

Bridgeport, October 2019

Dear Parishioners and Friends of our Church,

As we know, the month of November is dedicated to a special memory and prayer for our deceased brothers and sisters. We explain the beautiful traditions of the Catholic Church every year in our leaflets: "Shorten the Yearning of Souls" and "Eternal Rest."

They are available in our church and on our parish's website (in the "Downloads" Tab).

A special form of prayer for the deceased in our parish are: Novena for the Dead Devotion, Monthly Mass for Souls in Purgatory and Gregorian Masses.

Novena for the Deceased

It is celebrated every day from November 2, through 10, 2019. It takes the form of a daily Mass celebrated for the dead. We can attach the names of our loved ones by putting the "second" (orange envelope: All Souls Offering) with a voluntary sacrifice and writing on the envelope the names recommended in the Novena of the Dead. The envelopes will be folded on the altar and will be a visible sign of our prayer together during the Novena.

Naming of the Deceased (Wypominki)

These are prayers for the deceased from our families: parents, relatives, friends of spouses, children Remembrances are the exchange of deceased people combined with the power of common prayer. This devotion is an expression of deep love and faith that the names written on the cards and then read are written in God's Book of Life.

In our church, Naming of the Dead is celebrated every Wednesday and Friday during the month of November at 6.30 PM. Directly after the service, we celebrate Holy Mass for intentions recommended in the Naming of the Dead. You can post the names of your loved ones preferably in a printed letter, on a sheet of paper or an envelope of names and making a voluntary offering for this. You can order Naming of the Dead requests directly from the fathers or in the parish office.

Mass for Souls in Purgatory

It is celebrated every First Friday of the month at 7 PM. It is a community mass, i.e. anyone can join this mass with their own intention for the dead. To this end, we installed a receptacle next to St. Joseph (by the votive candles) with the inscription Masses for Souls in Purgatory, to which you can deposit a voluntary offering throughout the year.

Gregorian Mass for the Deceased

They are celebrated for 30 consecutive days in our Franciscan Mission in Ecuador. This is a unique form of our Prayer for the Deceased, and at the same time a beautiful assistance for our missionaries in Ecuador. Holy Masses Gregorian ones, celebrated for one deceased, can be ordered from Father Norbert, specifying the month when they are to be celebrated at the missions. In the bulletin we will print the actual date as to when these masses will be celebrated in Ecuador. The cost is \$300 (USD).

I would like to invite everyone to pray for our beloved Deceased.

Wishing you, dear parishioners and friends, a blessed time during the month of November.

Your Pastor, Father Norbert M. Siwinski