

CHURCH OF SAINT ANSELM

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March 14, 2021



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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday: 11:00am

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WELCOME

It is the mission of the Church of St. Anselm to live the Gospel by forming a Catholic community to foster personal and spiritual growth, and justice and peace in the community at large. This shall be accomplished by preaching the word, celebrating the sacraments, serving the parish and the community and by celebrating our community spirit.

BAPTISM

Baptism is a sacrament by which the Christian community welcomes new members. Please visit our website - <https://stanselm.weconnect.com/> and scroll down to Baptism for more information and online registration form. Sponsors for Baptism should be practicing Catholics, at least 16 years old, who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. To schedule Baptism, please call the church office, at least one month in advance.

PENANCE

The sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation is offered every Saturday 4:30 - 5:00pm or by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Preparation for Christian Marriage begins at least one year prior to the planned date for a wedding. The Common Policy of Church in New Jersey is followed in our parish. Marriage Preparation includes Engaged Encounter or Pre-Cana.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office concerning hospitalized and homebound parishioners wishing to receive sacraments or parish visits.

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/ Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/ Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/ Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

MEMORIAL BRICKS

The Church of Saint Anselm now has over 500 memorial bricks placed in the “meditation area” located outside the main entrance to the worship center. These memorials have been obtained by making a donation in memory of a loved one, recognizing family members, or memorializing a special event. It is still not too late to have your family or loved one remembered this way. For information, call the Parish Office 732.493.4411.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family wishing to join the parish is requested to register and become an “official” member of our parish community. Please either see a member of the

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church or if know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to the local enforcement authorities.



SATURDAY, March 20

5:30pm Mass

SUNDAY, March 21

11:00am Mass

*Saturday, March 20**5:30pm Mass**John Branch**Requested by Marie Monteferrante**Charlie Fitzsimmons**Requested by Marianne Fitzsimmons and**Robert Stoute**Sunday, March 21**11:00am Mass**Mario Lamola**Requested by Anthony & Barbara McQueen***Diocese's instructions on Covid-19 and liturgical practices**

In light of the escalating concern about the spread of the COVID-19, Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., has issued the following instructions on liturgical practices to be observed in ALL parishes, institutions and organizations within the Diocese of Trenton, effective immediately until otherwise notified:

1. People who have flu-like symptoms or who are otherwise feeling sick should not go to Mass or other Church gatherings;
2. Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should practice good hygiene, washing hands with soap and water or anti-bacterial hand sanitizer, before and after distributing Holy Communion;
3. People are encouraged not to receive Holy Communion on the tongue; worthy, reverent reception by hand is preferred until otherwise notified;
4. The practice of distributing the Precious Blood from the Chalice is suspended;
5. The practice of exchanging the sign of peace by any physical contact (handshake, embrace, kissing) is suspended.

We continue to encourage the faithful to stay informed through our diocesan communications online at [:dioceseoftrenton.org/coronavirus](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/coronavirus); TrentonMonitor.com/coronavirus, as well as through the Centers for Disease Control and prevention at: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS****Awake, O Sleeper!**

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 14, 2021

4th Sunday of Lent

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, “a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?” When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, “we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.” We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the “what is to come.” Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.



Saturday, March 27th - Vigil of Palm Sunday

5:30pm Mass

Sunday, March 28th - Palm Sunday

9:00 am, 11:00 am

Thursday, April 1st - Holy Thursday

5:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday

12:00 noon - Outdoor Stations of the Cross

(weather permitting)

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3rd - Holy Saturday

6:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday

9:00 am, 11:00 am Mass

IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is no surprise to many that with the great success of the vaccination efforts throughout the country, that there is still a great deal of work to still be done. Many today are struggling with the registration process and availability of appointments. With that being said, we would like to offer eligible parties the opportunity to register and receive the vaccine through the VNA Community Health Center. Currently the eligible population are as follows:

Frontline health care workers: Anyone working or volunteering in health care who has the potential for direct or indirect exposure to a COVID patient. More details about who that includes can be found on the state's website.

- Residents and staff at long-term care facilities
- First responders
- People over 65

Those under 65 with underlying medical conditions, which include: cancer, heart conditions, chronic kidney disease, smoking, obesity, Type 2 diabetes, down syndrome, sickle cell disease
As of March 15, 2021 the eligibility for vaccines will add to include:

- Child care workers in licensed and registered settings
- Motor Vehicle Commission workers
- NJ Transit workers and other transportation workers
- Public and local transportation workers, including bus, taxi, rideshare and airport employees
- All public safety personnel who have not already been made eligible such as child protective service workers and probation officers.
- Members of tribal communities
- Migrant farm workers
- People who are homeless and people living in homeless shelters or domestic violence shelters

If you fit into an eligible group and would like to register and receive the COVID vaccine, please RSVP by email: StAnselm2@gmail.com or you may call the parish office at 732.493.4411. Please give us your full name, cell phone number and an email address.

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