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 reading of this Sunday is about the Transfiguration of Jesus. In the presence of Peter, James and John, Jesus was transfigured. There was the everyday Jesus who was well known to his friends, and then there was the moment when they scarcely recognized him, so transformed - transfigured - was he. Divinity shone through him, revealing depths they had never imagined. Can this happen only to Jesus? Transfiguration is not only about Jesus but about each one of us. We will be transfigured, made whole and perfect, as God always intended us to be. During our earthly life we are called to work towards reaching perfection and practicing virtue so that transfiguration begins in our earthly life and reaches its completion in our next life.

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji

2018 ANNUAL APPEAL-We will be kicking-off our 2018 Annual Appeal this weekend. You will be receiving a letter and brochure in your mail very soon. Our goal this year is $86,050. Your support of St. Anselm’s Annual Appeal is very much appreciated.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion
Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
Friday: Abstinence; First Friday;
World Day of Prayer
Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

IMPRESSION
When we try to make an impression, that's the impression we make.--Anonymous

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2018-1675
Collection: $3,401
2nd Collection:$1,283
Centennial Building & Maintenance
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:
St. Anselm School– March 4
Catholic Relief Services-March 18

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

For the Repose of the Soul: Vivien Silva

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: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]
THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS
God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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 will be on March 7th at 7:30pm in the Church.

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.

March 17, 2 pm. St. Patrick’s Day Program
Folk tales of St. Patrick and the Irish, gathered over years of listening and telling, now told by the gifted teacher and storyteller Don Leach. Bring your own tales of Ireland and the Irish and your sense of humor to share! Refreshments will be served.

What Can I Do?
Who among you feel saddened, powerless, or discouraged, or angry about things that you see happening in the world right now? Or in our own community? We, at St. Anselm's, are making space to talk about it-- and to see where we might be able to create hope, light, justice and love right here in our own backyard, for ourselves as well as others, just like we did with REST. 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 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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St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

February 28–St. Anselm MOC “House Meeting”- 7:00pm-Hall
March 4– Pancake Breakfast-after 10:00 Mass– Hall
March 7– Taize Service– 7:30pm– Church
March 17– Irish Storytelling-Don Leach-2:00-Hall
March 24–Retreat (Women & Men)-9:00am-Hall

Events Near St. Anselm Parish

ST. PATRICK’S DAY
FAMILY POTLUCK
Please join us Marin Irish American Club annual St. Patrick’s Day Family Potluck.
Sunday March 4th from 4:00 Pm to 9:00 PM. St. Isabella Parish Hall
Free to members, $10 Guests, No host bar.
For more information including membership information- Rosie Feeney, 415-515-9116 or rose.feeney@comcast.net

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, 415-456-4815

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE– Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages. 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 www.HelpOurMarriage.org
VALENTINE TEA PARTY—Our Valentine Tea Party was enjoyed by many and a huge success. Guilty pleasures from chocolate mousse to cookies, cakes and candy to heart shaped watermelon, were fulfilled. Hours of organizing, decorating, and baking were donated by St. Anselm volunteers. Our wonderful crew of volunteers was led by Bess Nuzzo and Rose Shadduck. Thank you Bess and Rose for the many “behind-the-scene-hours” that you dedicated to making our Tea Party extra special.
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