2015 MASS INTENTION FORM

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. In our Parish, there are many requests for scheduling such Mass intentions. As a way to allow as many Resurrection parishioners and friends as possible to schedule Masses, the following policies are put forth to help accomplish this goal.

Please read the following guidelines carefully:

- 1. We will not accept **no more than four Masses for the same intention** per year. We will make every effort to fulfill these intentions here at this Church during the 2015 year. If we receive more than four requests for the same intention, they will be sent out of the parish to be fulfilled.
- 2. Beginning March 1, 2014, Mass requests for 2015 will be honored on a *first-come*, *first-serve* basis in the order in which the requests are received at the Parish Office. Mass requests received at other times during the year will be dealt with as most serious obligations, and we will make every effort to schedule them as soon as possible; however, we cannot guarantee that these Mass requests will be celebrated immediately. Masses may be requested during regular office hours or by mailing to the office the form below.
- 3. A \$10 stipend, as determined by diocesan policy, is to accompany each Mass request.
- 4. **Please** note the following guidelines for Mass requests:
 - a. Mass intentions may be requested for Sundays, most holidays and weekdays throughout the year.
 - b. Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for the days of the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday or Holy Saturday. Also, Mass intentions will **not** be accepted for the following: Thanksgiving Day, All Souls Day, Mother's Day, and Father's Day. These Mass intentions will be for the general intentions of our priest and parishioners.
 - c. As required by Canon Law, one Mass every Sunday must be scheduled for the intentions of all our living and deceased parishioners.
- 5. Mass requests will be granted as close to the requested date as possible. If it is not possible to comply with the primary request, the next closest date and time will be scheduled. IF we move a request to a different date and or time, we will contact you. PLEASE be sure that we have your contact information!
 In the event that a particular date is requested (for example an anniversary) by several people, the request will be granted on a rotating basis.
- 6. According to Canon Law, a priest may be absent from the parish for four weeks per year. Therefore, one week of each quarter of the year will be left empty of scheduled mass intentions. Depending on the priest's actual vacation schedule, these dates may become available. If so, we will use this time to schedule Masses which we have accepted but not scheduled. In addition, diocesan law provides that a priest may take off one day per week. Therefore, Masses will normally not be scheduled on Mondays. Again, actual Mass schedules are determined on a monthly basis, and Mondays may become available.

- 7. The Parish bulletin contains the definitive Mass schedule for each week. Please be sure to refer to the bulletin when making plans to attend Mass for a particular intention since the Mass schedule can change from week to week. The bulletin is available online at ResurrectionParishJohnstown.com.
- 8. Canon Law does not permit us to keep Mass intentions beyond those that we are able to schedule in a year's time. Some intentions may have to be sent to retired Diocesan priests or to the Diocesan Mission Office for distribution to other priests who will be able to celebrate these Masses more expeditiously.
- 9. If you are anticipating a special family event in 2015, for example, a silver or golden wedding anniversary, and want to schedule a Mass for the celebration, please be sure to schedule this through the parish office.

Name of Person for Whom Mass is Requested:	(circle)	Date (& Time if Sunday
1	living/deceased	
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3	living/deceased	
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