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#### † Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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Monday, Tuesday. Thursday & Friday at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

We will <u>live-stream</u> Masses Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Weekdays

> ADORATION Tuesdays 9—11:30 a.m.

BENEDICTION
Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Confession
Saturday: 3:00—3:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR Fr. Christopher Cox

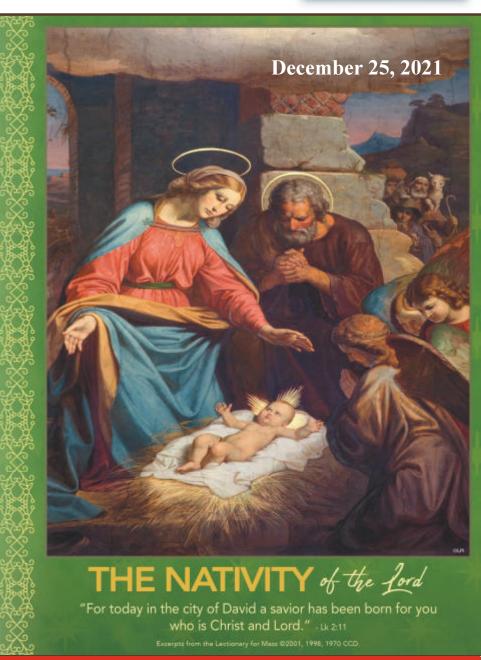
#### MISSION STATEMENT

We are a caring, Catholic community called to welcome all people to experience God's love through Jesus Christ by:

Celebrating Mass and the other Sacraments

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Living and sharing the Word of God



#### WELCOME

We are glad you are here!

If you would like to join the parish,
or if you are not Catholic and have questions
and would like to learn about the faith, please call the parish office.

#### From the Desk of Father Chris ....

"The angel said to the Shepherds, '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'." (Lk 2: 11-12)

Merry Christmas to all of you! I feel very blessed to be with all of you on this first Christmas together. Three months have passed by very quickly, and all of you have done wonderfully in helping me feel at home almost as soon as I arrived. I can truly say that Strider (our parish golden retriever) feels quite at home as well.

Christmas often has us thinking about home. Considering these last few years, my thoughts often are nostalgic. Perhaps like you, I've thought about spending time with good friends and family around this time in past years. Things have changed rapidly in our world and in our lives these past few years. Sometimes it can be a bit overwhelming.

But I believe that's what brings us to Church to celebrate Christmas — to celebrate our beautiful story of faith. Amid life's many storms, prayer as one family of faith can provide the peace for which we have been looking and longing. Isn't that what the Christmas story is all about?

Think about all those beautiful pictures on those cards you've received that depict the Nativity. Each one depicts a simple, yet very peaceful scene. Some are so lively and beautiful: we can become so immersed in the picture. We don't often think about the world around the Nativity. The Holy Family struggled. As they went to be enrolled in the census, Mary was ready to give birth. Finding no room at the inn, the only place available for them was a simple stable. Soon after giving birth, the Holy Family would have to flee to Egypt in order to protect Jesus from Herod. Despite their struggles and trials, what brought them peace? Faith. They had each other as family, and they had faith in God. He became their rock-solid foundation for their family.

Christmas may make us nostalgic and/or thinking about home. My prayer for this Christmas is that your experience here at

† The Nativity of the Lord Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 DECEMBER 25, 2021





Sunday, December 26, 2021

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

**Monday, December 27, 2021** @ **8:30am** ~ **Marlane Zeitz** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Tuesday, December 28, 2021 @ 8:30am** ~ **Anthony Roman** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Wednesday, December 29, 2021 @ 7:00pm** ~ **Tom Collins** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Thursday, December 30, 2021 @ 8:30am ~ Eugene & Jacquelyn Chernick

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Friday, December 31, 2021 @ 8:30am ~ Joe & Verna Petrich

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18 **4:00 pm MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday, January 1, 2022 @ 4:00pm Sunday, January 2, 2022 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



St. Anselm makes it feel like home for you. I pray that the newborn Prince of Peace may bless your heart with the peace only He can give. I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude that God has blessed me with being part of this parish family. Know of my prayers for all of you during this Christmas Season. May He bless you and your family abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

In the Peace of Christmas, Fr. Chris

P.S. I am so glad that you are here!

