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.
Dear Parishioners,

In all three liturgical cycles we have the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus as the Gospel reading for the second Sunday of Lent. There was the everyday Jesus who went about teaching, healing and doing good. And then when Jesus was transfigured the apostles could hardly recognize him. Divinity shone through him. The second reading is an echo of the Gospel reading. St. Paul writes, “He will change (transfigure) our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.” The transfiguration is not merely about Jesus, but about us that there is the divine within each one of us!

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

On March 17th, join your fellow parishioners for wine and cheese along with stimulating conversation following the 5:00pm Mass. The gathering will take place in Centennial Hall.

Our weekday Mass schedule during Lent is Monday-Friday 8:00am and 5:30pm.

Also during Lent, “The Light Is On For You”- there will be an opportunity for Confession on Tuesday evenings, 6:00pm-7:00pm.

Please refer to the next page for the schedule of the Lenten Lecture Series at St. Rita Church.

MEN’S GROUP– The Men’s Group will meet for the first time on Monday, March 18th from 7:00am-7:55am. We will gather to read, reflect, and share on the coming Sunday’s Readings. Please call the parish office if you would like to participate 415-453-2342.- Fr. Jose

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2019-1675
Collection: $6,506
2nd Collection: N/A
Electronic Weekly Donations: $2,625
Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations
Second Collections:
Building & Maintenance– March 17
Catholic Relief Services– March 24
St. Vincent de Paul– March 31

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

For the Repose of the Soul: Marjorie Smith, Paul Monahan, Anthony Barbera

For Our Military: Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Sean Courtz, Liz Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane Morgan, William Ghiringhelli, Daniel Lowe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a
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: Mt 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
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]
ST. RITA LENTEN LECTURE SERIES 2019
“The Future of Life on Earth”
Reflections on the 4th Anniversary of Laudato Si’
March 19, 7:00pm
“Just Water: Pope Francis, Science, and Fresh Water Ethics” - Christiana Zenner, Ph.D.
March 26, 7:00pm
“Integral Ecology: Care for the Earth and for the Poor” - Alexandre Martins, MI, Ph.D.
April 2, 7:00pm
“How to Carry the Cross in an Anesthetized World” - Archbishop John Wester, D.D.
April 9, 7:00pm
“Laudato Si’: Why We May Resist, How We Might Resist our Resistance” - Barbara Green, O.P., Ph.D.
April 16, 7:00pm
“Classical Music and Quiet Reflection in Holy Week” — Michael McCarty, grand piano
Peter Chase, violin
The evenings begin with a Lenten Soup Supper at 6:15pm in the Parish Hall, followed by the Lenten Lecture
Location: St. Rita Church, 100 Marinda Dr, Fairfax, 94930
All are invited. For further information and Soup Supper reservations, please call: 415-456-4815
If you are able to offer a ride to others or are in need of a ride to the Lectures, please call the Rectory-415-453-2342

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to give something up for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.
What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: What are you taking on for Easter?
--James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINT PATRICK (c. 385-461) March 17
Patrick was born in Scotland, the son of a Roman soldier. At fourteen he was captured by Irish raiders and enslaved for six years, forced to herd and tend sheep. After several attempts he was able to escape and returned to his homeland. Later he was ordained to the priesthood, and at the age of forty-six he returned to Ireland from the north as a bishop and missionary. Using the knowledge of the language and culture that he gained during his captivity, Patrick dedicated himself to evangelizing the leaders of the tribes, starting with the most influential and powerful. Despite threats against his life, he continued to preach the Gospel, founding convents, monasteries, and parishes. He strove to Christianize the pagan rites such as the Druid spring fires, which he transformed into the Easter Vigil’s "new fire," openly defying the customs imposed by the priests of the Celtic religion. This almost cost him his life, but his victory was also one for Christianity. The patron saint of Ireland is also known for using the shamrock to teach the Holy Trinity, and for driving the snakes out of the country: Ireland never had snakes - but the snake metaphor was probably used later to represent paganism.

