

2019 MASS INTENTIONS PROCEDURE

December 11th, Daily Mass Record Book will be opened for 2019 Mass Intentions from January 2nd to March 30th

March 26th, Daily Mass Record Book will be available to have Mass Intentions from April 2nd to June 29th

June 25th, Daily Mass Record Book will be available to have Mass Intentions from July 2nd to September 28th

September 24th, Daily Mass Record Book will be available to have Mass Intentions from October 1st to Dec. 28th

This revised procedure has resolved the issue of filling up our Daily Mass Record Book months in advance, thus giving all parishioners a fair chance to have a Mass requested for all weeks of the month.

In order to accommodate this procedure the following two guidelines must be adhered to.

- 1.) A parishioner can book only two Mass Intentions per year for the same person.
- 2.) A parishioner is allowed to book a total of two Masses in each three month period.

When there is a bequest left in a will by a parishioner and there are to be offering of Masses for the repose of their soul the desire is to have these Masses fulfilled as soon as possible.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 16, 2018

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' - as they are known in Rome - reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, December 16th to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day - as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessing we receive at Christmas.



Who will actually conduct the campaign at each Parish? The Diocese, with the help of the Steier Group, will manage the overall campaign effort, including the preparation of materials. At each Parish, the Pastor will identify campaign leaders who will work with the Steier Group. Those Parish leaders will help recruit other volunteers to form a campaign team that will conduct the personal visits and other elements that are the key to the success of the campaign.

How much help with the campaign can our Parish expect to get from the Diocese and the consulting firm? The Diocese will pay the financial costs of the campaign. Parishes will not be responsible for any campaign expenses such as postage, printing or diocesan events held at the parish. If a Parish hosts an event to promote the campaign to its parishioners, the Parish will bear those costs. In addition, several Steier Group campaign managers will guide the Parishes through the campaign process. Each Parish will be assigned to one of four "waves." The Parish will be responsible for forming a team of volunteers that implements the necessary elements of the process.

How long will this take? On a diocesan level, the entire campaign will run through early 2021. On a Parish level, there will be four campaign "waves." A Parish's particular wave will run for six to seven months. That includes preparation, solicitation and follow-up phases. The active solicitation period will last three to four months.

What happens if our Parish doesn't hit its financial goal? A clergy committee will implement policies that all parishes will follow on such questions. There will be incentives for Parishes to reach their goals. Parishes not reaching their goals face the prospect of not being able to complete needed projects.