

FOURTH SUNDAY *of Advent*



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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 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-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!

< 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

< CHRISTMAS MASSES >

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24

4:15 PM Gym (Youth & Family)

4:00 PM & 6:30 PM Church

Midnight Mass

11:30 PM Cantata

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 25

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

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, Saturday & Sunday ----- Closed

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

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent – but it isn't Christmas yet! It might seem it is from the radio, television, and other social media but we still have 5 days till Christmas! I am hopeful that our beautifully decorated church will be the place where many come from the local neighborhood to worship the Christ child, born in Bethlehem centuries ago, and pray God born in our hearts anew this Christmastime!

Dear Brothers and Sisters, let us remember that there may be many who come to worship with us for the Mass(es) on Christmas Eve and Day – I ask of you; let us be forgiving, patient and as gentle as possible with our many guests and parishioners we do not see so often. Hopefully our warm welcome and patience will be a reminder that our doors are always open and welcoming to all who wish to worship Jesus on Sundays. May we pray that more people are inspired this Christmas to place Christ into their hearts and their families, and may they leave God-with-us there not just for a couple days in December, but hopefully for many days and months ahead!

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we will celebrate on Christmas Day, in the words of the great cousin of our Blessed Mother, Mary – Saint Elizabeth: *“Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”* In the case of our Blessed Mother, Mary - she had to set out for the hill country of Judah, a journey by foot that might take some time. Women of her time would have never traveled alone. But she, believing the angel's description of her child as holy and a gift from above, may have set out with the certainty that she would be protected by the holy child in her womb. She possessed a faith that was stronger than the world would have conceived.

The faith of Mary is God's strength. She believes in the words of the Angel Gabriel. Her faith seems “ridiculous” only because we have become more disbelieving, or we have come to rely on ourselves. The faith of Mary will always stand out sharply as naïve against the backdrop of a technologically driven and self-sufficient scientific culture that denies the existence of a power greater than ourselves. Even as we hope for the Herald's outcome, we are left with a sinking feeling that we will lose out anyway because we have not “done” enough. You can discern how faith is related to what we do but often our action is not because we have faith. Mary teaches us that our faith is God's strength. She beckons us today not to give up hope because God can be relied upon and the only way we can be sure that God can be relied upon is that we, like Mary, say yes to God and like her, we act believing that God will help us because we allow Him the ability to come into our hearts and homes. Christmas is not the celebration that God needs to come - but it is the solemn announcement that we as a people still need a Savior to fix our brokenness and sinfulness. Faith is our call from God and faith is the reason for our actions in the world. Mary's generous faith gave the Father the permission to send the Son into the world. In these next few days, may Mary's example encourage us to do likewise: to be generous in believing in the power of God working in each of our mundane lives. We will never be confounded and if we permit God in, He can do the impossible! May the Lord richly bless you and your families this Christmas and into the New Year!

+ Father Rossi

Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 19 ***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

8:00 AM Alice Austin r/b Kathy Zaremski
10:00 AM Carmen DiDonato r/b Family
12:00 PM The People of St. Anselm Parish

Monday, December 20

8:30 AM Charles Donahue r/b Susan Costa

Tuesday, December 21

8:30 AM Charles F. Donahue
r/b John & Fran Berthsci

Wednesday, December 22

8:30 AM Joseph Polisi, 18th Anniversary
r/b Connie & Jack Tolchin

Thursday, December 23

8:30 AM Edna Flynn r/b Flynn Family

Friday, December 24

8:30 AM Thomas McGuire
r/b Michael Bocchicchio

Christmas Vigil Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24

4:15 PM Gym (Youth & Family)

4:00 PM & 6:30 PM Church

Midnight Mass

11:30 PM Cantata

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 25

8:00 AM

11:00 AM



***Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are
being offered for those intentions listed on
the Christmas Mass Intention enrollments***

Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus

8:00 AM George W. Jones, Sr.
r/b Bernice Jones
10:00 AM The People of St. Anselm Parish
12:00 PM Wanda & Frank Stewart
r/b Daughter, Maureen Rieser

Pray For Our Sick:

