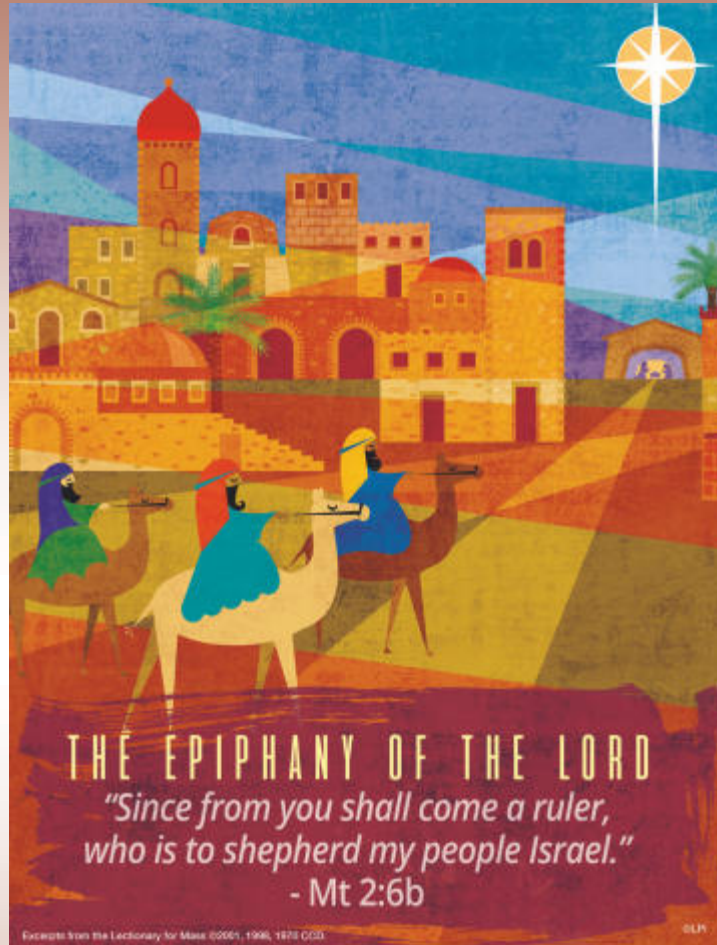


# CHURCH OF SAINT ANSELM

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January 2, 2022



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## **Athletic Director**

Fran Burke

## **Parish Secretary**

Kayde McElroy

## **Music Minister**

Michael Zorner

## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Holy Days as announced



Church of St. Anselm



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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 Jan. 2

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/  
Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/  
Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/  
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## 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.*



**MONDAY, January 3**  
**(Office closed)**  
**TUESDAY, January 4**  
**10:00am Collection Counters**  
**SATURDAY, January 8**  
**4:30pm Mass**  
**SUNDAY, January 9**  
**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.



**Saturday, January 8—4:30pm Mass**

Anna Zuchniewicz

Requested by Marcia Van Note

**Sunday, January 9 - 9:00am Mass**

Carmela & Onfrio Natale

Requested by St. Anselm Parish Office

**11:00am Mass**

Chris Hollywood

Requested by Carol Kruse

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

### ***The Light of the Moon***

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out to-night/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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**

**January 2, 2022**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

# MINISTER SCHEDULE

## January 8, 9 & 10

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Lector** Tom Curran - First Reading  
Estrellita Cruz - Second Reading

**Hospitality**

**Mass Servers** Michele Seggio

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**Greeter**

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### Sunday 9:00am

**Lector** William Thonack - First Reading  
Gena Lynch - Second Reading

**Hospitality** Ken Donnelly  
Kathryn Schulhafer

**Mass Servers**

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**Greeter** Emily Bekampis

### Sunday 11:00am

**Lector** Belinda Skeen - First Reading  
Joseph Nista - Second Reading

**Hospitality** Rex Molisani

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**Mass Servers** Colin Sales  
Declan Sales

**Greeter**

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### Monday 10:00am

**Counters** Grace Fera, Jean LaBanca, Nancy Nevrincean, Tom Schember

**ST. MARY'S MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH  
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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](mailto: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!*



## 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.

## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON - JANUARY 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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**T**hey were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

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