

SAINT ANSELM CHURCH

Christmas 2020



REVISED MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

3:00 PM – CHURCH

3:15 PM – GYM

CHURCH

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Midnight

Christmas Day

CHURCH

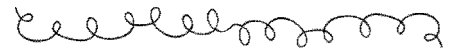
8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Saint Anselm Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020



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WEDDINGS: Those who become engaged are requested to reach out to a parish priest at least six (6) months before the desired wedding date.

Please also reach out to Deacon Warner for information about our Pre-Cana program around the same time.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday following the Noon Mass, approximately at 1:00 PM. Parents are requested to call the Parish Center and speak with Deacon Warner or one of our parish priests who can assist them in registering their child for the Sacrament of Baptism. Deacon Warner can schedule the Pre-Jordan Baptism Program with the parents of the child at the time of registration.

Any questions or concerns about the Sacrament? Reach out to Father Rossi or Deacon Warner, thank you!

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday & Wednesday ----- 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Tuesday ----- Closed

Thursday ----- 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM

Friday ----- 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Saturday ----- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sunday ----- 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Masks are mandatory & hand sanitizer is available in the office.

If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call
1-610-938-1372

< MASS SCHEDULE >

Weekend

Saturday Vigil ----- 5:00 PM

Sunday ----- 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

Weekday

Monday ----- 8:30 AM, 5:00 PM

Tuesday ----- 8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday ----- 8:30 AM

Saturday ----- 8:00 AM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays ----- 3:30 - 4:30 PM

My dear brothers and Sisters –

This Sunday we begin the second week of Advent. Isaiah the prophet tells us: *“In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”* These words of the prophet are quoted in the beginning of the Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter one, in reference to the last great prophet, John the Baptizer. Whenever I hear these words, it reminds me of the rolling hills and valleys of our great state – but especially the times I have spent up north in the Pocono region. Looking in the summertime months at the many lakes, valleys and mountains driving up north and around that region makes visually clear the words of Isaiah. God wishes to “make straight” the pathway to God – as many cultures did in ancient times, building roads and bridges to central cities like Rome, Paris, Milan – many of these ancient places were central hubs for the people of the Roman Empire and after it. In these words the prophet acknowledges that God desires us to be in relationship with Him and His only Son, the Messiah.

These are chaotic, uncertain times and I know the only true north in my life is the peace that comes from God. What do I need to do to stay grounded in God so that I can give comfort to others and not add to their unease and worries?

In the gospel, Mark describes how people from *“the whole of Judean countryside and.... Jerusalem”* were traveling to have John baptize them *“as they acknowledged their sins.”* What are my errors and failures that I need to acknowledge during this Advent season? What barriers do I need to dismantle so I can prepare a pathway for Jesus into my heart? Think back to what John the Baptist said in today’s Gospel; John was very clear about what his role was: *“I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”* John was preparing the world for Jesus, our Redeemer. Instead of capitalizing on his newfound ‘fame’, John humbly continued to fulfill the mission given to him. John helps me realize that I do not have to do everything, I just need to do my part. Spending time with God will clarify my ‘role’ in these uncertain and difficult days.

May God bless you and your loved ones as we approach again this year the celebration of Christ’s Birth. Please carefully read this bulletin, as we have changed our times for Christmas Vigil Masses. Thank you to all those who have been generous and will be generous this holiday to our wonderful parish community of Saint Anselm!

Father Rossi,
Pastor



The Little Blue Book

The Little Blue Book is available for your Advent Prayer. In *The Little Blue Book*, there is a reflection for each day of Advent. The season of Advent can be a busy, hectic time as we prepare for Christmas. The prayerful reflections in *The Little Blue Book* offer a period of quiet and calm to foster the true spirit of Christmas within us. The Book is so little that you can carry it in your pocket or pocketbook.

Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 6

8:00 AM Francis X. Doyle
r/b Francis McMenamin & Family
10:00 AM John Bernard r/b Bernard Family
12:00 PM The Deceased Members of
Saint Anselm Memorial Society

Monday, December 7

8:30 AM Margaret Hoppel, 10th Anniversary
r/b Husband and Family
5:00 PM Francis X. Doyle
r/b James McMenamin & Family

Tuesday, December 8

8:30 AM Art Rauch r/b Rauch Family
12:00 PM Carmella Milillo r/b Family
7:00 PM Deceased Members of McGuire Family
r/b Mary Elmer

Wednesday, December 9

8:30 AM Joseph McDowell, III
r/b Dan McDowell, son

Thursday, December 10

8:30 AM Martin McFadden r/b Barbara Griess

Friday, December 11

8:30 AM Catherine Goodwin r/b Rita & Joe Albert

Saturday, December 12

8:00 AM Richard S. Cordes r/b Marie & Ed Hughes
5:00 PM John J. McNally r/b Bob & Betty Koper

Sunday, December 13

8:00 AM Joseph & Concetta Falotico
r/b Camillia Falotico
10:00 AM Linda Hirst, 1st Anniversary
r/b Legion of Mary
12:00 PM Deborah Kellenberger Hudoka
r/b Tish, Linda, Joe & John

Pray For Our Sick...



Jerry Austin, Remi Cargado, Mary Lou Charlino, Margaret & Ralph Citrino, Helen Coe, Kimberly Doering, Baby Everly Durham, Patrick Gorey, Alice Greiss, Vince Grillo, John Fritz, Dr. Michael Harkins, Harper Hill, Tim Hill, Mary Lou Hogan, Glen Kaiser, Jean Kronbar, Joseph Kronbar, Joel Laskey, Regina Long, Joseph McClain, William McCracken, Marlene McDermott, Kathy McDowell, Staci McFadden, Joan McReynolds, Tony Maher, Cecilia & Richard Mallon, Peter Marcolina, Carol Masterson, Anna Meredith, Matthew Milillo, Anna Palermo, Sally Park, Mario Ragazzone, Virginia Richards, Danny Rodriguez, Janet Rowe, Steve Ruczynski, Jerry Russ, Janet Segaline, Kristy Seiger, Agnes Smith, Joseph Verrello, Anna Mae Weber

Pray For Our Deceased...



Harry J. Kearns, Sr., father of Melissa Gulotta
Margaret MacWilliams, mother of Gerry MacWilliams
David Tweed, cousin of Laurie Payne

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 6

9:00 AM SCRIP Sales – Parish Center
...until 12:30 PM

Monday, December 7

No School

9:00 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
...Church
2:45 PM Benediction – Church
7:00 PM Al Anon Meeting – Spirituality Ctr.
7:00 PM Legion of Mary Mtg. – Spirituality Ctr.

Tuesday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

No School

Parish Center Closed

7:00 PM Prayer Group – Spirituality Ctr.

Wednesday, December 9

6:30 PM St. Vincent DePaul Mtg. – Spirituality Ctr.

Thursday, December 10

6:00 PM SCRIP Sales – Parish Center
...until 7:00 PM

Friday, December 11

Saturday, December 12

4:30 PM SCRIP Sales – Parish Center
...until 5:30 PM

Special Intentions

For the week of December 6, 2020

Altar Bread and Wine

***In memory of Cecelia Maher
Requested by Tony Maher***

You may honor someone of your choice by requesting a sanctuary candle or altar bread and wine for each week of the year in the person's name. We ask for \$25.00 each. Please make arrangements at the Parish Center Monday thru Friday.

Families who had pictures of loved ones on the altar in Church for the month of November may pick up the pictures, cards and/or booklets at the Parish Center. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Vincentian Message...

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent DePaul so that, together, we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Christmas Giving Tree



Our Parish family Christmas Tree is a special way to brighten someone's Christmas. If you have chosen a tag, PLEASE secure the TAG to the OUTSIDE of the package and place the gift in front of the Saint Joseph altar by 1:30 PM on December 13. All the gifts will be distributed by the St. Vincent DePaul Society in the name of St. Anselm Parish.

Parishioners in Need

Unemployment, lack of work, and layoffs have caused some of our families to experience a loss of income.

Our charitable outreach to these families at Thanksgiving and Christmas (food, gifts, and gift cards) will allow them to take the money that they are not spending for these things and use it for utility bills, mortgage payments, etc.

If you know of parishioners in this situation who we can help, please call either Father Rossi, Father Large, Deacon Warner or Deacon Whartenby.

People who are willing to donate to assist these families are asked to do so as "Thanksgiving or Christmas Outreach."

**Life Line Screening
December 18, 2020
Saint Anselm Gymnasium**

Register for the Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129. Please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.

