February 18, 2018
First Sunday of Lent

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.
-- Psalm 25:4

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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)
Monday-Friday 5:30pm (during Lent)
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
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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent. Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2018-1675
Collection: $4,710
2nd Collection: N/A
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

GOD'S POWER- We are not in our power, but in the power of God.–St. Perpetua

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:43-48
Saturday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Sick Relatives & Friends

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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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. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Bob at robt88@gmail.com.

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God Bless, Rose

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Participate in the planning process. The beatitudes speak of justice: "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice for they shall have their fill". Lent is a perfect time to participate in this process. Mark your calendar and join us on Wednesday, February 28th at 7 pm in the Centennial Hall for a “House Meeting”. The meeting is 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 works 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!

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At San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending Monday: Presidents’ Day; Julian Calendar Lent Wednesday: St. Peter Damian Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington’s Birthday Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence

TAIZÉ SERVICE • Taize is a contemplative prayer service based on the worship of the ecumenical Christian monastic community in Taizé, France, and consists of scripture, music, candlelight, and meditation. We’ve been blessed at St. Anselm to have this 30 to 45 minute service on Good Friday evenings in past years, led by Dolores and Bernie O’Halloran, and it is much loved for the quiet contemplation it invokes. An additional Taize service is being added this Lent; watch the bulletin for the date.

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## 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

**Lenten Lecture Series at St. Rita in Fairfax**

*Tuesdays, Now through March 27, 7:00 pm*

St. Rita Church, 100 Marinda Dr., Fairfax
415-456-4815

The St. Rita Lenten Lecture Series 2018 is Tuesday nights (February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27). The theme is “Becoming Church in the Age of Anger: Reflections at the 50th Anniversary of the Year that Changed History.” The evenings begin with a Lenten Soup Supper at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall, followed by the Lenten Lecture. All are invited. For Soup Supper reservations or other information please phone, 415-453-8303 or CommunityRelations@sanrafaelop.org.

**Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille**

(pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means “rediscovery.” The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10’s of 1000’s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on April 13 – 15 call (415)893-1005 or email: SF@Retrouvaille.org or visit the web site at”www.HelpOurMarriage.org
Youth Ministry Valentine’s Day Sale
On Sunday, February 11th our Youth Ministry sold their homemade cupcakes and Valentine’s Day treats after the 10am and 5pm masses. Thank you to all who made a donation. The girls were able to raise $260 towards their trip. Your continuous support is very much appreciated.

Parish Pancake Breakfast hosted by our Youth Ministry

Date: Sunday, March 4th
Time: After the 10am mass
Location: In the Parish Hall
Price: Donation based
(Recommend a $5 + donation)
*All donations will go towards our Youth Day trip

Mad Hatter Tea Party hosted by our Youth Ministry

Date: Saturday, March 10th
Time: 10:30am-2:30pm
Location: Parish Hall
Price: Donation based (lunch, snacks, tea, and crafts included)
*Are you a child who believes in as many as six impossible things before breakfast? Do you like to have an adventure? Come join us in Wonderland for a very important date.
RSVP to DRE@saintanselm.org
Bulletin Number: 513520

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