God . . . wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.
— 1 Timothy 2:4
Dear Parishioners,

The parable of this Sunday is a puzzling or difficult parable to understand. All the characters in this story are shady. The steward is a dishonest man. The debtors were quite happy to support the steward in his dishonesty. The owner instead of being shocked, admired the cleverness of the steward. And, Jesus does not really explain the parable. In Western movies we see two categories of people; the good and the bad. We tend to categorize people the same way. Every person is a mixture of good and bad. The characters in the parable are the same. The parable is an invitation to each one of us to look into ourselves to see what is bad in us and try to eradicate that which is bad. We are also invited to see the goodness that is in us to improve on it so that we can grow in virtue and become better people.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor.

**PRIESTS’ RETIREMENT FUND:** This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection to support our retired priests. It will help ensure the Priests’ Retirement Fund stays healthy and hearty and continues to provide minimal monthly pensions as well as health insurance to our retired priests. As you may know, the retirement years can be difficult for our priests. No longer supported by their parish community, they rely on Social Security and their pensions from the Priests’ Retirement Fund for basic needs such as food, housing and transportation. Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to you by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests in retirement with a gift to the special Second Collection.

**Reading for the Week**

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**St. Anselm Church Stewardship**

Registered Parishioner Families 2016 = 1654

Last Sunday Collection (Envelope & Loose): $4,793

*Please log on to Parish Pay and update your CC expiration date!

Second Collections:

Priests’ Retirement-September 18

Centennial Building & Maintenance– September 25

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**Sick Relatives & Friends**

**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, Vincent Boyle, Joan Madden

**For the repose of the soul of:** Virginia Williams, John G. Dunselman, 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

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**Readings for the Week**

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**Second Collections:**

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**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.

**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

**Effective Supervisor’s Meeting**

Two weeks ago St. Anselm parishioners joined 50 other Marin Organizing Committee members at a Marin County Supervisors’ Meeting. We stood in support of finding a Permanent Home for REST (Rotating Emergency Shelter) even if it was in our backyard. We even garnered a front page article and picture in the IJ. Later meetings, with County Officials, confirmed that our presentation was effective at getting our point across in a respectful and positive way.

Thank you for being a public face for the homeless. If you would like to know more about working on systemic changes for the public good, contact Deacon Bernie O’Halloran (bernieohall@yahoo.com, 415-454-3496).

Pat Langley

**F.Y.I.**

Now that Labor Day has come and gone and Autumn is in the air, St. Anselm’s Tuesday and Thursday evening, 5:30pm, Masses are back.

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**Adult Faith Formation Classes (AFF)**

Are you an adult looking to be around others who share your love for God? Do you find group discussions intellectually stimulating and rewarding? If so, please inquire about our AFF Classes. This year we will be using Bishop Robert Barron’s new DVD series entitled, *Catholicism: Pivotal Players*. Our first class is starting soon. Please go to our AFF page on our website for more information.

Contact our DRE at dre@saintanselm.org

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

–John 3:16

**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.

**Mass for the Care of Creation, October 16**

On Sunday, October 16th, the 10 o’clock Mass will be a special liturgy for our parish to celebrate the beauty of the world around us. We hope you will join us to pray for inspiration and dedication to respond to Pope Francis’ call to protect God’s precious creation and save it from continued environmental degradation. Please be with us in praise and prayer!

**GREEN FACT! Stop Unwanted Junk Mail CATALOGS**

If you get only a few unwanted catalogs, you can call their customer service numbers and ask to be removed from the mailing lists. If you have a large stack to tackle, try Catalog Choice. This free service lets consumers identify catalogs they don’t want and notifies the merchants.

**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.

8. Beef- Eye Of The Round. While studies continue to suggest it’s smart to limit your red-meat consumption, when you want to eat beef, Eye of the Round is the leanest cut. A 3 ounce serving has nearly half your daily protein and just 160 calories. Beef is a good source of zinc and vitamin B6.

