

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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*Give thanks to the Lord for  
His many Blessings  
On Thanksgiving*

# Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Gilbert Whittamore

Requested by Noel & Judy Cepriaso

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Dermot Christopher

Requested by Christina Christopher

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Martin White

Requested by the Carter Family

Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

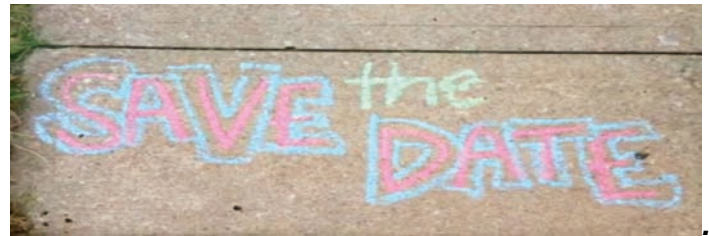


Young parishioners in Grade 7 (or older) who seek to be confirmed next spring are asked to attend (with their parents) an information/registration meeting on **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church.** Every effort should be made to attend this brief meeting as requirements for preparation will be outlined.

**GROUP "B" casseroles for the Good Shepherd will be due NEXT WEEKEND, October 19/20<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to bring your frozen casserole to the parish hall kitchen before Mass that weekend. If you will be away, please feel free to drop off your casserole ahead of time during parish office hours.**

### The Come and See Weekend November 1-3, 2019 at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) For more information please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



**.for St. Anselm Women's Network's Craft, Bake and Vendor Sale!! Join us in the parish hall on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30am to 1:00pm for Christmas treats and gift ideas. More information to follow...don't miss it!**

**Pre-orders for popular baked items should be submitted to the parish office by November 6<sup>th</sup> along with payment.**

**Please see the order forms on the glass tables.**

**GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE**  
**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**  
This collection concludes this weekend. Thank you for your generous response!  
*MOST NEEDED ITEMS*

Canned Soups	Sugar
Peanut Butter	Garlic/Onion Powder
Coffee	Canned Vegetables
Vegetable Oil	Canned Stew
Tuna	Pancake Mix
Jam	Allspice



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

### BUNDLE UP WEEKEND NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 1

The next "Bundle Up" collection weekend is coming up on **November 30/December 1.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting clothing - all seasons (men, women and children) to be given to those in need or to be sold to help support their special works in our community. Please bring your donation to the Society's truck during the Bundle Up weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

### COMMUNITY BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

WHERE: Northlea School, 305 Rumsey Rd

WHAT: Blood Donor Clinic

WHEN: Tuesday October 29, 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Call 1-888-2-Donate to make an appointment

**The St. Anselm Women's Network will meet on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall. New members are always welcome!**

## STEWARDSHIP AND PARISH LIFE

### Nurturing Generous Gratitude

All of us since our childhood were raised to say thank you when someone has done something good for us. While this is undoubtedly a positive act, it can lead us into developing the mentality that thanksgiving is a mere matter of politeness. The deeper sense of gratitude exemplified by the one leper who returned to thank Jesus in the Gospel surpasses mere kind manners. The Gospel recalls that he “prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him.”

The act of returning to Jesus and prostrating himself cost something to the leper. It required his effort, time and humility. We can learn from his example and learn to go out of our way in order to express our profound gratitude to God and our neighbour.

Do we set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank the Lord for the abundant gifts He graciously lavishes on us and are we using those gifts to serve one another? When thanking our neighbour, would we think of writing a physical thank you card, offering a small token of appreciation or expressing our thanks by spending time with them? Let us challenge ourselves this Thanksgiving weekend to move past mere politeness to sincere acts of gratitude towards God and neighbour. In this way, we can practice generosity even while expressing our gratitude.

## GRATITUDE



Recently when a small group of seniors had lunch together to celebrate their 80th year a picture was posted on Facebook with the caption: “Celebrating 80 years of life and blessings. Grateful.” A complete list of the things for which the group felt grateful could likely fill a page. However, for people celebrating their 80th year, one good reason to be thankful

was just the fact that they were in relatively good health and able to go out to lunch together under their own power. None of the group had any illusions about “life.” They had already outlived many of their contemporaries. They were also well aware that they didn’t cause their own lives. They held deep gratitude for their parents and for the Author of Life. They also knew that over the years, they had benefited from personal relationships and the resources of others. They had received so many gifts from people, from society and from God. Gratefully, these seniors celebrated “life and blessings.” In the scriptures today,

we have stories of people who received extraordinary blessings: healings from crippling and life-threatening disease that also excluded them from society. In the story from 2 Kings, Naaman was cured of leprosy. Naaman was overcome with gratitude and wanted to give a gift in thanksgiving for his cure. The prophet Elisha refused to accept his gift. So, Naaman asked for a substantial load of dirt from the territory of Israel. He wanted to build an altar of sacrifice on “Israeli soil” in his own country in gratitude to the God of Israel. In the Gospel, we hear a situation similar to the story of Naaman. Ten persons suffering from leprosy encountered Jesus as he was entering a village. Excluded from society because of their illness, they called out to Jesus for help. Jesus responded to them. He sent them to the priests so that their healing could be verified. One of the 10 returned and thanked Jesus for curing him. Were the others not grateful? We do not know. But they did not return to say so. Jesus comments about this. “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Gratitude is not just a social grace. Gratitude is a habit of the heart. None of us is our own source of existence or the source of all that we need to survive and flourish. All of life is a gift to us. Truly grateful persons acknowledge that they are recipients of countless gifts from others, from nature and from God. True gratitude springs from that essential insight. The very word “gratitude” comes from the same root as the word “grace” — gift (Latin: *gratia*). Think: “grateful”; “graceful.” In Greek, grateful is *eucharistain* — the word we Christians use for our celebration of the Lord’s Supper. The Eucharist is the ultimate act of gratitude, thanksgiving for life and salvation in Christ. That’s why we are here today. We come to acknowledge and celebrate that we are grateful for everything from God, through Jesus Christ. We began with a story about the gratitude of a group of 80-year-olds. Whether we are in our 80s, 40s, teens or younger, we all are called to have gratitude. Everything in our life is a gift, starting with life itself. Gratitude enriches us: It opens us to experience the bounty of God and others. The more we become grateful people, the more we will find to be grateful for...

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**THANKSGIVING!**

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