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Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Vigil

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

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

We will live-stream 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

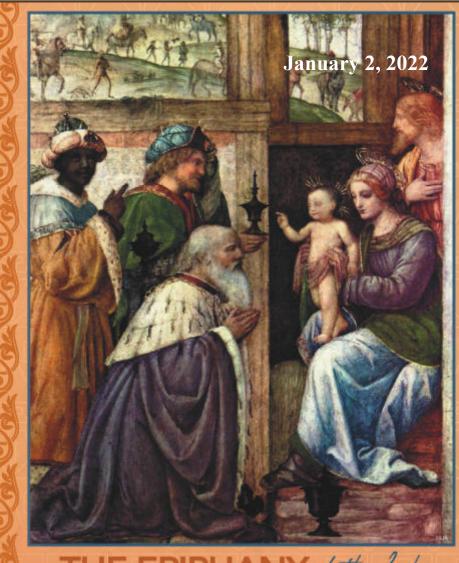
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We are a caring, Catholic community called to welcome all people to experience God's love through Jesus Christ by:

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# THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

"Since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 266

Excerpts from the Lectionery for Mass 92001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### 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 ....

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They 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." (Mt. 9b-11a)

Happy New Year 2022! I pray that this New Year is filled with abundant blessings for all of us.

I had a pastor who used to give a "year in review" for the last bulletin of the year. It gave a nice highlight of some of the things we had experienced over the past year. I may have only been part of this parish family for three months, but it has been a blessed three months.

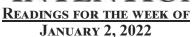
In the beginning of June of 2021, we had received word throughout the Diocese that after 26 years of faithful service to St. Anselm parish, Fr. Tom Sweany would be retiring after reaching the retirement age for priests (75 years old). This meant that the parish would soon be announced as needing a new pastor. In the morning of June 28th, I received a phone call from Fr. Dan Schlegel (the Vicar for Clergy) who was calling on behalf of the Bishop to ask if I would be willing to become the next Administrator (to be installed as Pastor) of St. Anselm. Overwhelmed with gratitude to God, I graciously accepted the appointment.

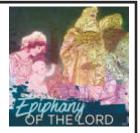
It wasn't until July 7th of 2021 (2 weeks later) that I was finally able to tell people. The first person I wanted to call was Fr. Sweany. We chatted for a little while on the phone so I could learn more about all of you and he could learn more about me. I would find out that it was that same evening at the 7PM Daily Mass that he would publicly announce to everyone here the name of the new Pastor.

In the last two weekends of September, everyone got a chance to say their "farewell" to Fr. Sweany after the weekend liturgies. His retirement theme was very appropriately Cleveland Baseball themed. It reminded us all of how grateful we are to his faithful years

### † THE 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 JANUARY 2, 2022







**Monday, January 3, 2022** @ **8:30am** ~ **Leo Lann** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022** @ **8:30am** ~ **Louis Cangelosi** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022** @ **7:00pm** ~ **Joseph Rudnik** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday, January 6, 2022 @ 8:30am ~ Fr. William Johnson** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 7, 2022 @ 8:30am ~ Madeleine Helen LaMarca 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 8, 2022 @ 4:00pm ~Joseph Sprinzl

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

of service. We continue to invite him to help out occasionally with reconciliation and Masses. In fact, he said the 4PM vigil Mass in Kelly Hall for Christmas.

I'm so grateful for these past three months together and I look forward to having the opportunity to continue to get to know all of you. I pray that the Lord gives us the grace in 2022 to continue to grow as a parish family. I look forward to celebrating our beautiful faith with all of you this year in many big ways. Know that all of you remain in my prayers daily. I'd ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers too.

God Bless You,

Fr. Chris

### Notes from Sister Noel ...

What will the new year bring? It is all unknown. We live in mystery. What we do know is that God will be with us through it all. It is a good time to look back over the year and give thanks for its blessings. The blessings may have happened even alongside whatever was challenging us. So take your time to list the blessings that pop out so readily as wondrous moments but don't be afraid of listing the ones that were our dim moments, e.g. moments of sadness, grief, loneliness, anxiety etc.



You may need to look a little deeper to find the blessing, the new thing learned or the surprise of the Spirit that longed to transform us.

As we look to the year that has passed, be aware of what were the blessings for our family, our nation, our world? When the tough moments came, do they not also bring those who supported us?

It is amazing to recognize that life is not easy, but it is in it that we find the meaning of **our** lives. We may even recognize the Gospel story playing out in our lives. Jesus had his moments of joy, sorrow and glory. He shared in the experience of being human and showed us how to find the Father in all of those experiences.

Life, death and resurrection is hidden in all living things. Flowers wilt and fade and will bloom again. Trees let go of their leaves only to see buds reappear in the spring. During the winter months, like January and February, the appearance of growth is hidden, within the earth, in darkness, but growth is slowly happening.

Remember even in our darkest days, as people of faith, God is working within us, preparing us to rise anew. We may not see it right away but continue watching for that call to renewed life.