9. Blueberries. Tufts researchers are studying blueberries for their antioxidant benefits, including the possibility that they may boost brain functions that weaken as we age. Other scientists have found that blueberries may lower cholesterol levels. Blueberries are, also, a good source of Vitamin K, which may play a role in preventing osteoporosis and hardening of the arteries. Berries of all sorts are good choices, too.

I am going on vacation for three weeks and will continue when I get back. God Bless, Rose
**St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events**

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**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

**St. Vincent de Paul Society Vehicle Program**
St. Vincent de Paul of Marin is launching a new vehicle donation program in collaboration with SVDP National’s vehicle vendor, CARS. If you have a car that you would like to donate for a tax deduction, you can call 800-322-8284 or go online and fill out the donation form at [http://vinnies.careasy.org/HOME.html](http://vinnies.careasy.org/HOME.html). Your gift supports the SVDP Free Dining Room in San Rafael which serves over 500 meals daily.

**MARRIED COUPLES:** Would you like an unforgettable “break” for your marriage! Want something more lasting than a weekend vacation in Bahamas, Bermuda or the Mountains? Give your marriage the “best vacation break” by making the unique Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 11-13, 2016 at Vallambrosa Center, Menlo Park. For more information visit our website at: [sanjosewwme.org](http://sanjosewwme.org) or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

**Clericus Basketball Game:** Featuring Priests of the Archdiocese vs. St. Patrick’s Seminarians. Bring family and friends to root for your favorite priest or seminarian. Friday, October 21, 7:00 pm, Archbishop Riordan High School, 175 Phelan Ave., San Francisco. Tickets are $10 General/ $5 Students and can be purchased at SFArch.org/basketball.
Please prayerfully consider signing up for one or more of our Social Justice activities:

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY FAIR NEXT WEEKEND!!!!

ADOPT-A-FAMILY: Families are “Adopted” during the Christmas and Easter seasons to fulfill holiday wishes.

BROWN BAG LUNCHES: Volunteers needed to make 10 brown bag lunches (meat sandwich, chips, fruit or veggie) on a rotational basis so that a total of 100 lunches are delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room every Sunday. We particularly need substitute drivers—on an as-needed basis.

GREEN TEAM (CREATION CARE TEAM): An opportunity to work together with others in our parish community to help create more sustainable facilities and parish practices based on Pope Francis’s call to become “protectors of God’s gifts.”

FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVES: Food drives are conducted twice a year and a clothing drive once a year. Volunteer help is needed on collection weekends: accepting & loading.

HEALTH MINISTRY: Health Ministry arranges various health care events at the church.

HANDICAPABLES: Marin Handicapables meet 3-4 times a year, giving an opportunity for the physically or mentally challenged to gather together and socialize for Mass and lunch at Marin Catholic High School. It is a wonderful way to spend a Saturday (11:30am-2:00pm).

HELPING HANDS: Parishioners who need a visit, a ride, or a hot meal during a time of need, can call the rectory for assistance. All efforts will be made to accommodate the request or refer the person to the correct agency. Drivers, cooks and visitors needed.

HOMEWARD BOUND MILL STREET SHELTER: St. Anselm’s provides dinner for the Shelter every third Saturday of each month. Volunteers receive an email notice alerting them of upcoming opportunities.

MARIN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE: Parishioners join other congregations and nonprofits to identify social justice issues adversely impacting Marin’s vulnerable residents. Our mission is to be advocates, by inviting Marin leaders to take action. We value civility and are guided by Catholic moral teaching and social justice principles. Current Marin social justice issues and concerns include: homeless shelter; housing shortage; education disparity.

REST/ROTATING EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM: Congregations and non-profits from throughout the county work together to provide meals and shelter for homeless men and women from Nov. - April. Volunteers plan, prepare part of the meal at home, then set up, serve, eat with the guests and clean up at the First Presbyterian Church in San Anselmo on Saturday nights.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL (SvdP) CONFERENCE: Volunteers make home visits to residents who are referred through the parish or by SvdP’s Help Desk. Financial assistance is provided to those in need.
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