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,
In the ancient world, leprosy was considered a terrible disease, and since it did not have a cure, anyone afflicted with leprosy was considered an outcast. The gospel story of this Sunday is about 10 lepers who were cured by Jesus. The one leper who returned to thank Jesus was a Samaritan. The Samaritan in the story was doubly isolated because Samaritans were hated by the Jews. Every society, community or group has outsiders or outcasts. The way a group sees and treats outsiders will indicate the values the group stands for. A church that is deaf to the outsider or outcast and marginalizes some of its own can hardly represent Christ. Pope Francis, from the time he became the Pope, tried to present a church that is open to everyone. His model is a Church that welcomes everyone and is open to everyone because Christ died for all. Today’s Gospel reading is a call for us to think about how we relate to our church, our groups, our family and to outsiders.

I would like to thank Joan Mann Thomas and all the other volunteers who organized and prepared the pancake breakfast last Sunday. Thank you! The event was well attended and thank you to all who came to the breakfast!

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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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

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USCCB Respect Life Program

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**St. Anselm Church Stewardship**

Registered Parishioner Families 2016 = 1654
Last Sunday Collection (Envelope & Loose): $6,877
St. Anselm School-$1,047

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

**Second Collections:**
Centennial Building & Maintenance-October 16
Propagation of the Faith-October 23
St. Vincent De Paul– October 30

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Celebrate
Oktoberfest

AT ST. ANSELM CHURCH IN OUR
CENTENNIAL HALL
ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 15TH
AT 6:00 P.M.
ENJOY BEER FROM RUSSIAN
RIVER BREW CO., RIESLING
WINE, BRATS, SAUERKRAUT,
PRETZELS, GERMAN
POTATO SALAD, & MUSIC BY
THE “JOLLY BAVARIANS”!
LEDERHOSEN & DIRNDLS
ARE WELCOME!!

ST. ANSELM SCHOOL NEWS
Our Kindergarten Offers:
- A values Based Education in a Caring Parish School Environment
- Thematic Teaching
- A Multi-Sensory Approach to Reading Readiness
- Differentiated Instruction
- Hands-on, Child-centered Math & Science Instruction
- Developmental Motor Skills Program
- Art, Music, Spanish, & Integrated Technology Instruction
- Multi-faceted Extended Care
- 10:1 Student to Teacher Ratio
The dates for the Kindergarten Information Sessions are:
October 21, 2016, November 9, 2016, December 7, 2016, and January 12, 2017

ST. ANSELM BOOK GROUP:
"The parish Spiritual Life Committee is forming a Book Group. Our first book will be James Martin’s “My Life With the Saints”, Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 27th, from 4:30 to 5:30- just in time for the celebration of All Saint’s Day on November 1st. At our first meeting, you may want to share your thoughts about your favorite saint. Subsequent meetings will be every 3-4 weeks thereafter. Book Group sessions will be led by Deacon Bob Meave. Details to follow as we get closer to the end of October."

"St. Anselm School admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Anselm does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other administered programs.

The BASH CASH Raffle is an integral part of the fundraising success of the Heavenly BASH at St. Anselm School, and we need your support. You have a chance to win $15,000.
The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, November 12th. The winner need not be present to win. Our goal is to sell 600 raffle tickets priced at $50 each. A maximum of 800 tickets will be sold. A minimum of 600 tickets must be sold to win full cash prize. If minimum is not met, all cash proceeds will be equally divided between winner and St. Anselm School.
Thank you for your support!
Tickets can be purchased after Mass:
10/9 Sunday 10 am, 10/15 Saturday 5 pm,
10/22 Saturday 5 pm, 11/6 Sunday 10 am
Tickets are also available at the school office from 8-4

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 TIPS: What energy saving practices are working for your family? What are some of the stumbling blocks you’ve run into in trying to be more protective of the environment? Let’s hear! Share your suggestions and/or comments by sending them to Sissy Ratto at st.anselmoffice@att.net

“If humanity loses its orientation to goodness and beauty, if we lose sight of what brings us together as a human family, then no technical solution to the ecology crisis can succeed. We people of faith must live convincingly ourselves, embracing justice, peace, simpler and sustainable living, and solidarity with the poor. Pope Francis, Laudato Si,
SAVE THE DATE
October 8-9—Liturgy & Spiritual Life Ministry
Sign-Ups following all the Masses
October 15—Oktoberfest-following 5:00 Mass- Hall
October 16—Mass for the Care of Creation 10:00am
October 22—Wine Tasting-6:00pm—Centennial Hall-
Sponsored by St. Anselm School