#### Notes from Sister Noel ...

December has its own rhythm in our culture. The Church attempts to have us take a deep breath in order to stay centered on the real reason for the season....Jesus, our Savior.

In our classes, we have tried each week to make the coming of Jesus our focus. We have a few Christmas competitors, the Grinch, the Elf on the Shelf, and the many Santas along the way in stores and in the media. There is a place for all of them but it is important that children (especially, though not only) know who we celebrate and why.

I hope children are asking many questions about the Christmas Creche and the people present there surrounding the newborn babe. One effective way of drawing their attention to the Child Jesus and His presence then until now is to have children really listen to the words of the Christmas songs we sing.

Songs are a wonderful way to imprint the message of this holy season in our minds and importantly in our hearts. We, who have sung, the Christmas hymns for a while also need to reflect on the words we sing. They often are telling us the story of Jesus. Some songs reflect his first days on the earth. Other verses may tell us what wondrous deeds the young babe did as he grew into manhood.

The songs speak of those who followed Him and the impact of Jesus upon them as He traveled town to town. They also speak of His later life in which he suffered, died and rose from the dead. They show us how to praise Him for the wondrous deeds, to thank Him for His coming near and to recognize that He came as our healer, teacher and most importantly our Savior.



Even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we still rely on Him to carry us through the struggles of our day recognizing that belief in Him makes our burdens lighter and gives us the ability to reach out even when it's difficult to those who struggle. May we call on God to assist us in bringing compassion and joy to our neighbor this Christmas and throughout the new year. May our children learn from our good example and do likewise, each in their own way.

Merry Christmas!

Sister Nacl Marra DEU

## Happenings in our School

In art class this month, students have been creating artwork relating to the Christmas season! One symbol of Christmas that has appeared frequently in their artwork is the Christmas tree. The preschoolers used simple paper shapes and sparkly sequins and gems to make colorful Christmas tree collages. 3rd graders enjoyed drawing whimsical trees in fun shapes. They added a variety of patterns to their drawings and painted them using bright watercolors. Be sure to check out the beautiful artwork on display in the hallways when visiting the school!





Watch for details about our **School Open House** during Catholic Schools Week, which is the week of **January 30th.** If you are considering a Catholic education for your child, or just want to see what all the excitement is about, please come and visit us on Sunday, January 30th from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Private tours are always available and can be arranged by calling the school office at 440-729-7806.

Susan belly

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

#### Saint Anselm Church Mother's Ministry

To help strengthen our faith, raise Godly warriors, support our community and pray for our special vocations.

Beginning on Thursday, January 6, 2022 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Join us every Thursday for praying, reading, and craft activities for toddler/preschool aged children.

Activities will be held in the Parish Office Building. For interest or questions, please contact Kayleigh Varga at 440-781-1777



#### Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

#### **Rite Of Christian Initiation of Adults**

As I listened to Faith Hill ask the question: "Where are You Christmas?" the song reminds me of the RCIA journey. This is a journey of faith which reminds us that what we seek is a season of love and faith and joy in the midst of a world that is often dark and lonely and difficult.

We are looking for Christmas. It is not Santa Claus and the tinseled trees, but the season that brings Jesus, the Christ who is King, into our hearts and our lives and our world. The Journey invites us to travel though the changes that we experience as God becomes more and more present to us.

Think of it if you can. This incarnate mystery of God-loving-us is the reason for all we do as Church. Think of it if you dare. This mystery is the point of all human life. This tiny babe is the call to be more and more and more human in the midst of all creation. Think of it as if the star is the coming of a new world in which the central figure is the Christ of the universe.

And so we learn that if there is love in our hearts and minds, we will feel like Christmas all the time. And, that we as Church incarnate that baby as we bring that love into our world every day.

"I feel you Christ--mas; I know I found you; You never fade away."

Sister Mary Ellen

The Parish Office will be closed for normal business during the week of December 26th. We will reopen with regular business hours on Monday, January 3.



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#### WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE SAINT ANSELM FAMILY

If you would like to be a member of our parish, please complete this form, and place it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office and someone from the parish will contact you.

