February 11, 2018
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

-- 1 Corinthians 10:31

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,

The Gospel story of this Sunday is the healing of the man with leprosy. Two things happen in this healing story. Jesus says, “Be made clean” and it is done. It is like the creation account in the book of Genesis. God said, “Let there be light and there was light.” The words of Jesus have power. And the man received physical healing. The second healing takes place when Jesus stretches out his hand and touches the leper. The touch of Jesus healed his leprosy. The touch of Jesus healed also his feeling that he himself was a disease; it healed his loneliness, despair and isolation. It healed his belief that he was cursed by God. The touch of Jesus brought him back to his family and community.

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

Lent is just around the corner—beginning with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is on February 14th. The Mass Schedule is 8:00am, 9:00am (School Mass—all are welcome), 12:00pm, and 5:30pm.

On February 17th & 18th, join your fellow parishioners for wine and cheese along with stimulating conversation following the 5:00pm Masses. The gatherings will take place in Centennial Hall.

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2018-1675
Collection: $4,427
2nd Collection: St. Anselm School-$1,100
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-February 18
St. Anselm School– March 4

MASS INTENTIONS

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

For the Repose of the Soul: Janet Harges

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Our Lenten Journey Begins on February 14th

Ash Wednesday is February 14th, and Easter is April 1. Our Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 8:00am, 9:00am (School Mass—all are welcome), 12:00pm, and 5:30pm.

Our weekday Mass schedule during Lent is Monday-Friday 8:00am and 5:30pm. (Tuesday 8:00am is a Communion Service)

As we approach Lent, be aware of the following:

-Lenten Regulations: As in the past, the following regulations are in place for Abstaining and Fasting during Lent:

-Abstinence: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRIDAYS of Lent, and GOOD FRIDAY.

-Fast: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY. On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.

The beatitudes speak of justice; Lent is a time we examine how we can more fully live out our lives following the Gospel. Those are two great reasons to join fellow parishioners on Wednesday, February 28th at 7pm in Centennial Hall for a “House Meeting” sponsored by the St. Anselm MOC (Marin Organizing Committee) core team. We will identify issues in our local and wider community where we can make a difference. MOC is best known for REST, the program that has fed the homeless for 10 years and work on Immigration and Housing. There may be issues closer to our hearts that need to be addressed and we are asking you. Join us in this exploration!

LEARNING TO PRAY THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

The Liturgy of the Hours (sometimes called The Divine Office) is intended as the prayer of the whole People of God; while clergy, monastics, and members of other orders are obligated to pray parts of the Office, all the faithful members of the Church are encouraged to participate in this beautiful practice, which the Catechism describes as being “so devised that the whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praise of God.” The upcoming season of Lent, as we prepare for and anticipate the Paschal Mystery, seems like an ideal time to learn about the history of the LOH, and to learn how to pray it. With that in mind, we would like to offer a series of seminars and practice sessions with the goal of teaching and promoting the praying of the Liturgy of the Hours. It is hoped that this effort will support individuals in the enhancement of their prayer-lives, increase awareness of this practice, and act as a catalyst for interest in other aspects and initiatives in the spiritual life of our community. Deacon Bob will be leading five weekly sessions during Lent, followed by a sixth follow-up session following Easter. In order to attract the greatest number of participants, it is possible that each section might be presented in a morning or afternoon time as well as an evening time. Another alternative would be to hold sessions immediately following a Mass on Sundays. Following the training, the goal would be to meet as a group on a regular basis (monthly?) and pray Morning or Evening Prayer together.

Deacon Bob will be introducing the concept of the sessions at Masses on the weekend of February 10th-11th. After Masses, there will be sign-up sheets where you can indicate your preference for meeting times.

Marin Cursillo: Men’s April 26th-28th

At San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo

WHAT IS A CURSILLO? A “Cursillo de Christiandad” is simply a short course in Christian Living. A typical Cursillo weekend is attended by about 30 candidates. Christians of all denominations are welcome.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING ON THE WEEKEND?

Reflecting on the values and goals of a Christian; celebrating Christianity in meditations, liturgies, song, meals and laughter; listening to talks and participating in discussions; experiencing in many different ways, Christian love and community.

More information is available at marincursillo.com or call Cathy Cunningham 415-453-7174, Parish Rep.
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

February 15–Valentine Tea Party 3:00-4:30– Hall
February 17&18– Wine & Cheese –following the 5:00pm Masses– Hall
February 19-Church Office Closed
March 24-Retreat (Women & Men)-9:00-Hall

Events At/Near St. Anselm Parish

Gather@Grand  with the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael on Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 – 8:30 pm for an evening with poet and author, Dale Biron. His presentation is titled A Fierce and Enduring Gratitude: How Poetry Supports Us in Good Times and Bad. If you struggle with difficulty or loss, come hear how pain can be transformed. Dale will show us how to explore poems as wise and timeless tools that can support us on our path back to gratitude, happiness and yes, even joy. Be sure to RSVP to 415 453-8303 or CommunityRelations@sanrafaelop.org. The Gathering Space - Dominican Sisters Center, 1520 Grand Avenue, San Rafael between Acacia and Locust Streets

Taking on Lent: Papal Ninja Style
Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Church, 114 King St., Larkspur
Sean Bryan has a B.A. in physics from U.C. Berkeley and an M.A. in theology from the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley; he is a convert to Catholicism and a director of the Lay Mission Project. He is also a contestant on the popular NBC TV series American Ninja Warrior, where he is known as “the Papal Ninja.” Do you want to come see how the Papal Ninja kicks off his Lent? And how he combines the physical and the spiritual, his fitness and his faith? Join Sean for a motivational presentation in the gym at St. Patrick’s in Larkspur. An interview with Sean can be heard on Bishop Barron’s Word on Fire website.

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.
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO
ST. ANSELM’S
VALENTINE TEA PARTY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th
3:00-4:30 P.M.
CENTENNIAL HALL
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TEACUP
SUGGESTED DONATION-$5.00
THANK YOU

Fr. Eagan—Fr. Joe Eagan, S.J. addressed an enthusiastic crowd in Centennial Hall on January 31, highlighting Pope Francis’s achievements and setbacks during his four years in office, and exploring what we can know of Francis’s spirituality, grounded in Ignatian spirituality. Fr. Eagan drew attention to the Pope’s insistence on “accompaniment” and “discernment;” accompaniment in the role of the hierarchy and clergy as shepherds fully engaged with their sheep, and discernment as the key to how all Christians see their own spiritual journey, based on the primacy of conscience. Fr. Joe drew from his listeners their reactions to the Pope’s recent document, The Joy of Love, and its treatment of access to the sacraments by divorced and remarried Catholics. A lively discussion followed. Laurie Joyce’s interesting and detailed introduction of Fr. Eagan reminded his audience how privileged we are that this eminent theologian returns to St. Anselm to share his thoughts with us.
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