September 24, 2017
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
-- Isaiah 55:7b

St. Anselm Catholic Church

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.
Isaiah 55:9

Mass Schedule:
- Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
- Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, and 5:00pm

Weekday Mass:
- Monday through Friday 8:00am
- Tuesday 8:00am is a Communion Service
- Tuesday & Thursday 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours:
- 8:30am-1:00pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Holy Day Masses:
- 8:00am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm

Reconciliation:
- Saturdays 4:00pm-4:45pm
- or by appointment

Baptism:
- Preparation Class required.
- Call parish office

Sacrament of the Sick:
- Anytime upon request.
- Call parish office

Matrimony:
- Six months notification required prior to desired date. Contact Pastor.

St. Vincent de Paul Help Desk: (415) 454-0366
Helping Hands: (415) 453-2342
Eucharist for Homebound: (415) 453-2342

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,

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Yours sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis

In his great encyclical on the Care of Creation, Pope Francis opens with “Laudato Si, mi Signore, ” - “Praise to you, my Lord,” the words of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a mother who opens her arms to embrace us. On Sunday, October 1st St. Anselm Parish and School will come together to celebrate St. Francis, whose feast day is October 4th. There will be some beautiful additions to the 10am liturgy and a light reception hosted by our Parish Youth Ministry and Parish School 6th grade class. Our Youth Ministry will be selling their hand planted pots at the reception and all proceeds will go to their ministry. Also, we invite all children to bring a produce or flower from their home garden to be included in the offertory procession. Please contact Natalie at Dre@saintanselm.org for more information.

As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill:

For the Repose of the Soul– Braulio Calle

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

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St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2017= 1675
1st Collection: $4,618.50
2nd Collection-Priests’ Retirement: $2,122
Electronic Weekly Donations-$2,755.75
Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations
*Please log onto Parish Pay and update your CC expiration date!
Second Collections:
Centennial Building & Maintenance– September 24

HATE NOT
I will permit no one to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate them.--Booker T. Washington
AAA Giving Table
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
To help you calculate your assessment for your contribution, we have prepared an AAA giving table.

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AAA Archdiocese Annual Appeal

St. Anselm’s Annual Oktoberfest
DATE: Saturday, October 7th
TIME: 6:15p (After 5p Mass) to 10 pm
PLACE: Centennial Hall and Courtyard

Enjoy traditional German Fare – Brats and all the fixings. Pliny the Elder will be served courtesy of our friends at Russian River Brewing Company. A selection of fine German wines will be poured.

Live music again provided by “The Jolly Bavarians”

Tickets prices are:
$15 Individual, $40 Family, and $10 Seniors (65 and older)
(checks and cash accepted)
RSVP to: Sissy Ratto st.anselmooffice@att.net
RSVP by Sept. 29 as this event will sell out!

Memorial Mass
As a part of All Souls’ Day remembrances, a special Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 5th at 10:00. Following the Mass, a reception will be held in Centennial Hall. The names of parishioners and family members who have died in the past year will be announced during the Mass. We invite you to submit any names you would like to be included as well as any framed photograph of your loved one. Please include your name & phone number on the back of the frame. The photo will be displayed on a table in the Sanctuary during the month of November.

Please submit the names and photos to Sissy Ratto at the church office by November 2nd.
St.anselmooffice@att.net, 415-453-2342

St. Anselm’s Choir: The new season of St. Anselm’s Parish Choir has begun! If you love to sing, even if only in the shower, come and share your voice with the choir as they raise their voices to “sing a new song to the Lord” (Psalm 98). We welcome all, young and old, new members and former members who would like to get back into the “sing” of things! And we welcome all voice types – soprano, alto, tenor, bass – even countertenors! A special welcome to youth of high school age. Singing in the parish choir may be your opportunity for community service hours.

We meet every Thursday evening in the church, from 7 – 8:30 p.m., and sing at least once, sometimes twice a month, at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. For information, contact the Music Director, Michael Mello, at (415) 454-5098. “Come, ring out your joy to the Lord!” (Psalm 95)
**St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events**

October 1—10:00am Mass—Feast of St. Francis of Assisi—Prepared by the children of our School & Church community

October 7—Oktoberfest—6:15—Hall

October 9—Holiday—Office Closed

October 14—Healing Mass—5:00—Wine & Cheese to follow in Centennial Hall

October 28—“Dying to Talk”—time TBD—Hall

November 5—Parish Remembrance Mass

10:00am—Reception to follow in Hall

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**Events Near St. Anselm Parish**

**2017 Marin County 40 Days for Life Kick-off**

*Sunday, September 24, 11:30 am*

*St. Patrick Church, 114 King St., Larkspur*

*Ruth Ann Cawley racawl@aol.com*

40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/san-rafael

40 Days for Life consists of 40 days of prayer, fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil outside locations where abortions are performed.

This year's Marin County 40 Days for Life begins on September 27 at Planned Parenthood, 4th & H Streets, San Rafael, and runs through November 5.

The kick-off takes place on Sunday, September 24, at St. Patrick Church in Larkspur after 11:30 Mass.

Come to Healy Hall for a light lunch and reflection by Teresa Marsano, who traveled throughout California bringing an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe to all Planned Parenthood sites in the state. For information contact Ruth Ann Cawley or visit the website, above.

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**DISCERNMENT DAYS**

Praising unceasingly. Blessing by intercession. Preaching through a life of contemplation. Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 38 are invited to experience a taste of the life of a cloistered Dominican nun. Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., vocation directress, at vocations@nunsmenlo.org, or visit our website at http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/ to learn more and to register for one of our upcoming Come and See Days: Saturday, October 21, 2017 and Saturday January 13, 2018. The event is free and all meals will be provided. Space is limited and fills fast!

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society Vehicle Program**

St. Vincent de Paul of Marin has launched 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. Your gift supports the SVDP Free Dining Room in San Rafael which serves over 500 meals daily.
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

St. Anselm Parish is blessed to have 22 men and women who serve our community by teaching religion, either at our Parish School or Parish Religious Education. On Sunday, September 17th Parishioners were able to thank these generous men and women for their devotion and time by celebrating them at the 10am Catechetical Sunday mass and reception.

Each catechist received a certificate, a special blessing from Fr. Jose, and a rose from principal Kim Orendorff. Fr. Jose also gave a special blessing to all the parents and guardians in our community, for they are their children's first and most important catechist.

May we all answer God's call in our own unique way, sharing the beauty of our faith through our words and life example and keeping in mind Romans 12:5, "so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Jesus, you told us that laborers for the vineyard would be few and that we should pray to the Lord of the Harvest in the hope that many might respond.

You have answered our prayers by sending us catechists for your vineyard. Bless these men and women who have responded to your call to the ministry of catechesis. May they be filled with zeal for your Church, with care for those they catechize, and with love for your Word of Life. Let your Spirit come upon them so that your Word may echo through their teaching and through the witness of their lives. Through our catechists, may the members of our parish whom they teach be transformed into witnesses to your Word. And may these catechists receive the blessing your Son promised to all who labor in your vineyard.

We pray to you, gracious Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus, the Word of Life, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit who transforms us by that Word, one God, forever and ever. Amen.
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