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.

March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
-- Psalm 103:6

Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm,
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, and 5:00pm

Weekday Mass:
Monday through Friday 8:00am, 5:30pm
(there will be a daily 5:30pm Mass 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

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Deacon Bernie O’Halloran
Deacon Ed Cunningham
Deacon Robert Meave

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School Website: www.StAnselmSchool.com
CYO Website: www.stanselmeyo.org

St. Anselm Catholic Church
“Sir, leave the fig tree for another year; perhaps it will bear fruit.”
Luke 13:8-9
Dear Parishioners,

The gospel reading of this Sunday ends with the parable of the fig tree. The parable reminds us that God gives second chances. The owner of the vineyard wanted to cut down the fig tree since it was not producing any fruit. The gardener convinced the owner to give him more time to till and fertilize around it. If all his attempts did not bear fruit, then he would cut down the tree. God gives second chances all the time. We all need second chances. None of us are perfect. Lent is a time for us to reflect on our lives. It is a time to come to terms with our need for repentance, change and transformation. We should let Christ do the work of the gardener in our lives. Let us during this Lenten season ask the Lord to come into our hearts and lives to prune, to fertilize and to cultivate. Then, we will bear much fruit- fruits of peace, compassion and justice.

The St. Patrick’s Day Dinner was a lovely event! I would like to thank all the volunteers who did all the cooking, serving, decorating and cleaning up. I would like to also thank Joan Mann Thomas for organizing it. Thank you!

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji. Pastor

MEN’S GROUP– The Men’s Group will meet every Monday 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

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.

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### MASS INTENTIONS

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### Sick Relatives & Friends

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

For the Repose of the Soul: Kendrick, Marjorie Smith, Anthony Barbera
For Our Military: Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Sean Courtz, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane Morgan, William Ghiringhelli, Daniel Lowe

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
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: Hos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
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]
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 donations because they 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 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 our Safeway food cards.

This is how your St. Vincent de Paul Conference works: When we are notified that someone in our area needs assistance, we get in touch with that person and have a preliminary discussion 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 goes 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 will 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. Please know that at all of our monthly Conference meetings we pray not only for our clients but also for you, our generous donors. We appreciate your support in the second collection on March 31st and throughout the year. We could not do this work without you.

Your St. Anselm/ St. Vincent de Paul Conference team: Libby Carra, Cari Case, Marlene De Voto, Bill Langley, Elizabeth Melone and Therese Pedemonte

MID-LENT CHECK-IN- God says to Moses, This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great I AM. Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God’s ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today’s Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

CULTIVATING HOLY GROUND- There are three traditional Lenten practices that help us to cultivate the ground of our lives in order to grow in holiness and bear good fruit: prayer, which deepens our relationship with God and strengthens our desire to live as followers of Jesus; fasting, through which we heighten our hunger for God and become more attentive to the hunger and needs of others; almsgiving: sacrificing time, money, or resources in order to share God’s merciful love with the poor and vulnerable. As we continue to journey through Lent, cultivate the holy ground of your life through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you may live fruitfully and well.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY EASTER APPEAL- Our annual “Easter Board” will be in front of the church next weekend, March 30th & 31st. If you would like to help the Easter Bunny bring happiness to a needy child, select a tag from the board and bring the item (with the tag attached) to the bride’s room on the weekend of April 6th, 7th or April 13th, 14th at the latest.

We hope to give each child a summer outfit plus an Easter basket and stuffed bunnies for the younger children.

Thanks to your generosity, this program is now in its 26th year!

The families who have so little are always genuinely surprised and grateful for these unexpected gestures of love and care from our parish community.

Questions, call Dorothy 415-215-1242

STRENGTH TO SPLIT ROCKS- Do you know that oftentimes a root has split a rock, when suffered to remain in it? Give no judgment to the seed of evil, seeing that it will break up your faith.

--St. Cyril of Jerusalem
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

April 22– Earth Day Hike & Picnic-details to follow  
Save the Date: Saturday, April 27  
10am-1pm -Fr. David Pettingill- Discussion/House Meeting- Details to follow!  
May 4- First Communion-10:00am  
May 12– Confirmation 2:00pm

Events Near St. Anselm Parish

The University Series This Week (3/25-3/28)  
All Classes 7:30 – 9:00 P.M.  
unless noted otherwise  
Tuesday St. Raphael Soup Supper  
6:00 – 7:15 P.M.  
Thursday St. Sylvester Light Lunch  
11:00 – 12:15 P.M.  
MONDAY, MARCH 25  
GOD & COUNTRY: FAITH & RELIGION IN AMERICA’S FOUNDING  
FR. BILL NICHOLAS- ST. PATRICK – HEALY HALL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 26  
THE PROPHETS OF THE LORD; ANCIENT MEN WITH MODERN MESSAGES  
FR. BILL NICHOLAS- ST. RAPHAEL MISSION CHAPEL  
THURSDAY, MARCH 28  
ASHES TO ASHES; DUST TO DUST: WHAT MAKES A FUNERAL CATHOLIC?  
12:00PM-1:30PM-MONICA WILLIAMS- ST. SYLVESTER CHAPEL

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples at stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the program on April 5, 6, 7 please call:415-893-1005 or email to: SF@RetroCA.com

30th ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION -Hosted by Nazareth House Auxiliary  
Wednesday, April 10th, 2019  
Please join us at Nazareth House, 245 Nova Albion Way, Terra Linda at 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Mass after lunch. The Moderator will be Fr. Brian Costello and the subject will be The Book of Genesis  
Enjoy a day with your fellow Christians preparing for the season of Lent and Easter. Bring a bag lunch, the Auxiliary provides coffee and dessert.  
Suggested donation: $10.00 RSVP before April 3rd. Checks made out to: Nazareth House Auxiliary.  
Questions: Pola Martino – (415) 479-8477 or Diane DeMartini – (415) 264-2326
The St. Patrick’s Day celebration at St. Anselm was a sold-out success. A good time was had by all. The festivities included a corned beef, cabbage, & potato dinner with homemade soda breads. The “hit” of the party was Fr. Jose’s Irish Coffees. An Irish Slideshow, created by Pat & Bill Langley, gave the room a feeling of being in Ireland. A huge THANK YOU to Joan Mann Thomas and her wonderful crew of volunteers.
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