March 4, 2018
Third Sunday of Lent

I, the LORD, am your God... You shall not have other gods besides me.

-- Exodus 20:2a, 3
As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill:

For the Repose of the Soul
Claire Christensen

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

Dear Parishioners,
The gospel story of this Sunday is one of the few incidents mentioned in all the four Gospels- Jesus cleansing the temple in Jerusalem. In the subsequent argument with the Jews, Jesus changed the focus to another temple, the temple of his body. We are members of Christ’s body and as such we ourselves are the place of prayer and worship. Paul writes to the Corinthians, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?” This temple; our body, our soul, our entire being, is constantly in need of cleansing, as Jesus cleansed the temple in Jerusalem. May this Lenten season be a time when we can let Christ cleanse our whole being!

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

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**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL-**

On Sunday, the 25th of February, we launched the AAA for 2018. Our goal is $86,050.

As a parish we are able to keep it financially viable because of the support we receive from the offices and the departments of the Chancery. Health insurance for the staff of the parish and school faculty is affordable only because we get a group coverage through the Archdiocese. Legal and Human resource support is affordable because of the Chancery. We get affordable property, building and liability insurance through the Archdiocese. Department of Catholic Schools, Buildings and Constructions, Finance and Religious Eduations offer our parish immense help. What we contribute to the AAA comes back to us as services provided by the Departments and Offices of the Chancery. Last year our AAA goal was reached by the contributions of 192 parishioners! I would like to invite everyone in the parish to prayerfully consider making a donation so that we can complete this effort in a month. Thank you for your generosity and your dedication to St. Anselm, your church. Fr. Jose Shaji

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**St. Anselm Church Stewardship**

Registered Parishioner Families 2018- 1675

**Collection:** $4,879

**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:**

- Catholic Relief Services-March 11
- Centennial Building & Maintenance-March 18

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Sick Relatives & Friends**

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Alternate readings (Year A):

- 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
- Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
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.

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.

Adopt A Family
As Easter Sunday approaches, we are so incredibly thankful for your generosity and support of our Adopt-A-Family program, which is now in its 26th year! We hope that once again you will help our families with our Easter appeal. Our Easter board will be in the lobby the weekend of March 10 and 11. Please select a tag and purchase the item requested. Return the wrapped, requested item with the tags attached. Gifts should be brought to the bride’s room, which is to the right as you enter the church by Sunday, March 18. Your continued support is what helps our program give back to those in need. THANK YOU all for your thoughtfulness, love, and care. Any questions please contact Paulette (415) 215-9364.

Don’t miss Mass next weekend!!
Set Clocks Ahead when you go to bed, Saturday, March 10th.

FORGIVENESS
If a bad person wrongs you, forgive the person, lest there be two bad people.—Anonymous

THE SURLY BIRD
Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones. The surly bird catches the germ.—Anonymous

Parish Pancake Breakfast hosted by our Youth Ministry
Date: This 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

A One Day Retreat
Join Marin Catholic’s Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, for a contemplative and meditative retreat. This retreat is a chance for men and women to enjoy being loved by God. It is a gift of time in prayer with one another, for one another, and for the St. Anselm community. May our God who is rich in mercy, bless us all.

WHEN: March, 24 2018 9am to 3pm
WHERE: St. Anselm Centennial Hall
Lunch will be provided.
Donation is optional.
Call the Church office at 415.453.2342 to register

Refinance Your Spirituality
Invest in a 3-day weekend of discussion, laughter, music and superlative food
In return for a lifetime of renewed joy and confidence in the future.
Give your faith a chance to blossom and grow.
Ask someone about Cursillo.
www.marincursillo.com
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

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

For young adults (broadly defined as 18-40!)

Celebrating National Catholic Sisters Week with the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael
Please come to a no-charge evening on Thursday, March 8, 6:30-8:00 pm. We're going to make chocolates at Homeward Bound of Marin, one of our partners in mission! Come to the Key Room, 1385 N. Hamilton Parkway in Novato. You'll hear how truffles are part of the effort to end homelessness - and you can ask any of the Dominican Sisters there anything about how we pray and live and work! Feel free to bring a spouse or friend! Let us know you're coming by calling 415 453 8303.

St. Sebastian’s Lenten Pilgrimage
Join St. Sebastian for a Lenten Pilgrimage on Saturday, March 10th from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. The guided tour will include visits to Holy Cross Cemetery, Church of the Nativity and St. Patrick Seminary. Cost is $45 per person. Please call the office at St. Sebastian to register. 415-461-0704.

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
Mad Hatter Tea Party hosted by our Youth Ministry

Date: Saturday, March 10th
Time: 10:30am-2:30pm
Location: Parish Hall
Are you a child who believes in as many as six impossible things before breakfast? Do you like to have an adventure? If so, come join us in Wonderland for a Mad Hatter Tea Party, where everyone is a little 'mad'. Children of all ages are invited to attend (must be potty trained). Our youth will lead the children in games, crafts, and face painting. Let’s celebrate our "Very Merry Unbirthday" together over a cup of tea, finger sandwiches, cupcakes, and other yummy treats. Girls & Boys, get ready for a day filled with wonder.

Price: Donation based (recommend a $40+ donation per household). All proceeds go towards our Youth Day trip. Cash or Check welcomed. Please make checks payable to St. Anselm Church and put "Youth Ministry" in the MEMO. Pay at drop off.

Email Natalie at DRE@saintanselm.org to RSVP. See you in Wonderland!

St. Anselm Church Multipurpose Totes
Our Youth Ministry is selling two different types of totes. Foldable Tote- $10 & Insulated Tote- $18 *Buy more than one and get a discounted price. *All proceeds go towards our Youth Day trip. *Support your Parish by “rocking” one of these beautifully logoed totes to the grocery store, to a picnic at the park, your children’s sports game…etc. You can purchase your tote at our parish office during working hours or after one of the masses. We thank you for your support.
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