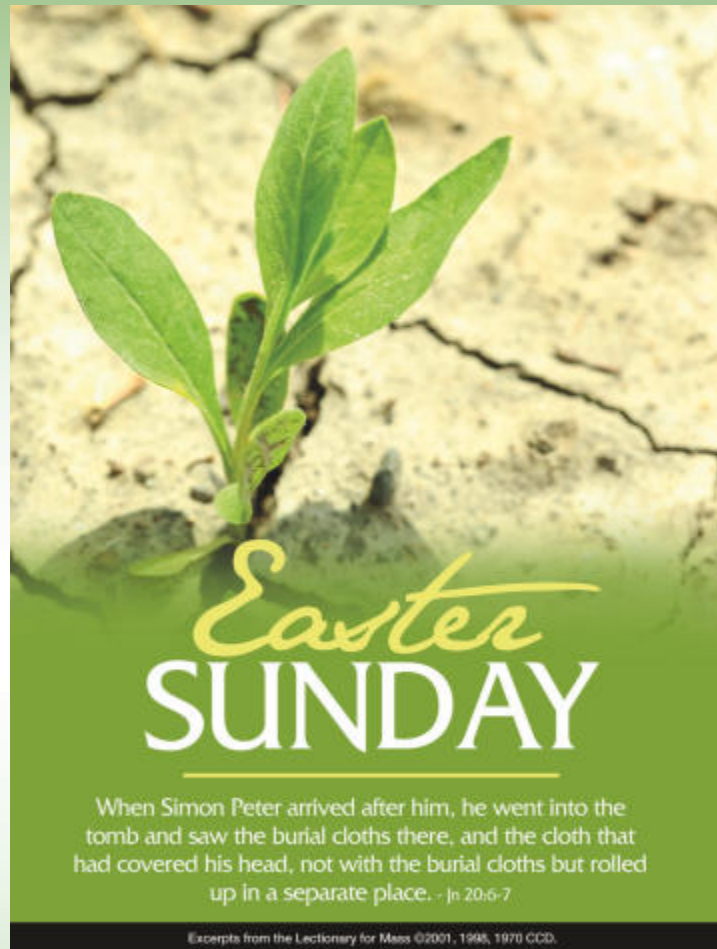


# CHURCH OF SAINT ANSELM

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April 4, 2021



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**Mass Schedule**

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday: 11:00am

Holy Days as announced



## 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 April 4, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/ Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/ Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/ Mk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

## 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.

## 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.

*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](mailto: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, April 10**

5:30pm Mass

**SUNDAY, April 11**

11:00am Mass



**Saturday, April 10 - 5:30pm Mass**

Trevor Quinn

Requested by Brian Sohosky

**Sunday, April 11 - 11:00am Mass**

Patrick McDonald

Requested by Judy Hughes

### **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](https://dioceseoftrenton.org/coronavirus); [TrentonMonitor.com/coronavirus](https://TrentonMonitor.com/coronavirus), as well as through the Centers for Disease Control and prevention at: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

### **A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story**

“Is there a happy ending?”

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, “Is there a happy ending?”

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**April 4, 2021**

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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**T**hen the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

— Jn 20:8-9

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