February 16, 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

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,

The Scribes and the Pharisees were generally a dedicated and conscientious people. Many of them were also narrow minded and legalistic in their outlook. In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus might appear to be like the Scribes and the Pharisees in strictness of interpretation of the Law. Jesus says, "Until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place." A law is fulfilled, not when it is observed to the letter. A law is being fulfilled, only when the purpose for which it was made is being fulfilled. How do we look at laws? Do we believe that a law is fulfilled when the purpose for which it was made is fulfilled?

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

25th Ordination Anniversary Celebration
Deacon Bernie O’Halloran has been serving our community as one of our parish Deacons for the past 25 years… and counting. His wife, Dolores, participated in the years of classes and training alongside Deacon Bernie. Together, they are vital to both the physical and spiritual well-being and growth of St. Anselm. It is our privilege and honor to celebrate Bernie’s 25th Ordination Anniversary on Sunday, February 23rd. Please join us for the 10:00am Mass and a light lunch reception in Centennial Hall following the Mass.

CONSCIENCE - Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.
—George Washington

As a community we ask God's blessing for the ill:
Michael Bruciati, Jose Larraga, Stan & Donna Pechalonis, Emerico Sauceda, Mark Gardner, Steve Leland, Christopher Goward, Richard Green, Irene Lorente, Terese Marklinger, Allison Chichizola, Karen Poligono, Frank Dal Gallo, Steve McDonald, Jacob Aceto, Matthew Hunter, Erin Murphy, Stephen Corr, Marlene DeLong, Donna Przybyski, Marilyn Marklinger, Don Orlandi, Barbara Werner, Avani Khanna, Fr. Neil Healy, T. Hutchinson, Tina Vorraro

For the Repose of the Soul: Adrienne Hale Berardi, Pat Mason, Sr. Colleen Kern, John Smith

For Our Military: Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane Morgan, William Ghiringhelli, Daniel Lowe, and Rob Manifold

"Our Prayer Petition group will gladly pray for your intentions; simply use the link on our Parish website (https://saintanselm.org/) or go to https://forms.gle/9C3WH4mtnq3Lnn7"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

BAD COMPANY - People who live solely for themselves are eventually corrupted by their own company.
—Anonymous
Youth Mass - Youth Masses are offered most 2nd & 4th Sundays at our 5pm mass. Here is the tentative schedule: February 23, March 8 & 22, April 26, May 10 & 24, June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, and August 9 & 23.

Highlights: Contemporary Music & Youth Led Roles: greeters, ushers, gift bearers, and readers. Must be in 6th grade or up to have an active role. Please contact Dre@saintanselm.org a week before the scheduled mass to sign your youth up for an active role.

Youth Ministry - Our Youth Ministry is open to all 6th-12th graders. Highlights “the 7F’s:” Foster leadership skills, fundraising for a cause (#endHumanTrafficking), Fellowship, Faith Formation, Food, Fun Outings, and Free to attend.

Schedule (Parish Hall)
March 8th - 3:30pm to 4:50pm
April 26th - 6:00pm to 7:30pm
May 31st - 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Must RSVP two days before attending. Contact Natalie at DRE@saintanselm.org

WINTER COLD AND FLU SEASON As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise, if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well-being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety.

LITURGY AND ILLNESS Please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home. For the convenience of those who are home-bound, or unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity, Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 6:00 AM on Channels 8, 20 (Comcast), KTSF 26.

Fr. Joe Eagan - Every seat in Centennial Hall was filled on February 4 for Conversations with Fr. Joe Eagan, SJ. Fr. Joe opened with remarks about Pope Francis’ recent trips and meetings with, among others, VP Mike Pence, and encouraged the reading of The Wounded Shepherd, Pope Francis and His Struggles to Convert the Catholic Church, the latest book by Francis’ biographer Austin Ivereigh. Discussion included comments about the leadership qualities of the American bishops, with Bishop McElroy roundly praised for his diocesan synod and for his promoting of Laudato Si. The distance between bishops and their people was lamented and considered a greater divide than between ‘conservatives and liberals.’ The recent parish survey at St. Anselm’s was given high marks as an important step in identifying what parishioners are concerned about, and led to remarks about falling numbers of church attendees and possible solutions. This prompted reference to John Henry Newman’s writings on the complexity of faith and doubt. Other topics discussed were the plight of divorced and remarried Catholics and the lack of leadership roles for women in the Church.

As is usual with meetings with Fr. Joe, no one wanted the discussion to end and many stayed around for coffee and cookies and a few last conversations with this remarkable priest and scholar.
**St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events**

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Persons with special needs (shut-ins, developmentally disabled, etc.) who would enjoy fellowship are cordially invited to the **Marin Handicapables Mass and Luncheon on February 22**. This event will be held at St. Anselm Church, 97 Shady Lane, Ross with **Mass at noon**, followed by lunch and entertainment in Centennial Hall. 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 cherylgjurlani@gmail.com.

**Show Your Community Some Love**—Ensure that your household is counted in Census 2020— including infants. All communities need love and support to grow and thrive. Join Catholic Charities and other faith-based organizations and social services in participating in the Census 2020, which can help bring a whole lot of heart to your community when it comes to jobs and road maintenance as well as funding critical social service programs that San Francisco residents rely on like affordable housing, early childhood education and food and nutrition assistance. The Census helps communities get funding they need so show your community some love and pledge to participate in the 2020 Census. Census Day is April 1st. You can respond by phone and online beginning March 12th in multiple languages. **Census 2020 Toolkit and Resources for Congregations available at** [https://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/](https://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/) Census resources also are available at [https://marincensus2020.org/](https://marincensus2020.org/)

If you want to work on your marriage, please pray about going on a Retrouville weekend. San Francisco Retrouville: February 28-March 1 Francis & Joanne Agbayani 415-893-1005, SF@RetroCa.com

Please join us **Marin Irish American Club** annual St. Patrick’s Day Family Potluck. **Sunday March 1st** from 4:00 Pm to 9:00 PM. St. Isabella Parish Hall Celtic Music, Irish Dancers, Corned Beef & Cabbage, Children’s activities and prizes, Irish Soda Bread contest, Raffle. Free to members, $25 Guests, No host bar. For more information, including membership information - Rosie Feeney, 415-515-9116 or rose.feeney@comcast.net
St. Patrick's Day Celebration at St. Anselm

Put on your green, Irish or not, and join your fellow parishioners in celebrating St. Patrick’s Day.

DATE: Sunday, March 15
TIME: 6:00PM (following the 5:00pm Mass)
WHERE: Centennial Hall
COST: $25 per person, $60 for Families

Enjoy an Irish feast of Corned Beef, and Colcannon (Cabbage & Potatoes). Get your Irish bake “on” and be a part of the Soda Bread Baking Contest. Your meal includes a beverage selection of wine, Irish beer, Irish Coffee, and non-alcoholic options.

Seating is limited so please RSVP by March 9th to Sissy at the Rectory. 415-453-2342 or st.anselmoffice@att.net

WOMEN'S RETREAT
Comforting Christ: Women on the Way of the Cross
March 14th, St. Anselm’s Church
9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Join Marin Catholic’s Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, for a contemplative and meditative women’s retreat. This retreat is a chance for women to enjoy being loved by God. It is a gift of time and prayer with our community.

Lunch will be provided  ■  Suggested $20 donation  ■  Call 415-453-2342 to register
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