



MASS INTENTION POLICY

Rationale

We offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for a specific intention because we believe in the immense spiritual value of the Holy Mass. All Masses celebrated daily and on Sundays are for all God's People, nevertheless, it is fitting that each Mass has a particular intention for which it is offered in accord with the longstanding tradition of the Church.

Specific Mass Intentions

A Mass Intention may honor:

- A deceased loved one
- A living person who is sick or suffering
- A living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other special moment
- In thanksgiving to God
- In thanksgiving for a prayer from a Blessed or a Saint
- For a prayer intention (if the intention does not contradict Church teaching)

Mass Intention Policy

For the good of all the members of our oratory and to allow as many people as possible the opportunity to have a Mass said for their intentions, Mass Intentions will be scheduled in accord with the following policies:

1. In accordance with Canon Law and Diocesan policy, Weekday Masses and Sunday Masses are offered for a single intention except for the Sunday and Holy Day Italian Mass, which may be offered for multiple intentions *with the consent of the requesters*.
2. Except for the above, only one intention and offering may be accepted per Mass. This means that it may not be possible to accommodate all the dates that are requested. We know that many days have special significance to those requesting the celebration of a

Mass. We want to do our best to make reasonable accommodations. If a date requested is unavailable, we shall place the Mass on the next available date. Many dates are filled months in advance, so we ask for your patience and charity.

How to Request a Mass Intention

If you wish to request a Mass, please use the portal above or contact the parish office. If a Mass intention is granted, then a Priest will celebrate Mass for the intention, even if there is no offering received.

Mass Offerings

“Christian faithful who make an offering so that the Mass may be applied for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by their offering take part in the concern of the Church for the support of its ministers and works” (*Code of Canon Law* 946).

In the Diocese of Buffalo, the usual suggested offering for a Mass intention is \$15. This is not a payment for a Mass, and priests can and often do offer Mass without receiving an offering. This money is passed through the parish to the priest, who celebrates the Mass, to support him.

To make a Mass intention offering you may donate online using the link above or contact the church office to donate in cash or check (please put Mass Offering and the intention in the memo).

To be in the bulletin, Mass intentions must be requested at least two weeks in advance.