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Third Sunday of Advent • December 13, 2015

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	5:00 pm - 8:00; 10:00 am; 12:00 noon
Weekday Monday thru Friday Saturday	8:30 am 8:00 am
4:	4:00 PM Church 00 PM GYM (Youth & Family) 6:30 PM Church (11:30 PM – Cantata) Church
Christmas Day	8:00 AM and 11:00 AM only No Evening Mass
CONFESSION SCHEDU Saturdays	LE 3:30 - 4:30 pm
	7:00 PM esent to hear confessions

WEDDINGS

Couples planning to marry are asked to contact a Parish priest to make arrangements for a wedding.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are every Sunday at 1:00 pm. Parents are asked to call the Parish Center and speak with the Priest or Deacon who is on call and who will assist them in registering their child for Baptism. The Church assists the parents by offering instruction on the meaning, importance, and responsibilities of the sacrament of Baptism. A Pre-Jordan Baptismal Program for helping parents prepare for the spiritual birth of their child is held on the fourth Sunday of most months in the Spirituality Center following the Noon Mass.

DEVOTIONS

Rosary 8:00 am, Daily
6:00 pm, Monday
Eucharistic Exposition9:00 am - 6:30 pm, Monday (Chapel)
Divine Mercy3:00 pm, Monday (Chapel)
Benediction6:50 pm, Monday (Chapel)
Charismatic Prayer Mtg 7:00 pm, Tuesday
Miraculous Medal Novena 8:00 am Mass, Saturday

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday thru Thursday	-8:30 am to 8:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday	9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Dear Friends:

Rejoice in the Lord, always! Again, I say, "Rejoice!" As we enter our third week of the Advent Season, we are greeted in church by the above phrase. In the sanctuary, the priest is wearing "Rose colored" vestments. The Church officially calls today, Gaudete Sunday. The word "Gaudete" means ("Rejoice"), taken from the Latin translation of St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. It sets a tone to joyful expectation for the Lord's birth; and, Second Coming.

Also, this weekend is the first weekend in the Church's Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016

"We constantly need to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace.

Our salvation depends on it."

~ Pope Francis

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia invites everyone to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy, a time to meditate upon and more actively respond to the infinite mercy of God, which he offers to every soul through His Son, Jesus Christ. Please explore the resources below to learn more about the Holy Year, how to live it, and about God's greatest attribute, mercy.

As a Universal Church, we are privileged that a Jubilee Year has been granted to us by Pope Francis. The original Jubilee Year was celebrated in the year 1300. It was to occur every fifty years subsequent. The last Jubilee Year was celebrated in the Year 2000. That is why this year it is called an Extraordinary Jubilee Year.

With the Year of Mercy in mind, we recall some of the lessons that we memorized in the Baltimore Catechism. Namely, the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. For the sake of review (Sister will ask questions, later[®])...

The Corporal Works of Mercy:

- To feed the hungry;
- To give drink to the thirsty;
- To clothe the naked;
- To house the homeless;
- To visit the sick;
- To ransom the captive;
- To bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy:

- To instruct the **ignorant**;
- To counsel the doubtful;
- To admonish sinners;
- To bear wrongs patiently;
- To forgive offences willingly;
- To comfort the afflicted;
- To pray for the living and the dead.

These Works of Mercy are certainly in full view here at St. Anselm Parish. Through our various societies, out-reach programs, activities and service projects in our grade school, and countless quiet ways that our parishioners reach out to those in need. The gifts in front of the Blessed Mother's altar today speak volumes about our Parish mercy.

As our Jubilee Year begins and our fiscal year comes to a close, please feel free to take any of the materials that are at the entrances of our church. Little Blue Books, holy cards with Pope Francis on the front (sorry, there are none with Fr. Friel®) and the 2016 calendars.

As we continue to prepare for Christmas, may the Lord assist you with all the many necessary preparations you need to make. But please, do not forget the spiritual preparations you need to make for your soul. As you get everything and everyone around you ready for Christmas, do not neglect your soul! More to follow next week...

Anselm is Awesome!

