

**ST. AGNES CHURCH**  
**2021 MASS BOOK POLICY AND REQUEST FORM**

The practice of offering a Mass for a loved one has a long and rich tradition in our Catholic Church history. It is rooted in our teaching on Purgatory that even those who are heaven-bound will need a time of purification of the heart from any remaining selfishness and unconfessed venial sins. Praying for the dead means that in a meaningful and consoling way we can still love and support them on their journey to see our loving God face-to-face.

The size of the parish and the number of days in a year means we can only accept a limited number of Mass intentions. Our policy is designed to provide as many families as possible the opportunity to offer a Mass for their loved ones. We appreciate your understanding of this policy.

You may schedule **two** Masses per registered family – one may be for Sunday (including the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Anticipatory Mass) and the other for a Monday through Saturday morning Mass. We can accept additional Mass intentions but they will not be scheduled at this time. In accordance with diocesan policy, we will strive to fulfill them within the year.

Here is how additional unscheduled Mass intentions will be fulfilled:

- 1.) Mass intentions can be sent to help the work of the missions or to a retired priest who would not regularly have any Mass intentions to say.
- 2.) If the bulletin deadline is approaching and there is an open space in the Mass book for that week, then we will fill it in with one of the unscheduled Mass intentions.

Please use the form below and note your first, second, and third choice of dates for your intention(s). All requests must be accompanied by the Mass offering of \$10.00 per intention. You may return your Mass request form in the Sunday collection, through the mail or to the parish office. We will begin accepting intentions for the **2021** Mass Book in person **Wednesday, November 4, 2020**. Intentions received in the mail or collection basket will be processed *after the ones received in person* November 4. **We cannot reserve any dates in advance.**

In the wording of your intention, we ask that you **please keep the wording as short as possible**. If the first or last name is difficult to pronounce, please spell out phonetically in parenthesis. Listed below are some samples of how you may word your intention:

Deceased of the Smith and Jones Families  
Deceased of the John Smith Family  
John Smith

**MASS REQUEST**

1st Mass Intention \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time

Preference: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Mass Intention \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time

Preference: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_

An effort will be made to schedule the Mass as requested but, due to the large number of requests, this may not always be possible. We will try to schedule your Mass as close as possible to the date requested.

**Additional Mass Requests** (you will not know the date):

Intention \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

Intention \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

Intention \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**of person**  
**making Mass request**

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Office Use Only** Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_