A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
—Psalm 51:12

September 11, 2016
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Anselm’s Parish is a Catholic community formed by families, individuals and clergy that worship together, celebrate the sacramental life of the Church, and seek to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ everyday. We welcome, serve, and educate.
Dear Parishioners,

The fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of Luke has three stories; the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. These stories appeal to us because we all feel lost in some way. These stories are not about lost property or lost people or about being lost but about being found! The three stores speak about the joy and happiness of the finder. Jesus used these stories to speak about God and what God is like. A shepherd does not wait for the lost sheep to return but goes looking for it. God does not wait for us to return to him. He comes looking for us. Jesus speaks about a God who is full of love, forgiveness and compassion who escorts his lost children back to his home with joy!

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor.

PRIESTS’ RETIREMENT FUND: The Archdiocese is blessed to have hundreds of priests who dedicated, in some cases, as many as 50 years or more of their lives to ministering to us. Even in retirement, many continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service for which we are grateful. Next weekend, September 17th and 18th, our parish will participate in the special collection for the Priests’ Retirement Fund. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best contribute to the fund.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents Day
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom
Wednesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Saturday: St. Robert Bellarmine; Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2016 = 1654
Last Sunday Collection (Envelope & Loose): $4,871
St. Anselm School– $690

*Please log on to Parish Pay and update your CC expiration date!
Second Collections:
Priests’ Retirement-September 18
Centennial Building & Maintenance– September 25

MASS INTENTIONS
| Mon. | Sept 12 | 8:00 am | Michael Nicoles (INT) |
| Tues. | Sept 13 | 8:00 am | Michael Rochford (D) |
|       |         | 5:30 pm | Karen Poligono (INT) |
| Wed. | Sept 14 | 8:00 am | Joe McGarry (D) |
| Thurs | Sept 15 | 8:00 am | Communion Service |
|       |         | 5:30 pm | Jerry Melin (D) |
| Fri. | Sept 16 | 8:00 am | Bill Bresnahan (D) |
|       |         | 9:00 am | St. Anselm School Faculty |
| Sat. | Sept 17 | 5:00 pm | Dorothy Innes (D) |
| Sun. | Sept 18 | 8:00 am | Jim Carroll (D) |
|       |         | 10:00 am | Religious Ed Families |
|       |         | 5:00 pm | Parish People |

As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill:
Mark Gardner, Garth Stanton, Nancy Hall, Kay Sisler, Steve Leland, Dylan Jewell, Christopher Goward, Margaret Formichi, Richard Green, Barbara Gilligan, Irene Lorente, Louisa Espinosa, Eileen Lloyd, Gary McPartlin, Joy Snyder, Valeria Venturini, Chris Spada, Terese Marklinger, Donna Pechalonis

For the repose of the soul of: Mario Perrando, Charles Peri

For those serving in the military: Adam Dear, Robert Ernest Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Sean Courtz & Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17;
Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5;
Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15;
Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;
Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]
REST: Once again, St. Anselm parishioners will be providing dinners for the homeless by participating in the REST (Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) Program. The dinners will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, in San Anselmo, on Saturday nights from December thru April. We will be having sign-ups on the next two weekends—September 17-18 and September 24-25—following all of the Masses. We hope you will volunteer to help. Please check your calendars and come prepared to sign-up. The success of this program happens every year because so many of you volunteer for one or more dinners. Thank you for your generosity and desire to help our guests, the homeless of Marin County.

Nancy McGarry (415) 456-4560

LOTW for Children
LOTW for Children will begin Sunday, September 25th at the 10 am Mass. All children 4 years and older are invited. During the 10 am Mass, Fr. Jose will invite all children who would like to attend the LOTW for Children to go to the parish hall where they will celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in an age appropriate manner. Any Confirmed Catholic who would like to help teach LOTW for Children, please contact our DRE at dre@saintanselm.org.