Mass Schedule Sunday, December 13 8:00 AM Anne Black r/b Bill Black 10:00 AM Lola Aquilino r/b Her Family 12:00 PM People of Saint Anselm Parish Monday, December 14 John J. Quinn r/b His Wife & Daughters 8:30 AM Tuesday, December 15 James Hamilton r/b Mike Cooke 8:30 AM Wednesday, December 16 Holy Family r/b Ralph Berarducci 8:30 AM Thursday, December 17 8:30 AM Jerry Sharkey r/b The Connors Family Friday, December 18 Fr. Stanislaus Kowal, 25th Anniversary 8:30 AM Saturday, December 19 8:00 AM Caroline Druding r/b Marie Druding 5:00 PM Rosemarie Castagna r/b The Micucci Family Sunday, December 20 Jack Kennedy r/b Diane Quinn Willauer 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Dorman & Mary Howell r/b Annarose Payne & Family

Sunday Collection - December 6, 2015

People of Saint Anselm Parish

12:00 PM

Envelopes	\$13	3,756.00
Loose	\$	529.65
High School Students	\$	41.00
Grade School Students	\$	20.00
Total	\$14	4,346.65

Second Collection – December 6, 2015

Building & Grounds \$ 1,444.00

Second Collection Today

Retired Religious Collection

Eucharistic Ministers & Ushers

If you are able to assist at the Masses on Christmas or New Years, either in Church or Our Lady of Victory Hall, there are sign-up sheets in the Sacristy for Ministers of the Eucharist. The sign-up sheets for ushers are on the table at the main entrance of Church. Thank you.

Pray For Our Sick...

Lorraine Apice, wife of Edward Apice

Patti Bernard Sharon Beyer, daughter of Bernie & Theresa Cory Pat Bocchicchio, sister-in-law of Pat McGuire Joanne Callahan, mother of Kevin Callahan Gus Campione, uncle of Vince & Pat Visco John Carr, brother of Robert Carr Loretta Chilton, wife of Jack Chilton Joe Ciminara, friend of Pete DiGiuseppe Margaret, Mark & Ralph Citrino Denny Clare, friend of Vince & Pat Visco Debbie Collins, niece of Peg Brecker Joseph Cwenar, grandfather of Samantha Negler Mark Czyzewski, nephew of Joseph & Phyllis Skiba Joseph Daly, nephew of Patricia & Joseph Owens Elizabeth Dieckman, friend of Pat Nespola Tom Dobron, nephew of Andy & Jean Dobron Nina Ervin, mother of Courtney Gross Carol Grimes, mother of Melissa Baker Moore Courtney Gross, daughter of Nina Ervin Ed Hagenkotter, brother of Marie Stewart Gianna Harder, granddaughter of Kathy & Tony Jagielski Teresa Holman, daughter of Mary & Dom Bucciarelli Ele Kerrigan, sister of Nancy Gardner Leslie Kobzina, granddaughter of Eleanor Keeton Ed Lafferty, husband of Peg Lafferty Nicholas Lamina, son of Joseph & Carol Lamina Roseanne Lucarini, wife of Sante Lucarini Jean McCann, neighbor of Pat & Vince Visco Rick McConaghy, brother-in-law of Gloria & Danny Michael McCourt, father of Marge Denzler Jeanne McDonough, aunt of Ann Grippo Erin Martin, granddaughter of Tom & Anita Murphy Nora Mastyl, sister of Kathy Nice Monica Meehan, daughter-in-law of Kathleen Meehan Mickey Melnyk, wife of Joe Melnyk Celeste Morrelli, daughter of Helen Jeral Bonnie Oldham, sister of Mary Ellen Lowery Frank Pasternak, husband of Elizabeth Pasternak Mary Piazza, aunt of Toni Bird Relatives of The Tarquin Pirolli Family Dennis Rowan, brother of Mary Rowan Spike Ruane, nephew of Peggy McQuillan Amelia & Allan Sacilowski Robert Savage, father of Eileen Savage Vic Seidel, friend of Debbie Doebley Brandy Stewart, granddaughter of Marie Stewart Marie Tereskun, sister-in-law of Jeanne Tereskun Harry Thompson, husband of Dorothy Thompson

Pray For Our Deceased...

