

Pre-arranged funeral plans are common in our society. Burial or cremation, choice of funeral home, visitation setting are often selected long before a person dies. Making these arrangements early saves the family added responsibility and stress in a difficult time.

Planning the **Funeral Mass** ahead can be equally as helpful to the loved ones. This can include:

- selecting Scripture readings and liturgical music that are important to you or reflective of your life and faith;

- writing intercessory prayers;

- naming those you want to be part of the Mass as lectors, gift bearers, etc.

Planning one's own Funeral Mass might seem strange and difficult, but it can be a deeply rewarding spiritual experience. A copy of the plan can be given to the parish office to be kept on file until needed. For resources and/or assistance with advanced funeral planning, contact Diane Huck, Parish Nurse.