Adult Bible Study
Classes are held on Wednesdays from 7 – 8:30 pm at one of our parishioner’s home, and taught by Loretta Rogers. This year, Loretta has chosen to cover 2 Samuel. Filled with faith and a bible at hand, join Loretta on September 28th for the first bible study. For more information contact Loretta at 415- 457-5331.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR volunteers! WANTED! All Parishioners to use their God-given talents in Stewardship of St. Anselm Parish. Lend a hand where talents, passions, and expertise are needed. We have opportunities to get involved, meet new people and assist others. Our Ministry Fair Volunteer Sign-ups, this year, will be on three different Sundays. Our church Ministries will be defined under three different titles: 1. Hospitality, 2. Social Justice (9/24-9/25) and 3. Liturgy & Worship (10/8-10/9). The Ministry Fair sign-ups will take place following all the Masses. Our Social Justice Ministries include REST (Rotating Emergency Shelter Team dinners), Helping Hands, Brown Bag Lunches, St. Vincent de Paul, Mill Street, Food Drives, Adopt-A-Family, and MOC (Marin Organizing Committee). Our Mission is to take action in helping the poor and vulnerable of our community.

Green Fact: Want to cut down on junk mail? Get off junk-mail lists by registering with the Direct Marketing Association’s DMA choice mail preference service (dmachoice.org), and you’ll see a significant reduction in mail after three months.

Healthy Tip: 51 Healthy Foods You Can Say ’Yes’ To–This list is from Tuft University. This list represents only a sampling. I will list a couple in the bulletin at a time.

6. Bananas are a good source of magnesium, which protects against bone loss and is associated with heart health. Bananas are packed with potassium which helps lower blood pressure and reduces the risk of kidney stones and bone loss.

7. Barley. Looking for ways to get the whole-grain servings recommended in the federal dietary guidelines? Try cooking up some barley–also a good source of iron and minerals-in place of white rice. But make sure you’re buying whole-grain barley, not the ‘pear’ variety with the healthful outer husk removed. Whole-grains have been associated with protection against heart disease and cancer, and may control diabetes.

Just for your information we have gluten free hosts for Eucharist!!

God Bless, Rose
SAVE THE DATE
September 18—Catechetical Sunday—Religious Ed & Confirmation classes start
September 24-25-Social Justice Ministry Sign-Ups-following all of the Masses
October 16—Mass for the Care of Creation 10:00am

Events Near St. Anselm Parish

INVITATION TO WORDLESS PRAYER:
With fewer than 100 days to go before the presidential election, it often feels as though we’ve heard enough words. And yet, regardless of our political affiliation, we all long for the same thing: We long for what’s best for our nation and its people. We invite you to offer your own silent hope for our country. Please visit the prayer net at the corner of Ross Ave & Kensington Rd. If you like, tie a piece of ribbon (preferably red, white, or blue) to the net. Please join us in silently voicing our highest hopes and dreams for our Country. Grace and Peace,
Your neighbors at First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo

RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM—The Archdiocesan Respect Life and Project Rachel Ministry invite you to a Conference, Insights on Healing and Reconciliation After Abortion, in celebration of the Year of Mercy on Saturday, September 17, from 8am to 3pm at St. Brendan Parish Hall, 29 Rockaway Ave & Ulloa St., San Francisco. The event will offer updated insights and understanding of post-abortion loss and will discuss how the Church, family and friends can offer compassionate help and referrals for spiritual reconciliation. The $25 fee includes breakfast and lunch. Scholarships are available. For reservations and information, please call 415-614-5533 or email evansv@sfarch.org.

THE PSALMS: PRAYER SONGS OF THE CHURCH-
Fr. David Anderson, pastor of St. Peter Byzantine Church, in Ukiah, will present a series on the centrality of the psalms in prayer and liturgy. The classes will be held at Marin Catholic High School on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., beginning on September 15 and continuing until December 15—no classes on September 22 and October 20. Fr. David’s classes have remained popular since they began in 2001, and newcomers are most welcome. He will provide a text of the psalms for each student.
BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR ST. ANSELM COMMUNITY

Thank you to our St. Anselm Hospitality Group for hosting a fabulous Ice Cream Social on August 30th. Centennial Hall was buzzing with ice cream eaters both young in years and young at heart.

Attention Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers: The Office of Worship offers certification training for new and experienced EMs and Readers. As a reminder, all ministers serving within the Archdiocese need to be certified for ministry by the Archbishop or his delegate at least every three years. Please see the fliers in the vestibule and sacristy for more information. The Marin County training sessions are at Saint Isabella Church, San Rafael, September 17 - 10am – 3pm, and September 24 - 10am – 12pm $20.00 pre-registered $25.00 for same-day registrants Pastor’s authorization required. Please contact the rectory to register or sign-up on the sheet in the sacristy.
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