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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021



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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-Canva 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!

< MASS SCHEDULE >

Weekend

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

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

Weekday

Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 PM

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Sunday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Monday & Wednesday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM

Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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

If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is a story told of a catechism class who were studying the Parable the Prodigal Son. After emphasizing the wrong attitude of the older son in the parable, the teacher described the great rejoicing of the household with the return of the prodigal son. “*Amidst the celebration, though,*” the teacher said, “*there was one who failed to share in the festive spirit. Now who was that?*” asked the teacher. Out of the mouth of one of the innocent students was said: “*The fatted calf!*” The parable of the Prodigal Son is one of the best remembered of Jesus’ parables. The story has been so popular through the ages that along with the parable of the Good Samaritan, many people, even those minimally involved in religion or little acquainted with the Bible, can recount the basic story line. Artists have taken up the subject too, such as famous Dutch master, Rembrandt, in his famous painting. Looking at the image one immediately notices the prominent standing figure, the Father in the Parable, who represents God. The artist portrays this figure interestingly though; he seems to be depicted as being blind. His eyes are shut, at least to the faults of his son, and he sees the wayward son not with his eyes but with his heart, on which the kneeling son rests his head. If you look at the two hands of the Father, his left hand seems decidedly masculine and pulls the son’s right shoulder toward the Father’s embrace. The other hand, more delicate and feminine, seems to be caressing the repentant son’s back. In this artistic narration of the parable, God is depicted with traits usually associated both with a loving father and a mother, fitting enough as God is our loving creator and a parent.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, we find three strong persons, and our Lord probably intends for us who hear the parable to see ourselves in each of the three characters. How is this so? The weakness and waywardness of the youngest is characteristic of the youth of each one of us. The jealousy of the older son who doesn’t get rewarded for being true and faithful to his Father we can identify with as we age and mature in our relationship with God and our loved ones. And finally, the compassionate outreach of the Father we can likely find within our lived experiences. That is part of the beauty of the parable; each character is not to represent just one type of person, but truly each one of us are a mixture of sin and repentance, jealousy, and resentment, and it is hoped - overflowing compassion, forgiveness, and love towards our neighbors. A good summary of this great parable can be - try harder to become like the forgiving Father, be less like the jealous older son, and learn the meaning of love of self as the prodigal son finally learned in the compassionate arms of the forgiving parent.

Like the prodigal son, we may have strayed when we were younger. We can recall, I am sure, times that our parents nagged us to go to Mass or church and we found some excuse(s) not to attend. Like the older son we’re often absent from God’s love because of bitterness or anger over what others are getting and we think we deserve. As we get older maybe we more easily realize we are a mixture of both sons in the parable – one representing our youth and the other representing our mature selves. What Jesus is inviting us to in this parable is the realization that our God is like a loving parent, stretching out His hands to us, always forgiving, totally compassionate, loving without limits. The parable is sometimes called that of the Prodigal Father, since prodigal means recklessly wasteful, which the son certainly is in a negative sense, and the Father is a wholly positive sense, of throwing love without restraint always and never counting the cost. The younger son’s misery, being consigned before repentance to a pigsty (*and nothing could be uglier in the minds of Jesus’ hearers*), finally brings him to his senses. This is the greener grass on the other side of the fence we may assume.

How often we think that way, only to realize there is nothing better than to be in the Father’s house. For us, the home we are meant to be in is our Father’s sanctuary, the local church. Have you ever noticed that the parable of the Prodigal Son has no ending really? We don’t know, for example, if the elder brother ever goes in and enjoys the feast with the rest of the household. We’d like to think so at least. What we have is not just a story, then, but a challenge, and that’s the nature of the parables. In other words, if I’m the prodigal son, will I eventually go back to my Father’s house? If I’m the elder son, will I stay outside or go on in and rejoice over the repentant sinner, forgiving as I am forgiven by my Father? Can I show a similar loving forgiveness so lavishly bestowed by the father in this parable?