Carolyn Baxter, Joan & Remus Berretta, Karen Blake, Mary Ann Bradley, Stephen Brock, Maureen O'Connor Brown, Pat Clark, Megan Clifford, Donna Clopp, Bernie Cory, Caroline Czepiel, Geraldine Daly, Joseph Daly, John DelRicci, Kimberly Doering, Lisa Duenas, Anthony Dugan, Baby Everly Durham, Vera Enstrom, Marion Fink, John Fritz, Connie & Walt Gaither, Chris Gimbel, Anastasia Gonzalez, Jeff Hain, Jim Hendri, Al Herrmann, Christine Howell, Richard Himes, Marie Hughes, Ann Jolly, Robert Joseph, Joe Kaupas, Diane Kozlowski, Jean Kronbar, Joseph Kronbar, Kelly Kronbar, Joel Laskey, Marilyn Laurie, Regina Long, Michael Lowery, Regina McCall, Kathy McDowell, Baby Edward Francis McFillin, Kyle McQue, Denise McReynolds, Joan McReynolds, Tom Maguire, Tony Maher, Ronnie Marino, John Murphy, Dante Nazzaro, Peggy O'Leary, Christopher Omeila, Tracey Osborne, Anna Palermo, Helen Panepresso, Keith Patterson, Joe Pellecchia, Robert Pellegrini, Rita Perkins, Stella Pettinelli, Carol Ann Possi, Emily Recchia, Virginia Richards, Connie Rispo, Kathy Roberts, Vee Rossi, Jerry Russ, Carol Ryan, Michael Ryan, Janet Segaline, John Segaline, Agnes Smith, Fred Straub, Tommy Stride, Connie Sullivan, Marge Tomaselli, Anne Marie & Al Vacca, Ashley Valucci, Diane Valucci, Frederick Vesci, Jr., Jack & Sophie Weber, Ray White, Chris Wible, Tom Williams, Dorothy Wizimirski, Jennifer Zettlemoyer, Joseph Zwicharowski

Pray For Our Deceased...

Mary Murphy, mother of Keith Hill



Special Intentions

For the week of December 19, 2021

Altar Bread and Wine

In memory of Mina Doebley

Requested by Family



Baptisms – Congratulations!

December 12, 2021

Michael Brian, son of Michael Fulforth and
Haley McDonald

Thomas Charles, son of Jacob and Amanda
Hoffman

Schedule

Sunday, December 19

No Children's Liturgy

9:00 AM SCRIP Sales – Parish Center
1:00 PM Pre-Jordan Class – Spirituality Ctr.

Monday, December 20

9:00 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
...Chapel
6:00 PM Rosary & Benediction – Chapel
7:00 PM Legion of Mary Mtg. – Spirituality Ctr.
7:00 PM Al Anon – Spirituality Center

Tuesday, December 21

9:00 AM SCRIP Sales – Parish Center
6:40 PM Nar Anon – Spirituality Center
6:45 PM Prayer Group – Spirituality Center

Wednesday, December 22

9:15 AM School Liturgy
School Dismissal at Noon

Thursday, December 23

No SCRIP SALES

7:00 PM Choir Practice in Church

Friday, December 24

Parish offices closed!

Saturday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS – NO Staff / Office closed!

Our SCRIP Office will be closed on the following
dates:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH,
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST.

We will resume regular hours on
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND.

Sunday Collection - December 12, 2021

Church Collection: \$8,100.⁰⁰
E Giving: \$3,795.⁰⁰
Total Giving: \$11,895.⁰⁰
Immaculate Conception Holy Day
\$1,605.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity and goodness!

Vincentian Message...

Jesus was born during the night of the year when
darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes
for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep
joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul,
“Light” has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to
the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our
streets and neighborhood.

Holiday Bulletin Transmission Schedule

January 2nd is due December 20th

Due to early bulletin transmissions, the collection
figures and names of our parish's sick and deceased
will be updated as available.

Attention...

School and Parish Volunteers

Anyone and everyone involved with our school, parish,
or parish organizations where children participate,
MUST have clearances. If you would like to participate
in a holiday celebration or chaperone a class trip, you are
required to have minimal clearances. Clearances are free
to volunteers and you are able to request your criminal
record check and child abuse clearance on line. There
are two additional forms that you will need to sign and
return to the Parish Center. Please, DO NOT wait until
the last minute to begin this process. For additional
information, call 215-637-3525. Thank you!

**Saint Anselm Church
Philadelphia, PA**

2021



SCHEDULE

Confessions

**Saturday afternoons
December 4th, 11th, 18th
3:15 – 4:15 PM**

Advent Penance Service

**Thursday, December 16th
7:00 PM**

Many Priests will be present to hear confessions



Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

4:15 PM Youth & Family Mass – GYM

Church

4:00 PM, 6:30 PM

Midnight Mass

Christmas Cantata 11:30 PM (before Mass)

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

No evening Mass



New Year's Masses

December 31, 2021

4:00 PM Vigil for New Year's

January 1, 2022

8:00 AM

12:00 Noon

NO EVENING MASS

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