Betty Beck Tierney, sister of Rita Vaxner Elizabeth Wahl, granddaughter of Terry Kumor



Douglas Kirk, brother of Kim Kirk Anthony Mancuso, husband of Mary Mancuso Art Rausch, husband of Judy Rausch Gloria Welsh, mother of Mary Blaney

Weekly Schedule

	Sunday, December 13
9:00 AM	SCRIP Sales – Room B
10:00 AM	Liturgy of the Word for Children (K-4)
12:00 PM	Secular Franciscans – Spirituality Ctr.
2:00 PM	SVDP – Separating Gifts from Giving Tree
5:00 PM	AA Meeting – Room B
6:30 PM	CYO HS Youth Night – Room A
	Monday, December 14
	Parent/Teacher Conferences
9:00 AM	No Classes Expectation of the Most Pleased Segrement
3:00 AM 3:00 PM	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
6:30 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	Rosary & Benediction – Chapel
6:30 PM	AA Meeting – Room B
7:00 PM	Legion of Mary – Spirituality Center
7:30 PM	Christmas Party Al Anon Meeting
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9:00 AM	SCRIP Sales – Room B
6:45 PM	CCD Classes w/Confessions @ 7 PM
7:00 PM	Prayer Group – Spirituality Ctr.
7:00 PM	AA Meeting – Room B
	Wednesday, December 16
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Youth Night Tonight!

Our monthly Youth Night is scheduled for this evening at 6:30 PM in the History Room. All students in grades 9-12 are invited. The purpose of our monthly Youth Nights is to have a discussion or presentation, along with some fun & food. Questions? Contact Fr. Friel or check out www.stanselmparish.com/highschool.



Christmas Giving Tree

We invite all the families of the parish to think of the poor at Christmas. Our Parish Family Christmas Tree is a special way to brighten someone's Christmas. If you have chosen a tag, please place your gift under the tree by 2:00 PM TODAY. All gifts will be distributed by the St. Vincent DePaul Society in the name of St. Anselm Parish. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

HOLIDAY DONATIONS: In the past, parishioners have generously made special donations at this holiday time to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. The Society gratefully accepts all monetary donations for the support of the less fortunate during this holiday season. Donations may be placed in the poor boxes or in an envelope marked "Holiday Outreach" and placed in the Sunday collection baskets. They may also be brought to the Parish Center.



Christmas Concert Fr. Friel, Fr. Chylinski & Friends

Mark your calendars now for our annual parish "Concert Before Christmas" on Saturday, December 19th at 7:30 PM. The program will incorporate Advent & Christmas music, along with several instrumentalists.

This concert is always well attended. Plan now to join us for a memorable evening of music in preparation for the birth of our Lord!

<u>Wedding</u> <u>December 5, 2015</u>



Michael Hill and Amy Sipps

Vincentian Message...

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.



LOAVES & FISHES SUNDAY December 20, 2015

The St. Vincent DePaul Society extends its thanks to all our parishioners for their continued support and concern for those less fortunate. Suggested items needed for our parish pantry this month include: breakfast cereals, pancake mix & syrup, coffee and tea, canned fruit and juices, canned vegetables and meats, tuna fish, canned soups, peanut butter & jelly, rice, pasta and sauce, gravy and broths, cake mixes and icings, bath soap and dish detergents, soap for washing machines, flour, sugar/sweet & low, toilet paper, paper towels. May God bless you always for your kindness and generosity.

Advent Adult Faith Formation Urban Philadelphia Documentary

Join us next Tuesday evening, December 22nd, as we watch & discuss the final episode of the documentary that first aired in September, during the World Meeting of Families, entitled *Unraveling*.

We will meet in the Spirituality Center. The episode will be shown beginning at 7 PM, followed by group discussion that will end by 8:00 PM.

