

MASS INTENTIONS 2022

The deep faith and charity of our Parish community is most evident in the abundance of Mass requests, which exceed the number of Masses offered. In order to encourage and support the orderly execution of this pious practice we are publishing our parish policies which are now in line with the Code of Canon Law and our Diocesan policies. We will work with all who seek Mass intentions to handle requests in a way that is just, honorable and in keeping with the laws of the Church.

- Canon Law requires the scheduling of one Pro Populo (for the people) on every Holy Day of Obligation (including Sundays). This intention includes all those who live in the boundaries of St. Gregory the Great Parish, regardless of their faith tradition. (No other intention may be scheduled in conjunction with this.)
- *Canon Law prohibits the scheduling of multiple intentions for one Mass. The Diocese of Buffalo does permit two Mass intentions for no more than three Masses in a week (Monday –Sunday). Therefore, between Monday and Sunday there can be a total of 3 Masses offered with two intentions if the intentions are not for the same person/same intention (e.g. Jane Doe deceased).*
- **A maximum of 5 intentions per year for any one individual and from any one individual may be scheduled at the parish.** Thus, no more than 5 Masses may be offered for “Jane Doe” and the “Smith family” may request no more than 5 Masses to be offered at St. Greg’s. Additional Masses beyond the requested five may however, be sent to retired priests who, even in retirement, are required to offer a daily Mass.
- When a funeral occurs, many sincere and generous family members of the deceased offer Mass intentions. If the sum of the offerings for the deceased exceeds more than seventy-five dollars (5 Masses) the excess monies may be returned to you, or the intention can be forwarded to priests who will celebrate Mass for that intention regardless of the location of the Mass.
- *Each intention is limited to either two names or one group name (e.g. John & Jane Doe or the Doe Family).* Please be sure to indicate if the Mass request is for the living or dead.
- Lengthy intention listings cannot be published in the Bulletin and must be edited for the sake of brevity. Since the intention in the Bulletin is to notify the family and friends of the intention, we suggest the omission of middle initials, titles, etc.
- In lieu of a Mass intention you may also commemorate or honor someone by having the offerings for the Host (weekly \$55; monthly \$220), Wine (weekly \$40; monthly \$160) and the Sanctuary Candle (weekly \$35; monthly \$140). These are available for both 2021 and 2022. These offerings are included in the Bulletin, too.

Please complete the form below and mail it to our Parish Office, ATTENTION: 2022 Masses. Only mail-ins will be accepted at this time. The standard stipend for Masses is \$15 (check made payable to St. Gregory). If you have up to 5 Masses, please send a list with ALL the information and one payment. *PLEASE PRINT TO ENSURE ACCURACY.* We will do our best to honor the time requested but if the requested time has already been taken we will move the mass to another time on the same day. If the date requested is not available we will move the mass to the closest available date *unless* you specify that you do not want that to take place.

Name of Mass Intention Offered (e.g. John & Jane Doe or The Doe Family): _____

Circle One: Living Deceased Anniversary Birthday

I do not have a specific date/time to request, please assign next available mass. _____

Mass Date Requested: _____ Mass Time Requested: _____

Individual/Family Name Requesting Mass: _____

Phone Number: _____

I would like the: (Circle Your Request(s)): Wine, Host or Candle Offering. Please indicate the week or month you would like.

Check Number: _____ Check Amount: _____ Please mail the Mass Card to: _____