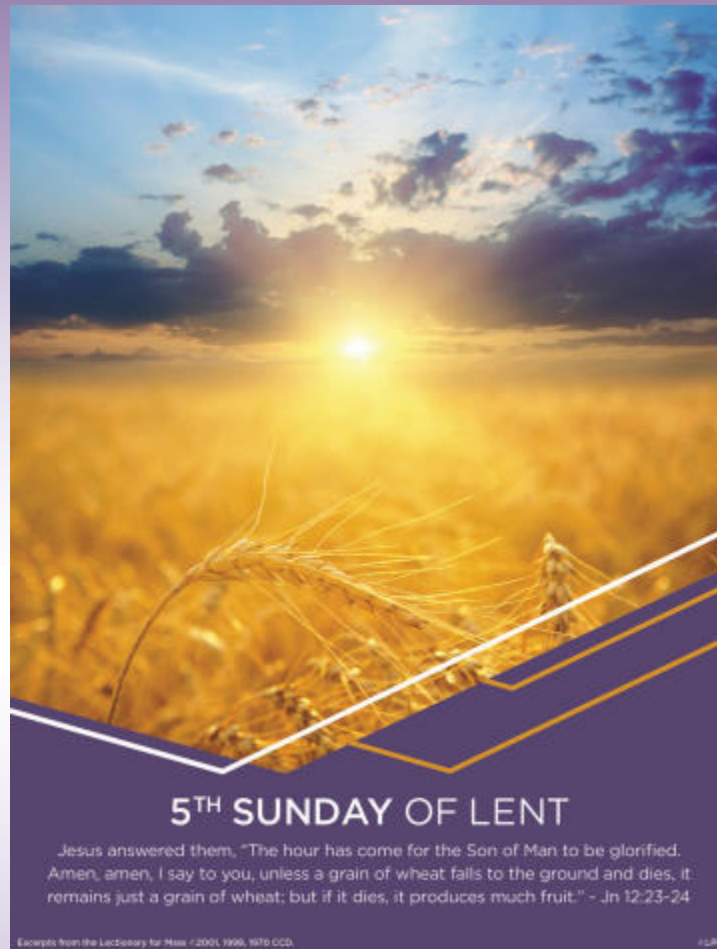


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Saturday 5:30pm

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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 21, 2021

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
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/
Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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 Registration Team after weekend Mass or register at the Parish Office. If you change your address, please notify us.

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 27

5:30pm Mass

SUNDAY, March 28**Palm Sunday**

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

*Saturday, March 27**5:30pm Mass**Dominic DiBisceglie**Requested by Lynn & Bill Tice**Sunday, March 28**11:00am Mass**Louise Castellucio**Requested by Tom Peretti***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**When Our Own Hour Comes**

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being “troubled” and he speaks of “the time of judgment.” There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

“Yet what should I say?” he asks them.

“Father, save me from this hour?” But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**March 21, 2021
5th Sunday of Lent**

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.



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

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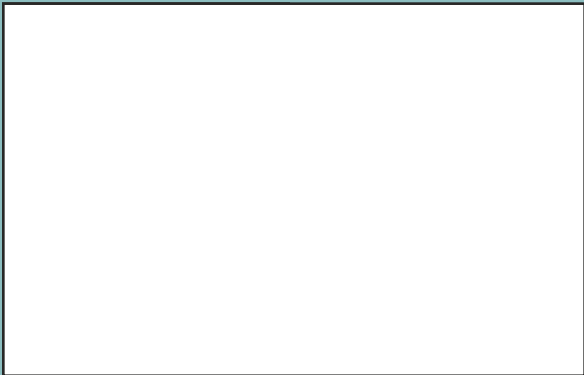
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