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.
Contact Pastor.
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
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My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.
--Luke 2:30-31

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,

I am sure that you all had a wonderful Christmas celebration. May the Joy, Peace and Serenity that Jesus brought to the world continue to be with us throughout the New Year 2018!

I would like to thank all those who helped with the Church decorations for Christmas. Thank you! The Church looks beautiful and festive!

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Jesus had two identities. He was Son of God and Son of Mary. In the same way we too have two identities. We are not only the children of our parents but children of God. But, God has placed each one of us in a certain family where we learn to love and experience love. May each of our families be a place where we feel wanted, accepted, loved and cared for!

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. May this New Year be a Year of blessing, good health, prosperity and happiness!

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

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

For the Repose of the Soul: Richard Fernandez

For our military: Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Sean Courtz, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane Morgan, John Loughran III

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:1b-5; Jn 1:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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TIME
Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.--Benjamin Franklin
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
www.stanselmschool.com

BRINGING HOLY COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:

If you know of a parishioner who is unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Rectory so that arrangements can be made for a Eucharistic Minister to bring the parishioner Holy Communion. Homebound includes anyone who is unable to attend Mass on an ongoing basis or anyone who is temporarily unable to go to Mass due to, for instance, a surgery, illness or injury.

Christmas Flowers Donated
In Memory Of:
Colin Schreck, Lynn Reavell,
Peter R. Giorgi, Aida Molinari, Frank Molinari,
Arthur Molinari, Joan Miback,
Bari Kelleher Williams
Christmas Flowers Donated In Honor Of:
Schreck Family, Littlefeather Family

Green Tip: It’s Cold Outside: And here are some inexpensive solutions to consider:
Cover your air conditioner: If you can’t remove your window unit, consider covering it both inside and out.
Caulk it: Small spaces and gaps around windows and pipes and wires entering the home create energy wasting drafts that can cut the efficiency of your heating system.
Block drafts: Draft blockers are foam plates that fit behind light switches and electrical outlets to reduce drafts that enter through those spaces.
Perform regular maintenance: If you have a forced air furnace, make sure to clean or change the furnace filter about once a month. Most furnaces will need to be professionally cleaned and tuned once a year.
Upgrade your thermostat: Changing your thermostat to a programmable one allows you to control the temperature in your home at different times of the day without you being home. Keep the heat off when you're out of the house and set it to turn back up before you get home.
Reflective Window Film: Place these thin, plastic sheets directly on the inside of window panes and glass doors. The film reflects inside heat back into your home, reducing the amount that is conducted outside through windows.
Weather-stripping: Create a tight seal around all your windows to reduce heated and cooled air from escaping outside. Weather-strips are plastic, foam, felt or rubber strips that fit around window and door frames.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
There’s no more unusual setting to celebrate today’s Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, “My client is not in a hurry.” (Gaudi’s cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

--Rev. James Field,
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

January 1– Office Closed
January 27– Walk For Life– SF Archdiocese
January 31– Fr. Joe Eagan– Centennial Hall– Time TBD

Events At/Near St. Anselm Parish

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.

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 January 13, 2018. The event is free and all meals will be provided. Space is limited and fills fast!
Christmas Pageant
On Sunday, December 17th at the 10am mass our Religious Education and First Communion classes treated the congregation to a beautifully done reenactment of Our Lord’s Nativity. This year, the children had the task of memorizing their lines. They all did a wonderful job! Thank you to all the children who participated in the pageant and a special thank you to all the wonderful parent volunteers.
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