Name	Phone
Address	Zip
I am interested in the marriage annulment process.	E-Mail

#### **Junior High Youth Group**

Our Junior High Youth Group celebrated a "Season of Hope" on December 4 as they played Christmas themed games and made candy sleighs and sun catchers for the homebound and those in nursing homes in our parish community.

We are grateful to our sixth, seventh and eighth graders for coming to this event and for reaching out to our parishioners this Christmas season.

Blessings this Christmas season! Sister Denise Marie and Michael Picha







#### Synod 2021-2023

Over the past several months, Catholics from around the world have been participating in the "Synod 2021-2023." We at St. Anselm will be doing the same in January. Pope Francis has invited the entire Church to participate in a dialogue with one another and with the worldwide Catholic Church. Bishops from every diocese will bring this united Catholic voice throughout the world to their 2023 gathering in Rome.



# What does this mean for you and for us as members of the St. Anselm parish community?

It means that you will have the opportunity to gather with others from our parish to pray together, to listen deeply to one another, to share your experiences as members of the Catholic Church, and to dream about the future of our Church and how God might be calling us at this time.

We hope you can join us for one of the following gatherings:

January 8, 2:15 - 3:45pm; January 9, 10:00 - 11:30am or 12:00 to 1:30 pm; January 11, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Light refreshments will be served.

Spending time together listening to one another and sharing our experiences of Church will help identify ways we can move forward together as "Church." If you are not able to join us, please pray for our gatherings with the prayer on the cover of this bulletin.

To register for one of the Synod sessions above, please email Sr. Denise Marie at srdenisemarie@ aol.com or call the parish office at 440-729-9575 by Wednesday, January 5th.

Thank you for your prayers and participation. Sr. Denise Marie and Nicole DeBenedictus

# The St. Anselm Tolkien Society

Are you a fan of fantasy, literature, theology, or all of the above? If so, the St. Anselm Tolkien Society would love for you to join its fellowship!

This new parish group is being formed to discuss the works of J.R.R. Tolkien and how they can be applied to our faith as Catholics.

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 from 7:00-8:30PM. To be prepared for the discussion, please read chapters 1 through 5 of The Hobbit. Light refreshments will be served.

To RSVP, and for information about the preferred edition of The Hobbit, please email Sean Cogan at sean.e.cogan@gmail.com







If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and would like to take the Eucharist to Amelia Grace Assisted Living on Wilson Mills Rd. in Chesterland once a month, please call Chris in the Parish Office at 440-729-9575. Thank you.

#### Would you like to be an Usher?

Anyone interested in being an Usher at one of the weekend Masses, please go to our website, stanselm.org and click on the link



to sign up. Any questions, please feel free to call the Parish Office at 440-729-9575.





Articles for the January 9th bulletin must be received by Tuesday, December 28th

Email to bulletins2@aol.com

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#### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

#### Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg you to have compassion on all those mentioned below. Amen

U.S. Active Military U.S. Veterans Peter Amato David & LuAnn Anderson Mark Andres Tina Arnold Kevin Austin Allyson Baroni George Bates Julian Blaha Thomas Bolt Barb Borelle Nancy Boutellier Sally Bovineing Karen Bowlus Bridgette Bright Charlene Brown James Buehner Haley Burgman Adam Buffone Kellie Burt **Bob Carlson** Children/St.Jude's Hosp. Mark Chambers William Cierebiej Judy Colasante Josephine Colitto

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If you have requested a name to be added above for the Prayers for the Sick and that person is no longer in need of these prayers, please inform Chris in the Parish Office so she can remove the name. email: bulletins2@aol.com; phone: 440-729-9575



#### Please remember in your daily prayers these individuals, who have been and are called to the priesthood.

Sunday, December 26 ~ Bishop Roger Gries Seminarians at Borromeo/St. Mary Monday, December 27 ~ Ho Joseph Truong Viet Tuesday, December 28 ~ Fritz Schlueter Wednesday, December 29~ Sean Neville Thursday, December 30 ~ Chris Stein Friday, December 31 ~ Chunju Park Saturday, January 1~ Brian Peters



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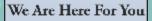


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