Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

-- 1 John 3:18
Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel reading of today, Jesus gives us this beautiful image of the vine and the branches. Jesus expresses the unity and closeness that exist between him and his followers. The vine and the branches cannot exist without each other, and they cannot produce grapes separated from each other. The branches have to be pruned to produce fruit. Jesus gave this imagery at a time when everything seemed to be falling apart or ending. It was the most appropriate time to speak about it because this was when unity was most needed. Jesus foresaw that Judas would betray him and that Peter would deny him. Jesus wanted to teach them that he loved them even in their weakness. It is when we face adversity, failure and danger that unity grows. There is more depth to a relationship that has weathered many storms.

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

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.

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

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: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26**

**Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 – 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58**

**Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17**

**Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21**

**Friday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19**

A BOOK TO READ

There is a great difference between the eager person who wants to read a book and the tired person who wants a book to read.

--G. K. Chesterton
May is Stroke Awareness Month!
Signs and symptoms of a stroke are easily remembered by FAST.
If you suspect that someone is having a stroke you need to act fast to get them help. Call 911 so they can get fast treatment and ensure the best recovery. Fast stands for Face, Arms, Speech and Time.
**Face**– Is the person's face lopsided looking? Is their smile even?
**Arms**– Is there weakness in one arm? Can the person raise both arms?
**Speech**- Is the person's speech slurred, or do they have trouble understanding your speech?
**Time**– Is of the essence, Call 911 FAST.
Some other signs and symptoms of stroke are trouble seeing, dizziness, loss of balance and co-ordination and a sudden and severe headache.
God Bless, Rose

**Movie & Potluck Dinner**
St. Anselm Church’s Faith Formation cordially invites you to attend the screening of the 2016 film Risen. This film follows one man’s journey of faith as he investigates what happened to Jesus after his crucifixion. You do not need to be a parishioner to attend. Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends. Since it is being screened during dinner time, feel free to bring a dish, dessert, or drink to share. The parish will order a couple pizzas, a salad, and one or two desserts. What a great way to spend a Monday night.
**Event:** Movie & Potluck
**Date:** Monday, May 7th 2018
**Location:** Parish Hall
**Time:** 6pm-8pm

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St. Anselm Parishioners Make the Front Page
The Wednesday, April 18th, IJ highlighted the walk/press conference in support of the new Housing Focused Shelter program. It included two pictures: one showed clergy of the County, including Deacons Ed Cunningham and Bernie O’Halloran (Deacon Bob Meave was there but not in the picture), another showed Liz Amini and her two grandchildren. St. Anselm parishioners Pam and Dan Engel, Gene Mc Ginnis, and Bess Nuzzo also played a prominent part as crossing guards safely guiding the walkers. Kevin Lozaw took the above picture; Dorothy Weaver took pictures which will be used in the future and 20-30 parishioners joined over 300 people who participated in the walk. The press conference announced the agreement of St. Vincent de Paul Society and Homeward Bound to work collaboratively to provide a true Housing Focused Shelter. This will allow our REST guests to move into housing and not just spend a winter’s night on a floor. Thank you to all who participated.

**Volunteer Blessing**
On Saturday, May 19, during the 5 pm Mass, we will recognize the hundreds of parishioners who have participated in the REST dinners, Brown Bag Lunch program and the St. Vincent de Paul Society with a special blessing. These groups have made a significant impact on the lives of those who are precariously housed or are living on the street. We invite those who have been a part of these programs to join us for the blessing and a reception in Centennial Hall after Mass.

**General Prayer for the Earth**
Most gracious God, we come before you to pray for the wellbeing of the planet. You alone know the full extent of the destruction we have wrought to your beautiful handiwork, and what needs to be done to remedy it. We pray for the people around the globe who suffer because of environmental damage. We pray for the defenseless creatures harmed or made extinct by our selfishness and ignorance. We pray for the oceans, air, mountains, plants, and soil, that life and health may again pulse in them. We pray that we humans have a change of heart and stop harming the planet. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we may have the passion and wisdom to work effectively to restore your creation. Guide us in our personal, church and community efforts. Give us strength to continue on with this work when it is difficult and requires sacrifice. Bless the Earth and all its life in every way. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
May 5 – First Communion – 10:00am
May 7 – Movie & Pot Luck – 6:00pm-8:00pm – Hall
May 20 – Wine & Cheese after 5:00pm Mass – Hall
May 28 – Office Closed for Memorial Day
June 1 – Baccalaureate Mass – 11:00am

Events Near St. Anselm Parish

St. Raphael and St. Isabella Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society 14th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament and Picnic

Sunday, May 6, 2018 is the date for the 14th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament and Picnic benefitting the St. Raphael and St. Isabella Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marin. Join us for a day of fun including a delicious BBQ lunch provided by Marin Joe’s Restaurant. Players, spectators, picnickers and children are all welcome. You will be helping a worthy cause and 100% of all proceeds fund our work to help the needy in our parishes.

For information and/or sign up forms contact: Dean DeGiovanni at 415 485 3855 or Joe Martino at 415 479 8477

Marin Handicapables Mass and Luncheon - Persons with special needs (shut-ins, developmentally disabled, etc.) who would enjoy fellowship are cordially invited to the Marin Handicapables Mass and Luncheon on May 12, 2018. This event will be held at Marin Catholic High School, 675 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Kentfield, with Mass at noon in the Chapel, followed by lunch and entertainment in the Student Center. Sponsors are The Order of Malta Western Association. There is no fee to attend, but reservations are requested. RSVP: Cheryl Giurlani, 415.308.4608 or ferrari1954@yahoo.com

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.
GREEN TIP: As much as we love our gadgets, their production and disposal are harming the environment and our health. The toxic pollution created by discarded cell phones, televisions, ink cartridges, stereos and batteries harms people. But there are things we can do as consumers and citizens to address this problem:

Use products for their lifespan. We regularly discard perfectly functional products because a newer model hits the shelves. This mindset is gobbling up resources around the world. Think before you buy.

Buy refurbished. Previously owned, good-as-new phones, computers, and cameras save resources, and are less expensive than new products. Look for manufactured-certified refurbished products.

Recycle responsibly. Recycling electronics is important, but the industry is not well-monitored. Old electronics are often exported to poor countries where they poison local communities. Look for e-Stewards certification to ensure your products are recycled responsibly. Manufacturers often have takeback programs as well.

Recycle or refill empty ink cartridges. Getting your cartridges refilled can save you a lot of money, as this usually costs about half the price of a new cartridge. Many stores take in empty cartridges to recycle.

Donate or sell. Give your old computers, stereos and televisions a new home. Craigslist, Freecycle and community listservs are great places to sell or donate your used electronics. Be sure to delete sensitive data before donating.

Repair instead of replace. Repair broken parts of electronic devices as often as possible instead of replacing the item altogether. Companies like Fairphone are making "modular" products that are easier to repair. Ask your favorite companies about repair options.
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