Even when we make a mess of things, our loving God is ready to take us in. Forgiveness is the final form of love because it defies logic and goes counter to what the world says, “makes sense”. We are all called to demonstrate forgiveness: “forgive us our trespasses, AS we forgive those who trespass against us...” Forgiveness should be extended “*seventy times seven times,*” as Jesus expresses it elsewhere in the Gospel. All of this should inspire us to ponder on God’s forgiveness of our sins, our need to repent and to have confidence in God’s mercy. And we must forgive others. We should always pray for the grace to do so. As the great and holy St Augustine expressed it, “**Do what you can do and pray for what you cannot do!**” God bless you all!

Father Rossi

Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 12

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of O.T.

8:00 AM Carmella Milillo
r/b Nicole Myers
10:00 AM Edna Flynn r/b Flynn Family
12:00 PM The People of St. Anselm Parish

Monday, September 13

8:30 AM Hedwig Miller
r/b Doris & Albert Reithmeir

Tuesday, September 14

8:30 AM Kathleen Gorey
r/b Deacon Dennis &
Maureen Warner

Wednesday, September 15

8:30 AM Skip Kiniry r/b Wife

Thursday, September 16

8:30 AM Alice Austin
r/b Mary & John Clark

Friday, September 17

8:30 AM John & Eleanor Dintel
r/b Eleanor Keeton

Saturday, September 18

8:00 AM Raymond D. Harris
r/b Wife, Mae
4:30 PM Mary R. Heavey
r/b Mary & John Clark & Family

Sunday, September 19

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of O.T.

8:00 AM Charles Donahue
r/b Gerry Gorgol
10:00 AM Robert Schofield
r/b Frank & Marge
12:00 PM The People of St. Anselm Parish

Pray For Our Sick:

Karen Blake, Stephen Brock, Bryce Cassidy, Megan Clifford, Donna Clopp, Joseph Daly, John DelRicci, Kimberly Doering, Kathy Rempp Donahue, Anthony Dugan, Baby Everly Durham, Thomas Elmer, John Fritz, Anastasia Gonzalez, Vince Grillo, Jim Hendri, Al Herrmann, Christine Howell, Richard Himes, Marie Hughes, Catherine Iannacone, Alice Johns, Joe Kaupas, Jean Kronbar, Joseph Kronbar, Joel Laskey, Cathy Leitner, Regina Long, Michael Lowery, Kathy McDowell, Baby Edward Francis McFillin, Ed McManus, Denise McReynolds, Joan McReynolds, Tom Maguire, Tony Maher, Cecilia Mallon, Joel Myers, Peggy O'Leary, Tracey Osborne, Anna Palermo, Keith Patterson, Joe Pellecchia, Robert Pellegrini, Rita Perkins, Stella Pettinelli, Virginia Richards, Kathy Roberts, Mark Rott, Jerry Russ, Carol Ryan, Michael Ryan, Janet Segaline, John Segaline, Agnes Smith, Robert Snyder, Sr., Fred Straub, Tommy Stride, Connie Sullivan, Ashley Valucci, Diane Valucci, Frederick Vesci, Jr., Anna Mae Weber, Jack & Sophie Weber, Ray White, Chris Wible, Dorothy Wizimirski, Jennifer Zettlemoyer, Joseph Zwicharowski

Special Intention

for the week of September 12, 2021

Altar Bread and Wine

***In memory of Francis P. Gallagher
Requested by: Bill & Terri McCloskey***

Baptisms – Congratulations!