Our Adult Faith Formation class started a study on Lent offered through Formed. If you would like to join us onsite we meet Thursdays from 6:30pm-7:45pm. 6pm-6:30pm is optional potluck. We meet in the parish hall, please contact Natalie if you are coming, dre@saintanselm.org. If you cannot join us, login to your Formed account and do the study at home. Into the Desert: A Lenten Study on Prayer.

Cursillo Weekend
MARIN CURSILLO IS NOW ACCEPTING CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS FOR:
WOMEN’S WEEKEND
Thursday evening, May 2 to Sunday afternoon, May 5
MEN’S WEEKEND
Thursday evening, May 16 to Sunday afternoon, May 19
Applications can be obtained in the Rectory office during the week.

THANKS-No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.-Ambrose of Milan
## St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

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## Events Near St. Anselm Parish

Gather@Grand - **Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 7:00–8:30pm**
An evening with Mary LaCasse, visual artist, author and educator. **Sifting Through Gold: Precious Women Elders Comment on Aging, Turning Points and Love**

“Wisdom is the gold our elders give us. May we listen and learn from what they have to say.” Mary was moved by her relationships with five elder women friends to write a book that re-defines cultural beliefs about how women age. She will share the process that evolved of how she gathered stories and answers to questions from her friends, and ended up with a collection of inspiring stories about resilience and grit. Mary will also provide some materials and tips for how you can start to shape your own collection of stories! All are welcome! We provide light refreshments and time for your questions.

The Gathering Space - Dominican Sisters Center
1520 Grand Avenue, San Rafael between Acacia and Locust Streets. Be sure to RSVP CommunityRelations@sanrafaelop.org or 415-453-8303

## The University Series This Week (3/18-3/21)

All Classes 7:30 – 9:00 P.M. unless noted otherwise

**Tuesday, March 18**
Sung Prayer: Basic Gregorian Chant for All—Mary Ann Carr-Wilson
St. Patrick – Healy Hall

**Tuesday, March 19**
Open the Eyes of My Heart: Seeing God in Our Daily Encounters
Michelle Fontaine - St. Raphael Mission Chapel

**Thursday, March 21**
Open the Eyes of My Heart: Seeing God in Our Daily Encounters
Michelle Fontaine - 12:00 – 1:30 PM
St. Sylvester Chapel
Admission: $8.00 at the door (cash/check only) AND YOU CAN BRING A FRIEND FOR FREE!
On March 31st there will be a Second Collection for the St. Anselm Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. We are so grateful for your support because these donations enable us to offer help and hope to many individuals and families who are struggling right here in our community. Typically, we must limit our monetary support to $300/year per client for essentials like rent, utilities or car repair. In addition, we always offer to provide our clients with food through Safeway food cards.

This is how your St. Vincent de Paul Conference works in our community: When we are notified that someone in our area needs assistance, we get in touch with them initially over the phone. If the situation sounds like a challenge where we can be of some help, a team of two St. Anselm Conference volunteers go to the client’s home. During this visit we talk, we listen and we brainstorm. We discuss practical ways in which we can help our clients through the immediate crisis they are facing and we try to offer suggestions that will help them resolve their concerns so these issues do not continue to overwhelm them. We try to offer hope and let them know that they are not alone. We remind them that there are many places to find all kinds of different support.

We always end our meetings with an offer to pray together. Below you will find a copy of the prayer which we give our clients. Many clients have told us that reading the prayer brings them hope. We have noticed that some of them keep the prayer on their refrigerator or on their table, so they can read it when they are feeling worried and stressed. We are happy to share this prayer with you and hope that it can bring you some sense of comfort when issues in your own life become challenging.

Thank you in advance for your support. We appreciate your generosity in the second collection on March 31st and throughout the year. We could not do this work without you. Your SVDP team: Libby Carra, Cari Case, Marlene De Voto, Bill Langley, Elizabeth Melone and Therese Pedemonte

Be at Peace.
Do not fear the changes of life, rather look to them with full hope as they arise~.

God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of them.
He has kept you hitherto, and he will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will bury you in His arms.

Do not be afraid of what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and everyday. He will either shield you from suffering, or give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at Peace~ And put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.
~St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622)
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