

Saint Anselm Church

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First Sunday of Advent
29 November 2015

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00; 10:00 AM; 12:00 Noon

Weekday

8:30 AM (Monday - Friday)
8:00 AM (Saturday)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays 3:30-4:30 PM

WEDDINGS

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

DEVOTIONS

Rosary	8:00 AM Daily
	6:30 PM Monday
Eucharistic Exposition	9:00 AM – 6:30 PM
	Monday – Chapel
Divine Mercy	3:00 PM Monday (Chapel)
Benediction	6:50 PM Monday (Chapel)
Legion of Mary	6:30 PM Monday
Charismatic Prayer Mtg.	7:00 PM Tuesday
Miraculous Medal Novena	8:00 AM Mass Saturday

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. Note: Our next Pre-Jordan is scheduled for Sunday, December 20th.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you...

Your generous monetary donations to Saint Vincent DePaul Society Outreach, as well as your non-perishable food donations on *Loaves and Fishes* Sundays, made it possible for more needy families in our community to be given a Thanksgiving Dinner Basket. Thank you to all who donated.

School, CCD & Boy Scout Food Collection...Our school and CCD students, with their family's generous response to the Food Drive, as well as the friends and neighbors who participated in Scouting for Food, has helped stock our SVDP closet and a local food cupboard . Thank you to all who contributed.

My first Christmas Bazaar at St. Anselm was AWESOME I wish to thank the Ladies of Saint Anselm and the many people who worked with the Ladies to make the Bazaar as nice as it was. The reaction of the children on Friday and the friendly interaction of adults, family, friends and parishioners on Friday evening and Saturday testify to the wonderful spirit that the Saint Anselm Bazaar brings to life. Winners will be posted in next week's bulletin.

The Holy Season of Advent

"Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus, bring your people peace, hope, joy, life." This prayer, expressed in an Advent hymn titled "Maranatha", captures the desire we need to bring to life in our hearts and souls at this time of year.

December is a busy time for many people. However, our preparations for Christmas must also include a spiritual preparation. We will do our best here to make the weekend Masses in Advent prayerful, reflective, and meditative. I hope that you will more fully enter into the spirit of our Advent Eucharistic celebration so that your presence here will be the quality time you need to spiritually prepare for Christmas.

A Spiritually for Advent: Darkness and Light

At Christmas we celebrate Jesus Christ as the true Light of the World. Many years ago, the Church decided to celebrate Christmas during the Winter Solstice in the Northern Hemisphere when the earth grows dark and cold.

Since Christmas celebrates Jesus as the Light, the focus of Advent can be on darkness. At this time of year, the evening stars come upon us quickly and we are wrapped in winter's coldness all too suddenly. We find ourselves seeking light and warmth not just for our bodies but also for our minds and hearts, which are so often dulled and burdened with the wearing events of everyday life.

Throughout Advent, in your prayers, ask God to help you to identify the forces of darkness that touch your life. Lift this up to God in prayer with Advent hope that Jesus comes to rescue and save you from the powers of darkness.

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.

Anselm is Awesome!
-Father Chiriaco

Mass Schedule

Sunday, November 29

8:00 AM Arthur Poupard r/b The Karis Family
10:00 AM Madeline Cutuli r/b Ronnie Harkins
12:00 PM People of Saint Anselm Parish

Monday, November 30

8:30 AM Art Poupard r/b The Masterson Family

Tuesday, December 1

8:30 AM Maria Juppe r/b Helga Hanus

Wednesday, December 2

8:30 AM Crankshaw Price Family
r/b Catherine Crankshaw

Thursday, December 3

8:30 AM Holy Family r/b Ralph Berarducci

Friday, December 4

8:30 AM William Nolen, Sr., r/b Ann Nolen

Saturday, December 5

8:00 AM Thomas Denzler, Godson r/b Karen Currier
5:00 PM Maggie Oleszczyk r/b Judy & Joe Pearce

Sunday, December 6

8:00 AM Deceased Members of
St. Anselm Memorial Society
10:00 AM Christine Bryan r/b The Ryan Family
12:00 PM People of Saint Anselm Parish

Second Collection – December 6, 2015

Retirement Fund for Religious

Due to the Holiday and early transmission of the bulletin, the sick and deceased list will be up-dated and the collection figures will be published in next week's bulletin.