September 5, 2021

**Peyton Elizabeth, daughter of Ryan Powell and
Madison Kulb
Cody James, son of Maksim and Kaitlyn Yankelevich**

Schedule

Sunday, September 12

9:00 AM SCRIP Sales – Parish Center
11:00 AM “Meet & Greet” Mr. Mee
11:15 AM Delaware Valley Veteran’s Home

Monday, September 13

9:00 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
...Chapel
6:00 PM Rosary & Benediction – Chapel
7:00 PM BLJ Development Committee Mtg.
...Room A
7:00 PM CYO Board Mtg. – Room B
7:00 PM Al Anon – Spirituality Center

Tuesday, September 14

9:00 AM SCRIP Sales – Parish Center
6:30 PM CCD Back to School Night – Church
6:40 PM Nar Anon – Spirituality Center

Wednesday, September 15

7:00 PM Ladies Meeting – Room B

Thursday, September 16

1:15 PM Confessions Grades 3-8
6:00 PM SCRIP Sales – Parish Center
6:30 PM Back to School Night – Church
7:00 PM Boy Scouts’ Mtg. – Parish Hall
7:00 PM Choir Practice – Music Room

Friday, September 17

Saturday, September 18

4:00 PM SCRIP Sales (until 5:30 PM)

Ladies of Saint Anselm...

*Wednesday, September 15th @ 7:00 PM
Room B*

*All ladies are invited to attend!
(please park in the schoolyard to enter Room B)*

SUMMER SPLASH SPIN 50/50

The winner of the September 1st drawing was
Diane Leonetti

Congratulations on your winnings!

Thank you to all those who supported Summer
Splash Spin. We hope you had as much fun as we
did spinning the wheel each week. Stay tuned for a
spin in late October and December.

Dear Friends –

Thank you so much for your consideration and signing up to attend a Pilgrimage to Ireland with me, sponsored by UniTours, Inc. The original dates were October 10 – 19 of this fall. Due to the COVID Variant and some struggles this fall, our tour consultant and I have agreed it is wisest and best to postpone our pilgrimage until next October of 2022. I am working on dates with UniTours and once we have agreed on 10 consecutive days, I will email all of you with that information. I wanted to send this brief letter to explain why we have chosen to postpone our trip. I had hoped that by the fall COVID’s damage would be over and we could return to some normality. However, it seems the variant is spreading still, and Ireland has currently shut its doors to visitors from overseas. I am afraid that, as we quickly approach our original dates, we will be turned away. So, postponing seems the most reasonable and just solution to the issues facing our group. If you wish to stay signed up and transfer your deposit to the new pilgrimage, reach out to Unitours and let them know that soon. Everyone is entitled to a refund regardless of insurance because the cancellation is due to the COVID Pandemic – however I would hope that you would be willing to still tour and pray with me in Ireland next fall. Let us pray that this variant quickly disappears and we can return to the normalcy of pre-2019.

Please email me at the address below if you have any immediate issues and I can then reach out to our tour consultant with any serious questions that I cannot answer. May the Lord bless you and your loved ones, stay safe and healthy! Thank you for your consideration of joining me in Ireland - may the Lord make it possible to go next year; may Our Lady of Knock intercede for all our intentions!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Father Rossi
Pastor
fatherrossi@stanselparish.com

Vincentian Message...

In today's Gospel, Jesus says "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me," The cross of Jesus and the crosses of His members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless but who still trust in God's love. Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is temporarily in need because of the loss of a job or illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent DePaul...we want to help!

In August, one family took advantage of the pantry with eight bags of groceries and paper products. The St. Vincent DePaul pantry is here to help those in need. Your **anonymity** is maintained and there is **no charge**. Call 215-637-3525 and leave a message.

We received 46 bags of groceries and paper products from our parishioners and Shop-Rite of Bensalem. We stocked our pantry and a local food cupboard.

The Friends of the Poor Walk/Stroll...

Join us on Saturday, September 25th at Saint Anselm Church. Registration is at 10 AM and the Walk begins at 10:15 AM. All funds remain in the Parish allowing us to provide emergency assistance to NEIGHBORS in need.

You can help by...

- Praying for nice weather
- Becoming a walker...all are welcome,
- Making a contribution in an envelope marked POOR WALK and place it in the collection basket or take it to the Parish Center. There will be a free-will contribution after Mass on September 18 & 19.