CYO Snow Tubing Trip February 21, 2015 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Out trip departs St. Anselm parking lot at 7:30 AM to travel to Blue Mountain Ski Resort in Palmerton, PA. We will snow tube for three hours and board the bus at 2:00 PM to travel back home (arrival time 4:00 PM). Cost is \$50.00 per person with a \$25.00 per person non-refundable deposit due, along with the permission slip, by Tuesday, December 22nd. The balance is due no later than Friday, January 29th. All CYO members, grades 5 thru 8, are welcome to attend. However, you must be 36" or taller to participate in snow tubing. If you have any questions, please call Nicole, 610-329-6819 or email nicshensky@gmail.com

PARKWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Wednesday, December 16, 2015 @ 7:00 PM
Saint Anselm Parish Hall
All are invited to attend this meeting.
We hope to see you!
Please feel free to bring a friend.

Holiday Bulletin Transmission Schedule

Please submit your information for publication according to the following schedule:

 $\begin{array}{ll} December \ 27^{th} - December \ 16^{th} \\ January \quad \ 3^{rd} - December \ 22^{nd} \end{array}$

HOLIDAY SCRIP SALES

Wednesdays, December 23rd & 30th 6:30 to 7:30 PM Parish Center

> The SCRIP Office is closed Thursday, December 24th Thursday, December 31st

SAVE THE DATE...

19154 5K Race

The third annual "19154 5K Race" will be held Saturday, February 6, 2016. If you are a runner or walker, save the date. Check out our new website: www.191545k.com.

If you own or work for a business that would like to become a sponsor, please send an email to race@stanselmparish.com or find the sponsorship form on the website. All proceeds from the 19154 5K will benefit the youth & young adult ministries of St. Anselm Church.

5K Training Program

Dr. Michael Dougherty of Tri-State Sport and Spine will be offering a free, four-week training program for anyone who wants help reaching the goal of running the 19154 5K Race. The training group will meet at 9 AM in our gym on January 9, 16, 23, & 30. The sessions will begin with some stretches and core work before some light road running. Anyone is welcome to attend.

AID FOR FRIENDS

A very special "Thank You" to all who continue to cook and replenish the meals for Aid for Friends. We are most grateful for your support.

Over the past five years, Saint Anselm Parishioners have provided an average of 1,200 meals per year. Since January 2015, we have provided 1,425 meals!!!

As the need for assistance becomes greater during the up-coming months, we encourage you to continue to provide meals and we would welcome new participation. If you are able to make extra when preparing your dinners, there are containers in Room B in which to place a meal and provide dinner for someone in need.

A Reminder to School Families....

In order to remain in category "A" for the 2016-2017 academic year, your contribution level for 2015 must be \$600.00 by December 31, 2015. This includes all Sunday and Holy Day contributions, your block collection and those contributions made by your children. If you are unsure of your amount to date, please call Joanne @ 215-637-3525. Thank you and God bless you!

Separated/Divorced Support Group
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
121 Belmont Ave.
Croydon, PA
Wednesday, December 16th
7 PM
Father Crehan Hall
Monthly Support Group
Questions: Peg Duffy @215-788-1947

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. If you are struggling in your marriage, attending a Retrouvaille program could be the best gift you give to your spouse, and family, this Christmas! Retrouvaille weekend is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The next program begins on the weekend of February 12th at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For more information or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquires are kept strictly confidential.

Christmas Mass Cards

Mass cards, offering a remembrance in all the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at Saint Anselm Church, are available at the Parish Center. All intention envelopes for both living and deceased will be placed in the crib during the Christmas Masses. The cards feature the Holy Family and make great gifts. The offering for each card is \$5.00.



Gospel Today Second Sunday of Advent | Luke 3: 1-6

As written in Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed , "Prepare the way of the Lord."

WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



-- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES --

ROLL & OVERLAP EDGES & GLUE OR TAPE TOGETHER

> OVERLAP WITH OPPOSITE SIDE

This is what the finished candle should look like



COLOR PURPLE FOLD COLOR GREEN

WEEK 2 Cut, color and fold our second advent candle - tape or glue to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first candle. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

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