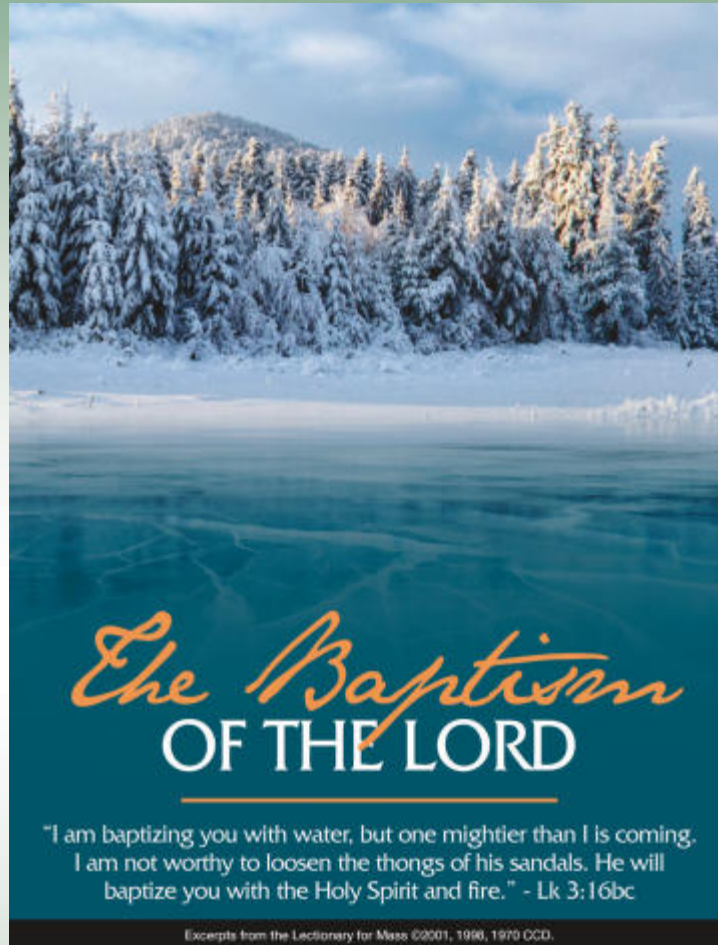


CHURCH OF SAINT ANSELM

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January 9, 2022



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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 Jan. 9

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
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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 15

4:30pm Mass

SUNDAY, January 16

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

MONDAY, January 17

MLK Birthday

(Office closed)

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 15—4:30pm Mass

Joseph Obst

Requested by Jean Obst

Sunday, January 16 - 9:00am Mass

Gerry Boyle

Requested by Audrey O'Hare

11:00am Mass

Ruth Evelyn Beauduy

Requested by Mary & George Buchwald

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

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 9, 2022
The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

January 15, 16 & 18 (office closed 1/17/21)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Lector Monica Grimaldi - First Reading
MaryAnne Ruane - Second Reading

Hospitality Debra Kaplan

Mass Servers Darius Johnson

Greeter

Sunday 9:00am

Lector MaryBeth Riordan - First Reading
Dan Dwyer - Second Reading

Hospitality Annette Rowan
Kathryn Schulhafer

Mass Servers

Greeter

Sunday 11:00am

Lector Marie France Sepe- First Reading
James Maccioli - Second Reading

Hospitality Rex Molisani

Mass Servers Colin Sales
Declan Sales

Greeter

Tuesday 10:00am

Counters Mary Barkauskas, 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.

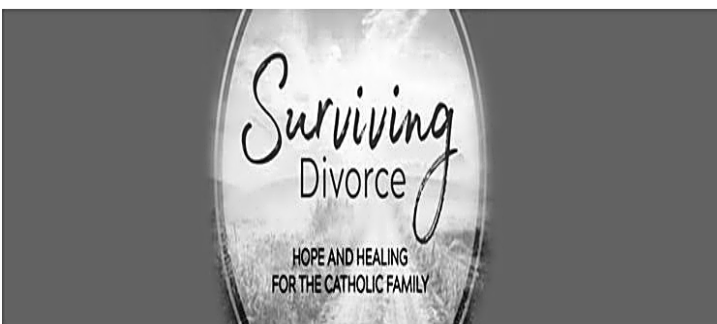
The meetings will be held in St. Mary's Chapel located at 26 Leonardville Road in Middletown in the Basement Meeting Room.

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!



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. HILARY OF POITIERS,
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE
CHURCH**

January 13

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



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