Announced Mass Intentions 2022 Wednesday, September 22, 2021 10:00 AM to 12 Noon – ROOM B (after 12 Noon – Parish Center)

In order to allow announced Masses to be available to all people, we ask that you limit your requests to three announced Masses, two of which may be Vigil Masses, Sunday Masses, or holy day Masses (or a combination of those Masses) and one week day Mass. This restriction will be effective until Monday, October 27th, when additional weekday Masses may be requested.

Please limit each intention to one name unless it is for a deceased couple such as "Mr. & Mrs. John Smith". The offering for an "announced Mass" will be \$10.00 each. Please use the schoolyard entrance; no one is permitted through the school entrances. Doors will open promptly at 10 AM. You MUST wear a mask! Thank you for your consideration.



2021 MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Saint Anselm Adult Choir cordially welcomes new members to join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM and at monthly Masses and Special Liturgies.

Our first practice will be on September 16th at 7:00 PM in the Music Room.

If you enjoy singing and praising the Lord through song, please come and join us. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Diane, 267-939-7030.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

for

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Our CLOW classes will begin the first Sunday of October during the 10:00 AM Mass. If you would like to participate in this program, please email Colleen Clarency, cclarency@me.com for additional information. This is not a weekly commitment; schedules are rotated. Clearances are required and training will be provided.

**Sixth Annual Padre Pio Festival
St. Bede the Venerable Parish
September 18-19, 2021**

This two-day event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet featuring games & amusements for children, food & craft vendors & live music. The highlight will be a 5:30 PM Vigil Mass followed by blessings with holy relics. Sunday 12:30PM Solemn Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Pio Mandato followed by a street procession. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food and craft vendors, amusements and live music. There is plenty of free parking! For more info, call 215-357-5720.



Oktoberfest 2021

October 2, 2021
12:00 Noon – 7:00 PM
Saint Anselm Schoolyard

Our **Oktoberfest** is a fun-filled day with arts and crafts for children, with music, delicious food & wonderful beverages!

We have vendors with a variety of merchandise! In the event of inclement weather, we will move our vendors into Our Lady of Victory Hall/Gym. 50/50 Tickets are available at the Parish Center. Tickets will be distributed to our school students Monday, September 13th. This cash prize ticket is \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Sunday Collection – September 5, 2021

Church Collection:	\$ 7,790.00
E Giving:	\$ 2,257.00
Total:	\$10,047.00

Second Collection – September 5, 2021

Black & Indian Missions	\$ 350.00
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Second Collection – September Today

Building Improvement

Thank you for your generosity and goodness!

**Our Lady of Calvary
Bereavement Ministry Sessions**

Monday Evenings
(OLC Upper Church – enter byway of main door)

If you are grieving the loss of a parent, spouse, child, sibling, or friend, join us and perhaps together we can work through the emotions you are experiencing. Please join us for these helpful sessions.

September 28 th	Spiritual Elements of Grief & Healing
October 5 th	“Crazy is Normal”
October 12 th	Understanding the Stages of Grief
October 19 th	Changed Forever
October 26 th	Surviving Stress & Loneliness
November 9 th	Feelings of Denial, Bargaining and Guilt
November 16 th	Spiritual Elements of Grief & Healing
November 23 rd	The Value of Memories & Personal Bereavement Reflections

Attendees and Ministry Team may wear FACE MASKS and social distancing will be maintained.

Archbishop Ryan Fall Open House

October 21, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Pre-Register online at www.arhs.me/open

The Presidential Scholarship Test Dates are...

October 23, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

October 24, 2021 @ Noon

October 30, 2021 @ 9:00

All students applying for the Class of 2026 are encouraged to take the 8th grade Presidential Scholarship Test. Financial Aid Information Sessions are available during each test session.

Pre-registration is required. Sign up at

www.arhs.me/exam

Arts Scholarships at Archbishop Ryan

AR is offering the opportunity for 8th grade students who will be attending Ryan next Fall to be awarded a scholarship for their artistic talents. Students interested in studying fine arts, music, or theater should visit www.arhs.me/scholarships for information on scheduling auditions or portfolio drop-offs. Deadlines for these scholarships are in early November.

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