

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY POSITION DESCRIPTION

Funeral Vigil Member

Overview

The vigil for the deceased is the principal rite celebrated by the Church in the time following death and before the funeral. At the vigil, the Christian community keeps watch with the family in prayer. The vigil in the form of the liturgy of the word consists of the introductory rites, the liturgy of the word, the prayer of intercession and a concluding rite.

Activities/Responsibilities

- Coordinates the vigil in collaboration with the Funeral Home.
- Plans and conducts the vigil, with input as requested by the family, to ensure that appropriate readings are arranged.
- Drafts appropriate prayers.
- Gives a short reflection tailored to the readings and the individual deceased.
- Selects appropriate music.
- Delivers a blessing for the deceased and the family

Skills, Experience, Personal Traits and Qualifications

- Is an active participant in parish worship.
- Is able to plan and feels comfortable in speaking in front of a group.
- Is kind, compassionate and can be empathetic with the needs of the family.
- Is able to communicate well with others.

Screening Checklist for this Low Risk position at St. Patrick's Church

- Completion of a Volunteer Information Form
- Agreement to the Diocesan Model Code of Conduct
- Training and orientation
- Supervision, periodic evaluations and participant follow-ups

Parish Volunteer Screening Coordinator

Pastor

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