*Thank
You*

Nick Milillo – MEI Catering

...for your donation of 10 dozen rolls which were distributed to everyone who attended our 9:00 AM Mass on Thanksgiving, along with a special Thanksgiving Prayer. We are grateful for your continued consideration and support!

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Pray For Our Sick...



Lorraine Apice, wife of Edward Apice
Patti Bernard
Sharon Beyer, daughter of Bernie & Theresa Cory
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
Mary Iacona, mother of Danny Milewski
Kelly Joyce, daughter of Rachel & Pat O'Mara
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
Jeanne McDonough, aunt of Ann Grippo
Erin Martin, granddaughter of Tom & Anita Murphy
Nora Mastyl, sister of Kathy Nice
Dan Meduzia, brother of Ronnie Harkins
Mickey Melnyk, wife of Joe Melnyk
Harry Milligan, husband of Jeane Milligan
Celeste Morrelli, daughter of Helen Jeral
Sonya Novak, daughter of Lena Novak
Bonnie Oldham, sister of Mary Ellen Lowery
Frank Pasternak, husband of Elizabeth Pasternak
Joe Pearce, husband of Judy Pearce
Relatives of The Tarquin Pirolli Family
Joanne Ragazzone
Art Rausch, husband of Judy Rausch
Scott Rocco, husband of Carol Rocco
Spike Ruane, nephew of Peggy McQuillan
Amelia & Allan Sacilowski
Robert Savage, father of Eileen Savage
Patricia Stevens
Brandy Stewart, granddaughter of Marie Stewart
Marie Tereskun, sister-in-law of Jeanne Tereskun
Betty Beck Tierney, sister of Rita Vaxner
Helene Vitelli, sister of Stephanie Schlessinger
Elizabeth Wahl, granddaughter of Terry Kumor
Baby Landon Wingate, grandson of Betty & Bill Wingate
Rose Marie Zachwieja, cousin of Jim Salamon

Pray For Our Deceased...



Victims of the Paris attacks.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 29

8:00 AM St. Vincent DePaul Mass
9:00 AM SCRIP Sales – Room B
10:00 AM Liturgy of the Word for Children (K-4)
5:00 PM AA Meeting – Room B

Monday, November 30

9:00 AM Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:30 PM Rosary & Benediction – Chapel
6:30 PM AA Meeting – Room B
6:30 PM Legion of Mary – Spirituality Center
7:30 PM Al Anon Meeting

Tuesday, December 1

9:00 AM SCRIP Sales – Room B
2:30 PM Mass @ Delaware Valley Veteran's Home
6:45 PM CCD Classes
7:00 PM Prayer Group – Spirituality Ctr.
7:00 PM Adult Ed Faith Formation – Spirituality Ctr.
7:00 PM AA Meeting – Room B

Wednesday, December 2

2:00 PM Christmas Candy Pick-up – Room A
6:00 PM AA Meeting – Room B
7:00 PM CYO Outreach – Parish Hall
7:15 PM AA Meeting – Room B

Thursday, December 3

8:30 AM Mass w/school children Grades 5-8
12:00 PM Senior Citizens' Mtg. - OLV
5:00 PM AA Meeting – Room B
6:30 PM SCRIP Sales – Room B
7:00 PM Choir Practice – Music Room

Friday, December 4

6:30 PM AA Meeting – Room B

Saturday, December 5

12:00 PM AA Meeting – Room B
2:00 PM Home & School Christmas Party
...Grades PK-4 – Parish Hall
4:30 PM SCRIP Sales – Room B

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.

