January 14, 2018
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

-- 1 Corinthians 6:19a

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 Friends,

Thanks for the warm welcome. Your heartening smiles, affable looks, warm hand claps and generous words of appreciation, makes me feel truly welcomed. I want to thank especially the Deacons, Ed, Bob and Bernie who helped, going out of their way, in the ministry. There are all those who assisted at the Eucharist as altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, ushers, lectors, cantors, organists and choir. We can be sure that together, in performing our little tasks, the past week has been a special time of grace for many. I want to thank Sissy and Natalie at the office for their care and support. It is good to be in St Anselm's and I feel privileged.

We are back to Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. Of course only for a short while, as we will soon enter into the Lenten Season. Yet, for now, it is good to be back to the ordinary. We all know what it means to get back to the normal day after a weekend, to a normal routine after preparing long for a festive occasion at home or for a party at our work place or in the community. Getting to touch the normal ground is indeed a special experience, if it comes with a deepened awareness of the sacredness of the 'ordinary'. May we all have a week ahead filled with the routine affairs of life, keeping us cheerful and enthusiastic for the Lord is ever present.

Yours Truly in Christ,
Fr George Thadathil sdb
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Please give a warm St. Anselm welcome to Fr. George. Fr. George will oversee the pastoral duties of the parish while Fr. Jose spends some time at home in India. Fr. George Thadathil sdb is the Principal of Salesian College Sonada and Siliguri Campus, Darjeeling, India. He has experience as Co-Pastor and as Diocesan and Regional Youth Director for the Catholic Youth Movement in India besides teaching experience in the seminary and college. He was the classmate of Fr. Jose at High School and for Theological Studies. For More Information: www.salesiancollege.in
AAA Archdiocese Annual Appeal 2017

$89,029
$83,094

January 31, 2018, 7:30 pm—Centennial Hall
Fr. Joe Eagan, S.J. will discuss key questions in viewing Pope Francis’ four years in office, such as: What is behind Francis’s bold yet deeply spiritual take on contemporary Catholic belief and practice? What motivates his surprising choice of certain bishops? His choice of destinations around the world? What have we learned about the man Francis? Come, bring your questions and your observations.

Thank You

Adopt-A-Family Thanks
A very Blessed and Happy New Year to everyone! Thank you to all who responded to our Christmas appeal. The outpouring of gift cards for the 24 families impacted by the fires at St. Eugene’s School in Santa Rosa was beyond anything we expected. We delivered a box of gift cards, ranging in value from $25 to $225 and many small gifts. There were also generous cash donations which will be applied to the tuition of some of the victims. The school principal and secretary greeted us and were moved by our generosity. They invited us to stay for a luncheon and a visit with some of the school staff. God bless every heart and hand that contributed to this effort. Additionally, our five local families enjoyed a very Merry Christmas with an abundance of donated toys, clothing and gift cards for food.

We also wish to express heart-felt gratitude to everyone who made financial contributions to our Adopt-A-Family Program. Your generosity enables us to help our families with vital needs throughout the year. Adopt-A-Family would not exist without all of you, our amazing and wonderful parish community. Much, much love and grateful prayers to all of you. Colleen, Linda, Paulette, Mary and Dorothy

Saint Anselm School Kindergarten Information Presentation
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, January 19th
Friday, March 16th
Our Kindergarten Offers
A faith-based experience in a caring Parish school environment
Thematic teaching
Religious instruction, prayer, & community building activities
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
Science, Spanish, Art, Theater & Music classes after school
10:1 student to teacher ratio

Our 1st-8th Grade Program Highlights
Faith-based, caring, and rigorous academic experience
Differentiated, small-group instruction, project-based learning
Service learning opportunities and enrichment field trips
Art, Music, Spanish, P.E. & Integrated Technology instruction
Science, Art, Theater, Robotics & Music Classes After School
Call for tours and availability | 415-454-8667
www.stanselschool.com

Health News—Now is the time you should be thinking about your medical screenings for 2018: breast, pap, prostate, colon and skin cancers. If you are on blood pressure medication, have your blood pressure checked regularly. You can check your blood pressure at CVS. If you are a diabetic be sure your blood glucose is checked on a regular bases.
The flu season is here; it is not too late to get a flu shot. If you are a senior make sure you get the extra strength flu shot, also, make sure you have the new pneumonia vaccine. During this time remember to:

1. Eat properly and drink plenty of fluids (more water and less coffee and alcohol).
2. Sleep at least 6-8 hours per night. Children require 8-10 hours. Many children do not get enough sleep.
3. Exercise whenever you can, it helps keep you fit and reduces stress. Stress effects your immune system.
4. Remember to laugh and play.
Why should children have all the fun?
Have a Happy, Healthy New Year! God Bless, Rose
Thank you for an incredible year! On behalf of the Catholic Charities Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and clients, thank you for your support this past year. Together we were there when the most vulnerable in our communities needed us most. In 2017, Catholic Charities was accredited by the Council on Accreditation as a national model for social services and received the coveted four star rating from Charity Navigator for the second year in a row.

• When a child needed a safe place to go after school in the San Rafael Canal neighborhood, because of you, Catholic Charities was here.
• When a single mother was facing homelessness in San Francisco, because of you, Catholic Charities was here.
• When an unaccompanied minor fleeing violence in Central America arrived in San Mateo, because of you, Catholic Charities was here.
• When a senior citizen needed help aging in place in San Francisco, because of you, Catholic Charities was here.

When a young boy needed a home after suffering years of neglect and abuse, because of you, Catholic Charities was here. Thank you for partnering with us to make this work possible. Wishing you and yours a Happy New Year.
Pope Francis appeals to the world: We all must work together to protect our planet:

“I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all. Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions. We require a new and universal solidarity. All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.” *Laudato Si, on Care of Our Common Home, 2015*

San Anselmo is sponsoring a series of workshops on Resilient Neighborhoods, a program to learn how to reduce your carbon footprint by taking simple actions like trimming energy and waste, conserving water, and making smart transportation choices. Meet your neighbors, learn about cash incentives for home efficiency, prepare your family for emergencies, and take actions to build a stronger and safer community. Have questions about the program? Want to learn more? Come to a special morning of Coffee with Resilient Neighborhoods on Saturday, January 20th at 11am in the San Anselmo Council Chambers. Tamra Peters, Executive Director of Resilient Neighborhoods, will share what you can do about climate change. Resilient Neighborhoods.com

**Children’s Night**

hosted by Youth Ministry

Parents have their Date Night and Children you have yours! Not your everyday Dinner & Movie. The Hall is magically transformed into a Tropical Wonderland. Games, Craft, Dinner & a Movie, and did I mention a Popcorn & Candy Bar… A fun event for all ages (must be potty-trained). RSVP by January 18th. Price: 1 Child- $55, add an additional $15 per sibling. All proceeds go towards our Youth Ministry “Youth Day” Trip. Contact Natalie at Dre@saintanselm.org to RSVP.
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