A Reminder to School Families....

In order to remain in category "A" for the 2021-2022 academic year, your contribution level for 2020 MUST BE \$600.00 by DECEMBER 31, 2020. This includes all Sunday and Holy Day contributions, as well as those contributions made by your children. If you are unsure of your amount to date, please call the Parish Center. We encourage you to reach your contribution level BEFORE THE NEW YEAR. Thank you and God bless you!

Football Mania Fans...



<i>Week #11</i>		
Ticket #	Winner	Amount
4347	Jennaca Gentile	\$25.00
	Seller	
	Denise Gentile - \$10.00	

Week #12

Winners will be posted next week!

Sunday Collection – November 17, 2019

\$9,983.00

Sunday Collection – November 22, 2020

Church Collection	\$ 7,783.00
E Giving	\$ 1,480.00
Total:	\$ 9,263.00

Sunday Collection – November 24, 2019

\$9,519.50

Sunday Collection – November 29, 2020

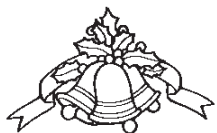
Church Collection	\$ 5,913.00
E Giving	\$ 1,649.00
Total:	\$ 7,562.00

Second Collection Today

Building Improvement

Second Collection – December 13, 2020

Religious Retirement



Ladies of Saint Anselm Congratulate...

Variety Chance Christmas Basket Winners

<i>Prize</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Prize</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Prize</i>	<i>Winner</i>
<i>Men's Day</i>	<i>Deke Martin</i>	<i>Woman's Basket</i>	<i>John Smith</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Bskt.</i>	<i>Karen Harrison</i>
<i>Let's Eat</i>	<i>Margie Caputo</i>	<i>Happy Holiday</i>	<i>Michele Steskal</i>	<i>Ring Video Bell</i>	<i>Joe White</i>
<i>Women's Day</i>	<i>Margie Caputo</i>	<i>Christmas Baking</i>	<i>Marie LeCloux</i>	<i>Coffee Delight</i>	<i>Joan McDowell</i>
<i>Christmas Morning</i>	<i>Liz Cabbage</i>	<i>Color Street Nail Pro.</i>	<i>Kathy Thomas</i>	<i>Metro Diner</i>	<i>Kathy Thomas</i>
<i>Texas Roadhouse</i>	<i>Joan McDowell</i>	<i>Mary Kay</i>	<i>Allyson Bress</i>	<i>Crockpot Delight</i>	<i>Joan McDowell</i>
<i>What's in Your Tote</i>	<i>Jane Palmer</i>	<i>A Taste of Italy</i>	<i>Barcoski</i>	<i>Game Day</i>	<i>Kelly Matecki</i>
<i>Warm and Toasty</i>	<i>Jen Pham</i>	<i>Tuition Check</i>	<i>Alexandra Martin</i>	<i>Survival Kit</i>	<i>B. Crozier</i>
<i>It's the Merriest</i>	<i>Chrissy Rodgers</i>	<i>Family Day</i>	<i>Lucy Szychulski</i>	<i>Jolly Holiday</i>	<i>Linda Mack</i>
<i>Martini Basket</i>	<i>Sharon Gordon</i>	<i>Tuition Check</i>	<i>Donna Gillen</i>	<i>Lottery Basket</i>	<i>Debbie Wible</i>
<i>Pamper Yourself</i>	<i>Diane McDowell</i>	<i>Happy BBQ</i>	<i>Sandy Young</i>	<i>Happy Fall</i>	<i>Mary Poupard</i>
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Joe Martin</i>				

SPECIAL ITEM WINNERS...

SNACK TOWER – Melissa Gagliano

TV – Jeanne Werner

Santa's Helpers

Great Job, Victor Altomare



We are most grateful to all our volunteers, our families, friends, and parishioners who visited us or took chances on-line.

We are especially grateful to Denise Gentile and Kathy Simmons and their team of volunteers for procuring the gifts and making the beautiful baskets.

Congratulations to our Cash for Christmas 50/50 Winner

Bill Murphy - \$1,575.00

Student Sellers:

1st Price – James Rodgers, Room #8, 150 chances - \$25.00

2nd Place – Rowan Martin, Room #2, 87 chances - \$15.00

Our list of benefactors will be published in next week's bulletin.

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