

Our Lady of the Lakes Parish

2021 Guidelines for Scheduling Mass Intentions

*"The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for a loved one – living or deceased –
Is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition."*

The parish will accept 2021 Mass Intentions beginning **November 2, 2020**

Please review the guidelines for the 2021 year:

1. All Mass Intention requests must be in writing. No requests can be taken over the phone. **Intentions for one Weekend (Saturday/Sunday) Mass request and one Weekday Mass request will be accepted from each household.** Additional Mass Intentions will be accepted, but these will be scheduled when dates are available throughout the year on a rotating basis.
2. A \$10 stipend, as determined by Diocesan policy, is to accompany each Mass request. Please make check payable to Our Lady of the Lakes Parish. Payment, along with request form, can be dropped in the collection basket, delivered in person, or mailed to the church office at PO Box 149, Bairdford, PA 15006.
3. Mass requests will be honored in the order which the Mass Request was received with payment, in the office (no exceptions). Mass intentions will be published each week in the Sunday bulletin and mentioned at Mass when they are offered.
4. Mass intentions will not be scheduled for Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper), Good Friday, or the Easter Vigil. Please note that one Mass every Sunday must be scheduled for the intentions of our "Living and Deceased" parishioners. The Mass is known as "Pro Populo" (for the people) as required by Canon Law (Church Law) and diocesan statute.
5. Mass Intention spaces will remain open throughout the year to be available for families who experience a loss and want to schedule a Month's Mind Mass for their loved one. If you are anticipating a special family event such as a significant wedding anniversary and want to schedule a Mass Intention for the celebration, please complete the form, with payment, and submit to the office one year in advance so that you can have your designated date.
6. Canon Law (Church Law) does not permit a parish to keep Mass Intentions beyond those scheduled in one calendar year. Reimbursement for unfulfilled Mass intentions will be mailed to the people requesting the intention. There are several options available for unfulfilled Mass intentions. A listing of these options will be sent with your reimbursements. **There will be no rollovers.**

Thank you for reviewing these guidelines carefully. Please keep a copy for future reference. Canon Law (Church Law), in addition to the above-mentioned guidelines, will ensure Masses are offered for all of the beloved souls of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mass Intentions Forms can be found:

- On-line at www.ollakes.org
- At Saint Victor Church, on the large shelf in the narthex
- At Transfiguration Church, in the Mailbox bin outside the Meeting Room
- Call the Administrative Center at 724-265-2070 to have a form mailed to you