

CHURCH OF SAINT ANSELM

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December 26, 2021



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Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Holy Days as announced



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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 3:30 - 4:00pm 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 Dec. 26

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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. 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, January 1, 2022

New Year's Day

11:00am Mass

4:30pm Mass

SUNDAY, January 2, 2022

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

COVID-19 UPDATE

St. Anselm is moving forward with everyone's safety in mind. We are following guidelines set forth by the State of NJ and by the Diocese of Trenton.

Mass Times :

4:30pm on Saturdays

(Live Streamed on Facebook and YouTube)

9:00am and 11:00am on Sundays

We will not be printing worship aids for a while. Face masks are required even for the fully vaccinated. With the recent upswing of new infections, we will continue to wear masks inside the church. We still encourage all to practice social distancing, especially during the communion procession and after Mass. The sign of peace will be optional. The collection baskets will be passed at the time of the Offertory. Thank you for your stewardship support.



Sunday, January 2 - 9:00am Mass

Tonya DeGuilio

Requested by Aunt Diane Sirianni

11:00am Mass

Sandra Zambrotta

Requested by Dominic Zambrotta

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

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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WEEKLY ENVELOPES

The weekly donation envelopes for 2022 are available for pick up. Please call the parish office - 732.493.4411 and let us know when you would like to stop by.

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OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open with limited hours. Staff will be in the office Monday through Friday from 10:00am -2:00pm. Please call ahead so that we know you will be stopping by. Ring doorbell when you arrive. Masks are to be worn upon entering building. Please practice social distancing.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the “light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families.” While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

January 1, 2 & 3

Saturday, 4:30pm

Lector Chris Taylor - First Reading
Tom Walsh- Second Reading

Hospitality Michael Bellina
Debra Kaplan

Mass Servers _____

Greeter _____

Sunday 9:00am

Lector Gena Lynch - First Reading
Tom Curran - Second Reading

Hospitality Annette Rowan
Kathryn Schulhafer

Mass Servers _____

Greeter _____

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Mary Anne Ruane - First Reading
James Maccioli - Second Reading

Hospitality _____

Mass Servers _____

Greeter _____

Monday 10:00am

Counters Grace Fera, Rudy Koehler, Ginny Marmora, Michele Seggio

**ST. MARY'S MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH
– MIDDLETOWN
DIVORCED AND SEPARATED MINISTRY**

*St. Mary's in Middletown is pleased to announce its continuing ministry for separated and divorced Catholics entitled, "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family", a healing program being offered beginning on **Monday, January 17, 2022 and continuing for twelve weeks on Monday evenings from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, ending on April 4, 2022.***

The meetings will be held in St. Mary's Chapel located at 26 Leonardville Road in Middletown in the Basement Meeting Room.

Anyone that needs help in finding peace, power and healing from divorce, whether you are separated, considering divorce, or are already divorced, you will discover how to work through emotions and pain, and experience personal healing and hope.

*If interested, please email: healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com and one of the Facilitators will reach out to you. If you have any questions before you decide if you want to attend, please call either **Rich DeGennaro 732-540-9204** or **Elaine Anzalone-Goumas at 732-213-9050.***

If you'd like to review the program, more information can be found by visiting: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/separated-divorce>.

Thank you for taking the first step towards your healing!



COMING BACK TO CHURCH

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." — Lk 2:10-12



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