Tri-Parish Funeral Music Planning Guide

St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, Groton
Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry
Sacred Heart, Groton

Name:_____ Location:_____

Date:_____ Time:_____

When planning a funeral, it is helpful to know that the Catholic Church has provided all the music necessary for such a Liturgy, and it is found in the Church's official music book, the *Graduale Romanum* (in other words, everything is already arranged for you, so no "planning" is actually required). This music, which reflects the Perennial Tradition of the Church, is a peace-filled, comforting series of prayers for the departed. The texts of these chants are ancient, are largely drawn from Sacred Scripture, and (like many of the Church's traditions) have stood the test of time. The official music for a Funeral Mass, therefore, is as follows:

Entrance: Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Offertory: If I Walk in the Midst of Tribulation, You Shall Preserve My Life

Communion: May Eternal Light Shine Upon Them, O Lord

Recessional: May the Angels Lead You Into Paradise

Any of the four elements above may be replaced with a hymn(s) from the following list, if so desired (starred selections are particularly appropriate).

Adoro Te Devote (Latin or English) *(Communion)*
Amazing Grace *(Entrance / Offertory)*
* Ave Maria (Chant or Schubert) *(Communion)*
Ave Verum Corpus (Chant or Mozart) *(Communion)*
Be Not Afraid *(Entrance / Offertory)*
How Great Thou Art *(Recessional)*
I Am the Bread of Life *(Communion)*
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say *(Entrance / Offertory)*
* Jerusalem, My Happy Home *(Entrance / Recessional)*
On Eagle's Wings *(Offertory / Recessional)*
* Pie Jesu (Fauré) *(Offertory / Communion)*
* Salve Regina (Chant) *(Communion)*
* The King of Love My Shepherd Is *(Entrance / Recessional)*
* The Strife Is O'er *(Entrance / Recessional) *(not available during Lent)*

Musician Policy: Professional musicians are hired for all funeral liturgies. In certain circumstances, a family member may be able to participate by singing or playing one chant or hymn during the Mass. Please contact Director of Music Mr. Jesse N. Glaude for more information at: jessenathanglaude@gmail.com.