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Vincentian Message...

As we begin Advent, we are called to “wait” in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift in the St. Vincent DePaul poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.



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. Next weekend, choose one of the Tree Ornaments, which will indicate *gender, age and size* for a gift to be purchased. When you wrap your gift, please secure the ornament to the outside of the package. Place the gift under the tree by 2:00 PM December 13th. 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.

Update on Friends of the Poor Walk

An anonymous donor has generously matched the money collected from our walk and your after Mass donations. The grand total is \$4,282.40.

Thank you and may God bless you!

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

CSF Applications for the 2016 – 2017 academic year are now available. These new four-year scholarships are available to students entering grades K thru 8 in September, 2016 and are awarded by lottery. Applications are available at the Parish Center and on line at www.csphiladelphia.org

Completed applications must be received no later than March 1, 2016.

Ladies of Saint Anselm...

Ladies of Saint Anselm General Meeting & Christmas Party December 8, 2015 8:00PM



Celebrate Christmas with us! Enjoy a buffet dinner in the parish hall. Optional Pollyanna will be exchanged (\$20.00 minimum). Please plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you!

High School CYO – Sky Zone

Our HS CYO group will be going to the Levittown Sky zone on Thursday night, December 10th. Sky Zone is a large, indoor facility filled with trampolines. Depending on space availability we may be able to play dodgeball. You must sign up in advance in order to attend and you must also complete an online waiver available at:

<https://levittownstore.skyzone.com/waiver/>

CYO Winter Dance Saint Anselm Parish Hall December 12, 2015, 7 – 10 PM

All CYO Members, Grades 5 thru 8, are invited. Ticket cost is \$10.00 and includes dancing, pizza, and an ice cream bar. Tickets must be ordered by Monday, December 7th. Chaperones and volunteers to help clean-up and set-up are welcome. Interested? Call Karen, 215-612-8996.

Advent Adult Faith Formation Urban Philadelphia Documentary

Are you looking to do a little something extra for Advent? Join us on Tuesday evenings as we watch & discuss the three-part documentary that first aired in September, during the World Meeting of Families. The episodes will be:

December 1 st	<i>Proving</i>
December 8 th	<i>Cocoon</i>
December 22 nd	<i>Unraveling</i>

We will meet in the Spirituality Center. The episodes will be shown beginning at 7 PM, followed by group discussion that will end by 8:00 PM. Come once, twice, or all three nights! #4-016

2015 Day of Sanctification for Priests

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year, our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, November 30, for the 2015 *Day of Sanctification for Priests*. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the *Roman Missal*:

*Lord our God, who in governing your people
Make use of the ministry of Priests,
Grant to these men
A persevering obedience to your will,
So that by their ministry and life
They may gain glory for you in Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

Called By Name Update

Over the first three weeks of November, our parish has taken part in the archdiocesan-wide CALLED BY NAME vocations initiative. Thank you to so many of you who made a recommendation of someone you think might make a good priest. A total of 27 young men were recommended! Several of them were recommended multiple times. This excellent response is a testament to the high caliber of our young people and the perceptiveness of all our parishioners. A follow up letter has been mailed to each person who was recommended, inviting them to further discernment. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

Ever Thought About the Priesthood?

Come & See Weekend Retreats

These retreats are an opportunity for men in high school and older who wish to know more about seminary life, priesthood, and the steps to discerning a priestly vocation. Hear from seminarians & priests how they awakened to their own call to “come and see.” Pray & live with the seminarians for a weekend at Saint Charles Seminary.

<i>High School Men</i>	<i>Post High School Men</i>
December 4-6	December 11-13
January 15-17	February 5-7
February 12-14	February 19-21

To register, call (610) 667-5778, email adeo@archphila.org, or visit www.HeedTheCall.org. For more information, visit “Philly Priest” on Facebook or www.scs.edu.