial site? Who might deliver a brief remembrance after Mass (a few minutes), if allowed by your pastor? Who could proclaim the chosen readings from Scripture?

- **Get key information**

Secure important information about the deceased, including date and place of birth, Social Security number and/or veteran's serial number, etc. Assemble important documents, including will, cemetery and/or funeral arrangement documents, birth certificate, marriage license, etc. Check deceased's will for special wishes.

- **Other notifications**

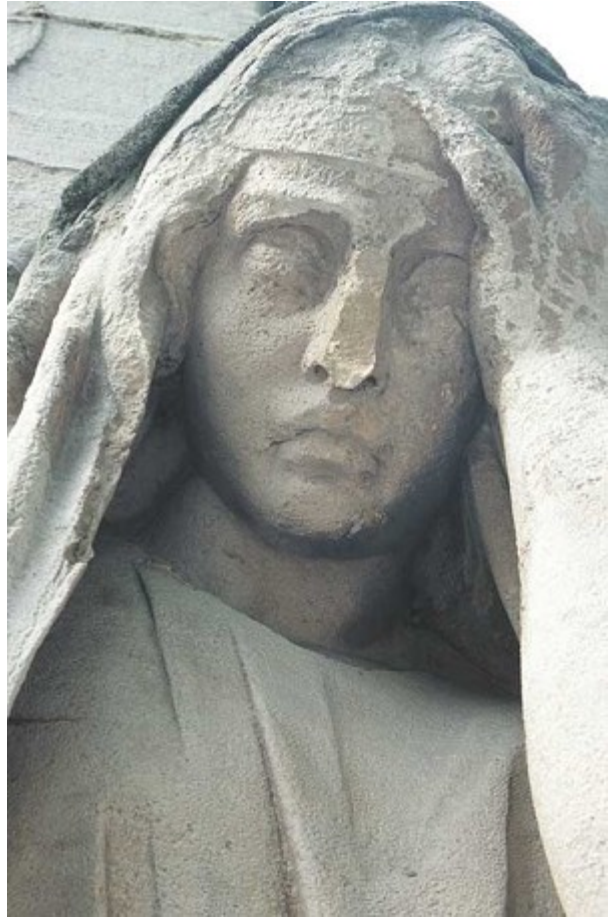
In addition to priest and relatives and funeral directors, notify doctor, coroner, pallbearers, insurance agents, banks, union and fraternal organizations, church musicians. Also speak with utilities, landlord and post office.

- **Memorial gifts**

Decide appropriate memorial to which gifts may be made (church, hospice, etc.).

- **Obituary**

The funeral home can assist you with writing an obituary. Many newspapers have forms. Most secular newspapers charge a fee. The Catholic Sentinel does not.



Catholic Cemeteries DRVC –
Serving the Catholic Population of Nassau and Suffolk Counties

Our cemeteries:

Cemetery of the Holy Rood

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Queen of All Saints Cemetery

(Main Office – [Get Directions](#)) Mailing Address:
Catholic Cemeteries, 111 Old Country Road, PO Box 182, Westbury, NY 11590-0182
(516) 334-7990 fax: (516) 334-4383 e-mail: info@holyroodcemetery.org

Nassau County

Cemetery of the Holy Rood (and a future site for Queen of Peace Cemetery, Old Westbury, NY)

Peter J Ryan, CCCE Acting Director, Mailing Address: 111 Old Country Road, PO Box 182 Westbury, NY 11590-0182 (516) 334-7990 fax (516) 333-2837 e-mail: info@holyroodcemetery.org

Suffolk County

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

George Ferrer, CCCE, Cemetery Manager email: gferrer@holysepulchrecemetery.org
Mailing Address: 3442 Route 112 Coram, NY 11727 (631) 732-3460 fax: (631) 732-3476

Queen of All Saints Cemetery

George Ferrer, Cemetery Manager e-mail: gferrer@holysepulchrecemetery.org
Mailing Address: 115 Wheeler Road Central Islip, NY 11722 (631) 234-8297 fax: (631) 234-8632

Parish Cemeteries of Nassau and Suffolk Counties:

St. Joseph 39 No. Carll Avenue Babylon NY 11702-2701
St. Patrick 9 North Clinton Avenue Bay Shore NY 11706
St. John of God 84 Carleton Avenue Central Islip NY 11722
Sacred Heart P.O. Box 926 Cutchogue NY 11935
St. Boniface 631 Elmont Road Elmont NY 11003
St. Patrick Cemetery (Brookville) NY (contact Cemetery of the Holy Rood)
St. Patrick 400 Main Street Huntington NY 11743
St. Philip Neri 344 Main Street Northport NY 11768
St. Isidore 622 Pulaski Street Riverhead NY 11901
St. John the Evangelist 546 St. John's Place Riverhead NY 11901
St. Lawrence 27 Handsome Avenue Sayville NY 11782
St. James 429 Route 25A Setauket NY 11733
St. Patrick 280 East Main Street Smithtown NY 11787
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary 168 Hill Street Southampton NY 11968
St. John Nepomucene 1140 Locust Avenue Bohemia NY 11716
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