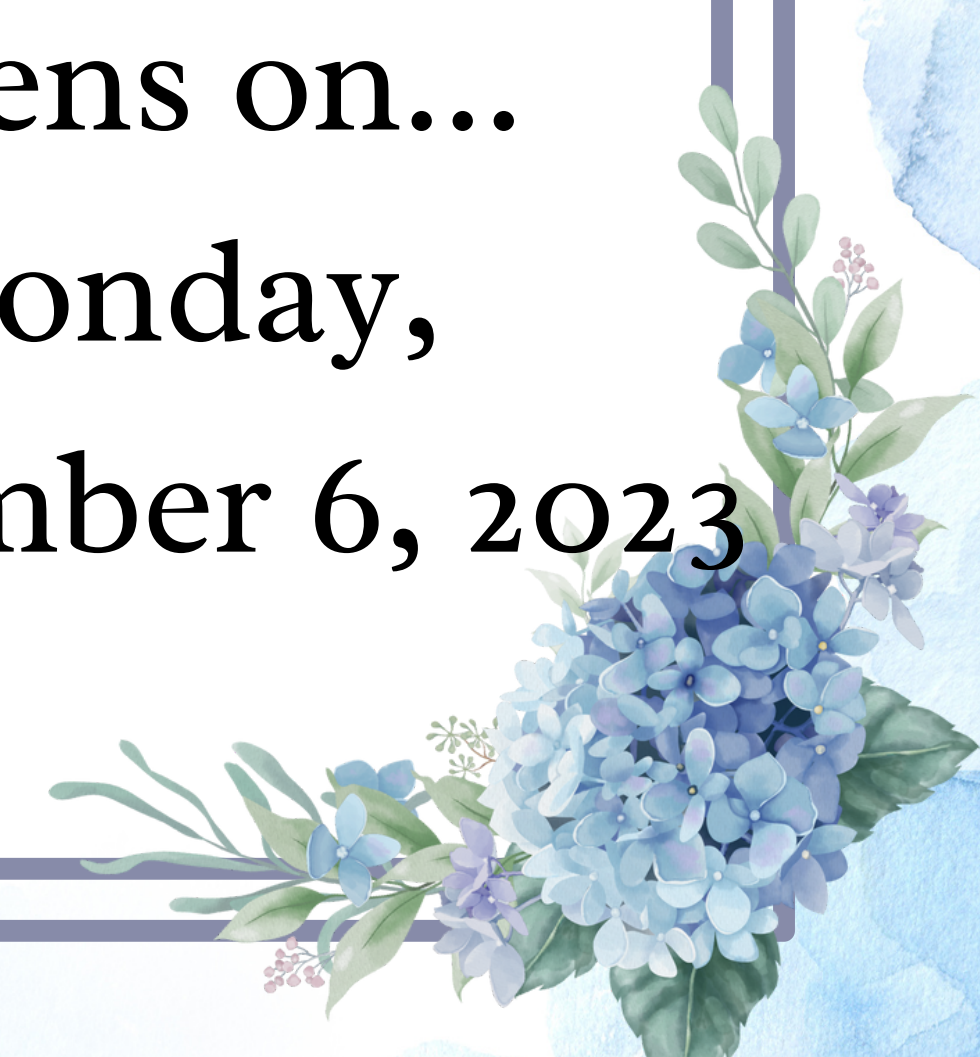




Mass Book Masterpage

The 2024 Mass Book
opens on...
Monday,
November 6, 2023



Welcome to the Mass Book Masterpage! Here, you will find any and all information regarding Mass Intentions at Saint Francis of Assisi. This includes each type of Mass Intention we offer, the guidelines they have, and how to order them! We hope that this makes things easier for you, as well as for us here in the Rectory. Below are two pages exclusively devoted to the Masses we offer. *The first page explains what types of Mass Intentions we offer. The second page explains how to order the Masses, as well as the guidelines for Announced Masses.*

What are the types of Mass Intentions you offer?

There are three different types of Mass Cards here at SFA: **Unannounced**, **Announced**, and **Memorial**.

Unannounced Masses can be requested for either a living *or* a deceased individual. They are \$5.00 each. These Masses come with a card. The Mass Intention is NOT announced at Mass, nor is it published in the Parish Bulletin. The intention is sent to the retired priests at Villa Saint Joseph, and the priests in residence pray for the intentions.

Announced Masses can be requested for either a living *or* a deceased individual, although they are most frequently said for the deceased. They are \$10.00 each. These Masses come with a card. An Announced Mass is said on a specific date, at a particular Mass time. The intention is said that day at Mass, and is also posted in that weeks' Bulletin. *Please note that we limit six (6) Announced Masses per year to be requested per household. Of those 6, only two (2) can be on a Sunday or Saturday Vigil. The other 4 must be a weekday or Saturday morning.*

Memorial Masses can be requested for the deceased. They are a donation of whatever you would like to give, with a minimum of \$15.00. These Masses come with a much larger card that comes in an embossed folder. Once a request has been made to give someone a Memorial Mass, we put their name in our "Memorial Society" Book. The Mass intention of the First Friday of each month is for "*All Those Enrolled in the Saint Francis Memorial Society*". Once you have enrolled someone in the Memorial Society by getting a Memorial Mass, their name is included in these intentions in perpetuity (forever). Their name will also go in the Parish Bulletin the week you request the Mass.

Ordering a Mass Intention

We ask that you order Masses ahead of time, either via phone or by email. This makes the process easier for both our staff and for you. To order by phone, please call 610-272-0402 and speak to a member of our front office. To order by email, please send the following information to

admin@sfanorristown.com :

1. Who the Mass is for (*the name of the deceased individual*)
2. Who is requesting the Mass (*who the Mass is coming from*)
3. **If requesting an Announced or Memorial Mass** - The address of the requesting party
4. **If requesting an Announced Mass** - The date and time of the Mass you are requesting
5. **If requesting a Memorial Mass** - The image you would like on the inside of the card (Sacred Heart, Jesus in the Garden, the Blessed Mother, or the Pieta Statue); and the color of the folder you would like (red or blue)

Our Secretary will respond to your request in a timely manner.

Announced Mass Guidelines

To make things move smoothly for our entire Parish, and to ensure fairness, we have some basic rules and guidelines, which are stated below. We ask that you follow these guidelines to make this a great process for everyone involved. Thank you!

1. Requests for Masses are to be made in advance, via phone or email, only. **No exceptions.** *If you come to the Rectory to request Masses, we may kindly ask you to leave. Unfortunately, we only have one person in our Front Office, and we can only do so many things at one time. Please help us to make things go as smoothly as possible.*
2. Each household is limited to a **total** of 6 Masses. Of those 6, only **TWO (2)** can be Sundays or Saturday Vigils. The other 4 must be weekdays or Saturday mornings.
3. Each Intention can be for ONE PERSON ONLY. The only exception is for a married couple.
4. Intentions must be for and from FULL NAMES. Nicknames/titles (mom/dad, grandma/pop-pop, "Uncle Bobby", etc.) are not accepted.
5. Please do not request Masses on behalf of other people/households.