

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SOUTH PITTSBURGH MASS INTENTION REQUESTS / SANCTUARY CANDLE

**JANUARY - DECEMBER 31, 2019**

PLEASE UNDERSTAND WE DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF YOUR MASS REQUESTS.  
WE **MUST LIMIT** THE NUMBER OF MASS REQUESTS TO GIVE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AN  
OPPORTUNITY!

**EACH FAMILY IS PERMITTED TO SCHEDULE FOUR (4) MASSES PER YEAR  
TWO (2) SUNDAY MASSES AND TWO (2) WEEKDAY MASSES**  
(Please use additional form if requesting more than 2 Masses at a time).

Requests will not be taken over the telephone or without contact information.

## Contact Information: (Please Print Clearly)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1. MASS FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

\*DATE REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

\*ALTERNATE CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select the church location:**

\_\_\_\_\_ St. Albert \_\_\_\_\_ St. Basil \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Angels \_\_\_\_\_ St. Sylvester \_\_\_\_\_ St. Wendelin

2. MASS FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

\*DATE REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

\*ALTERNATE CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\* Please note due to the *On Mission for the Church Alive!* process, Masses scheduled COULD POSSIBLY CHANGE! WE WILL NOTIFY YOU OF ANY CHANGES.**

- Enclose a \$10 Stipend per Mass request. Make checks payable to the parish where the Mass is requested.
- Place this form in an envelope marked 2019 Mass Requests.
- Return your requests by mail, collection basket or by dropping it off at the Rectory.

\_\_\_\_\_ I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A SANCTUARY CANDLE @ \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ St. Albert \_\_\_\_\_ St. Basil \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Angels \_\_\_\_\_ St. Sylvester \_\_\_\_\_ St. Wendelin

Sanctuary Candle Intentions are for one (1) week. Choice of week: \_\_\_\_\_

Candle Intention for: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a separate \$10 check made payable to the parish where the candle is requested.

The Mass book is now open through **DECEMBER 31ST, 2019**

- **Each family is permitted to schedule two (2) Weekend Masses and (2) two Weekday Masses per year.** (Please use additional form if requesting more than 2 Masses at a time).
- To be fair to all our parishioners, when the Mass book initially opens Intentions will be placed in a basket and **drawn at random**.
- The stipend for each Mass is \$10.00. Make checks payable to the parish where the Mass is requested. (Payment is required at the time the request is made).
- Mass Intentions can be submitted via the collection basket, dropped off at the rectory or by mail. (Requests cannot be taken over the telephone).
- Mass requests must include contact information (**name and telephone number**). Your telephone number is very important; we may need to speak with you about your request.
- Please use the form on the back of this page for making requests.
- Requests for **New Year's Day, Holy Thursday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** will not be accepted, those dates will be celebrated for the parish.

**PLEASE UNDERSTAND WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF MASS REQUESTS AVAILABLE WE TRY TO GIVE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AN OPPORTUNITY!**

THANK YOU

**A little lesson about Mass Intentions:**

The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Evidence of this has been found in Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century. For example, the inscription on the tomb of Abercius, Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul. Tertullian attested to observing the anniversary of a spouse with prayers and sacrifices. St. Cyril of Jerusalem in one of his many catechetical discourses, explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead. St. Ambrose preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." St. Augustine recorded the dying wishes of his mother, St. Monica in his *Confessions*: "One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be." Finally, Pope St. Gregory said, "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."

**When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions:**

First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Historically, the offering of a Mass stipend for a particular Mass intention has been twofold. The money that a priest received for saying a daily Mass for a specific intention was essentially his source of income-to help with daily living expenses. At the same time, by giving a stipend, the person requesting that a Mass be celebrated made a sacrificial offering of his own. Nowadays many priests are not totally reliant on their Mass stipends to pay for their basic necessities, but the directives surrounding the whole notion remain basically the same. This tradition is referenced in the Code of Canon Law, [canon 946](#), which states that those members of the faithful who give Mass stipends are contributing to the good of the Church, for they share in the Church's concern for the support of its ministers.

***It is important to remember that under no circumstances are masses to be thought of as being "bought or sold." The person requesting the mass and offering the stipend does not "own the mass," thus having the "right" to bring gifts to the altar or place flowers or mementos on the altar or have certain songs sung for that particular mass.***