

When publishing the obituary, please include the following information:

Encourage the family to consider advertising the funeral as private in-person but streamed publicly (with the family's permission) Links to our streamed masses can be found on our website www.shstm.org

For your safety, there are Covid-19 precautions in place. Face coverings must be worn and there is limited seating in the church. It is very important that family and friends who plan to attend the funeral mass in person register at <https://mass-attendance-registration-shwey-2020.eventbrite.com> or call the church office: 781.337.6333 - This will help us prepare our worship space, limit the crowd size, and should it become necessary, help the local Board of Health with contract tracing.

With your permission:

For those who are unable to attend the funeral mass in person, the mass will be live streamed on our YouTube channel. [SHSTM Collaborative YouTube](#)

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For Funeral Directors: Funeral protocols

- Directives for weekend masses that are already in place must be followed during a funeral.
- Masks must be worn by everyone at all times.
- Social distancing must be respected and controlled both inside and outside.
- The number of participants is limited at this time. It is important for us to have an idea of how many to expect. The numbers of mourners will be able to increase as circumstances change.
- Congregational singing is not allowed.

- The sign of peace will not be exchanged.
- Instructions will be given at each funeral mass for the safe approach to holy communion. Guidance will be provided by parish volunteers.
- The church must be cleaned before and after every funeral. There is an increased cost to the parish for this. We are asking for an additional cleaning fee of \$100.00.
- In phase 3, the priest, deacon or lay ecclesial minister may do a wake service. This is subject to change as circumstances change.
- The parishes will provide a team of trained volunteers to welcome and help mourners with seating, bathroom access and traffic patterns. Social distancing will be observed at all times. Mourners of the same household will be seated together.
- There are no processions on the way in or out and no offertory procession. (Family members will not bring up the gifts of bread and wine)
- The casket will be brought to the front of the church by the funeral directors after all family members have been seated.
- Family members will not be pall bearers.
- Funeral directors must wear gloves when handling/placing the pall.
- There is no congregational singing. Music will be limited to a few songs, and a communion song. Some music will be instrumental only.
- Family members should have no more than one reader. A copy of the reading(s) will be placed on the podium before mass begins by the church. The reader may remove his or her mask at the podium while reading and replace it before returning to their seat.
- Volunteers will manage the flow of mourners from their benches when it is time for communion and at the end of mass. Fr. Sean will exit mass from the sanctuary (no procession) and meet the family at the cemetery.
- Mourners will proceed directly to their cars to make their way to the cemetery. Lingering in the parking lot is not allowed.