For those of us who have lost a loved one through death, we struggle for a time, for some, a long time, but do not give up. Remember life for our loved one has not ended but been changed. You will see them again transformed. May your grief be transformed into compassion thus nourishing life for others who may be experiencing pain or sorrow. Have a blessed new year!



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December 26, 2021 and Christmas Offertory will be published in next week's bulletin

### Happenings in our School

I realize that it seems too soon to begin talking about the next school year, but believe it or not, registration for the 2022/2023 school year will begin on Monday, January 31st, just a few short weeks away. I would like to bring to your attention that in preparation for our registration process, we will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 30th. Our school will be open to welcome visitors and to offer tours from 10 am to 1 pm on that day. Classrooms will be open and teachers will be available for you to meet and talk to. We invite you to come and visit us and let us show you first-hand how amazing our school is. If you cannot make it on this day, please contact us at 440-729-7806 or pohlys@stanselm school.org to schedule your personal tour.



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### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### **Alzheimer's Support Group for Caregivers**

Join us on **Saturday January 8th** (via Zoom), for our monthly meeting for those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's. We pray, share our joys and frustrations, and learn from each other.

We meet the second Saturday of each month from 9:30:-10:30 am. If you are interested, send an email to GaryBurling: <a href="mailto:garywburling@gmail.com">garywburling@gmail.com</a> and I will send you the Zoom link. Being a caregiver is a heavy burden to carry alone. Please consider joining us.

#### Confession

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved. "Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

**YOUNG OF HEART** will meet on January 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the Hospitality Room. Bring your brown bag lunch. Snacks and beverage are provided. We will have musical entertainment by Joel Scigliano.

Remember that January is time to pay your dues of \$20 for the year. Also remember, if the West Geauga Schools are closed because of weather, the meeting is cancelled. You will not be called. Check the morning news for school closings.

### **Protecting God's Children**

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or email at response\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

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



### New Year's Journey with the RCIA

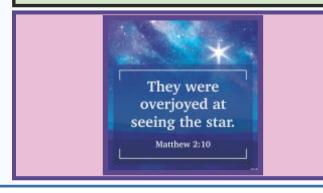
It is a New Year! As the year begins we are looking toward the next steps for the RCIA Candidate and Catechumen all leading to their baptism and profession of faith on Holy Saturday.

We look forward to all the ways that God's call is manifesting itself within, among and between us. Our journey is blessed by the many moments of grace we experience as we join the St. Anselm community for Mass, as we break open the word of Scriptures together each week, as we meet the community at coffee and doughnuts and especially as we learn about the statements of faith in the Catholic Church.

We pray in gratitude for all these blessings and we ask that our hearts continue to be open to desire you, O Holy One above all else. We ask that you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead because we know that life is filled with many blessings and also many challenges. We ask that your light shine on the way we need to follow especially in these months leading to fullness of Catholic life in the St. Anselm community.

And so in this New Year of Grace 2022, keep us aware of how much we need you We are ever grateful for this new life we embrace through Emmanuel, God with us.

Sister Mary Ellen and the RCIA Team



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

### Saint Anselm Church Mother's Ministry

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

Pray and Play
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 temporarily virtual.
For interest or questions, please contact
Kayleigh Varga at 440-781-1777







### 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.

We have Masses available during the month of January if you would like to schedule a Mass for a deceased loved one. Please call Chris in the Parish Office at 440-729-9575.

The Mass Book for 2023 will be available in the Spring to schedule Masses. Please check with the Parish Office after Easter. Thank you.

### 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



Struggling with separation or divorce? Join us for Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8-week support program that will meet Zoom Saturday mornings from 10 AM - Noon, beginning January 8th and concluding on February 26, 2022. At the 4-week point, the group will determine if they will continue to meet on Zoom or switch to in-person at St. Noel Parish in Willoughby. Sessions focus on relevant topics, provide valuable information and direction, and the tools for coping with this life-changing experience. Being part of a group provides the opportunity to share experiences, support, and encouragement. Registration is required. Please visit our website, Divorced-Separated.net to register contact or at kjubeck@st-gabriel.org or 440-352-282. Please note the January 6, 2022 Holiday Helps Meeting at St. John Vianney Parish has been cancelled.





Articles for the **January 16th bulletin** must be received by **Thursday**, **January 6th** 

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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 Karen Cleland Judy Colasante

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#### REST IN PEACE ~ ROSELYN DUDASH, ANTON FARAGUNA AND JOSEPH PRIKOCKIS

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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

Sunday, January 2 ~ Father Chris Cox Seminarians at Borromeo/St. Mary Monday, January 3 ~ Charles Cascino Tuesday, January 4∼ Noah Furin

Wednesday, January 5∼ Jeremy Gaugler Thursday, January 6 ~ John Harwood Friday, January 7 ~ Benjamin Jackson Saturday, January 8~ Paul Baker



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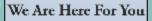


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