Events Near St. Anselm Parish

NORTH BAY WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S
On Saturday, October 15, 2016, The Alzheimer's Association will hold its Annual 'WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S' at Shollenberger Park in Petaluma. Did you know there are more than 610,000 Californians living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias? It is the only cause of death among the top 10 that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed down.
As a St. Anselm parishioner and a 14 year volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association, I invite you all to join my team "Forget-me-Nots" to walk in honor of a loved one who has died of Alzheimer's or any form of dementia, anyone who is presently living with Alzheimer's and all caregivers.
Funds raised go towards Research, Educational Programs, Support Groups, 24/7 Helpline and outreach to all.
Contact: Pauline O'Brien-DeLury for info at 415-686-4165 and the Alzheimer's Assn. to register for the WALK at 1-800-272-3900 or visit the website: act.alz.org/petaluma2016

Meet the Candidates
MOC (Marin Organizing Committee) is holding an Accountability Session with District 4 Supervisor Candidates on Wednesday, October 19, 7-8:30 pm at Bahia Vista Elementary School, 125 Bahia Way, San Rafael. This is the seat Steve Kinsey currently occupies and covers the largest district in the County.

The Carmelite Nuns invite you to their Annual Fall Jam Sale which begins October 15th and ends April 16th (Easter). We hope you will enjoy the fruits of our labor: Apricot, Peach, Strawberry, Plum-Pear, & Bumbleberry Jams, Sweet Pickles & Garlic-Dill Pickles; and Pear-Apple Sauce. These delicious jams, pickles, & sauce make wonderful gifts for Thanksgiving, Christmas, & Easter. The proceeds from this sale are used for the Priest’s stipends, which enable the Sisters to have Mass each day in their Chapel. There are yellow order forms in the Vestibule of your church. Please call 415-847-3381 for more information. Thank you very much and God bless you! Sister Anna Marie Vanni, OCD, and all the Sisters

CURSILLO MONSTER MASH
COSTUME DANCE PARTY
Saturday, October 29th, 8:00pm-11:00pm, at St Isabella’s Parish Center, in Terra Linda. There will be cocktails, dessert, contests, and a lot of fun. Costumes are a MUST! If you would like to volunteer, please call Terri Bondanza-Lavin at 415-299-7349
ADULT FAITH FORMATION:
Adult Catechism Class for Catholics
Meets Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm in Centennial Hall.
Adult Confirmation Program-by appointment with our DRE.

ALTAR GUILD:
Help prepare the altar for weekend liturgies.
Clean linens, arrange flowers, fill votive candles, and properly replace hymnals and daily Mass books.

ALTAR SERVERS:
Open to 4th grade-high school Catholic students who must attend 2 training sessions prior to serving.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:
Meets weekly for approx. 12 weeks each semester on Wednesday evenings.

CHOIR:
Enhance the Masses with Spiritual Songs. Sing at Mass once a month and on special feasts.

CURSILLO:
A short course of Christian living. A typical Cursillo weekend is attended by about 40-60 people. Christians of all denominations are welcome.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:
Eucharistic Ministers assist in distributing the Eucharist at Masses.

FOR THE HOMEBOUND:
Bringing the Blessed Sacrament to those unable to attend Mass; to homes, assisted living facilities or hospitals.

GRIEF MINISTRY:
Parishioners who are grieving the loss of a loved one find comfort, support, and understanding from this ministry. An annual Memorial Mass is celebrated in November and a reception follows in our Hall. A “Coping with the Holidays” workshop is held a few weeks later.

LECTORS:
Proclaim the Word of God during the weekend liturgies.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN (LOTW):
Guide parish youngsters during the 10:00 Mass to better comprehend God’s Word.

RCIA SPONSORS:
Under the direction of the DRE, volunteers guide those interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS:
Volunteers teach or assist in the Religious Education Classes and the Confirmation Program.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE:
Committee assists the DRE with those things that enhance and deepen the faith of the students in our Religious Education Programs.

SACRISTAN:
Volunteer to prepare the Church and specifically the altar prior to and following each Mass.

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE:
Offers opportunities for parishioners to develop and deepen their spiritual lives by sponsoring speakers and organizing special parish liturgies.

USHERS GUILD:
Serve as an usher at weekend Masses, greet, assist in seating, taking up the collection. Following Mass: tidy up the pews and hand out bulletins.

WEDDING PREPARATION:
For marriage preparation, contact our Pastor, Fr. Jose Shaji. Coordinators meet with engaged couples to help prepare and plan marriage ceremonies specific to St. Anselm Church.
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