

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Thomas Moore, Pastor

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

## INDONESIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (UKI)

Sunday Mass: 2:00 p.m.

(Second & Fourth Sundays of the Month)

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment – Course Required

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements 12 months in advance

Marriage Course is required

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## MEDITATION GROUP

Meets in the Parish Hall Tuesday at 8:45 a.m.

## PRAYER GROUP

Meets in the Griffin Room Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Friday: 9:00am – noon;

1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

## St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive

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# Mass for Intentions Week

**Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Eileen Tauskela

Requested by Annamarie & Allan Sherlock

**Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Patrick Glancy

Requested by Edith Glancy

**Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Mary Jordan

Requested by Patrick Jordan

**Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

## NOTICE

*The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> for the Family Day holiday. The office will re-open at 1:00pm on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.*



St. Anselm's Ecology Group

### Encyclical Letter of the Holy Father Francis

#### Laudato Si'

Chapter Two

#### The Gospel of Creation

#### II. The Wisdom of the Biblical Accounts

67. We are not God. The earth was here before us and it has been given to us. This allows us to respond to the charge that Judeo-Christian thinking, on the basis of the Genesis account which grants man "dominion" over the earth (cf. Gen 1:28), has encouraged the unbridled exploitation of nature by painting him as domineering and destructive by nature. This is not a correct interpretation of the Bible as understood by the Church. Although it is true that we Christians have at times incorrectly interpreted the Scriptures, nowadays we must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God's image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures. The biblical texts are to be read in their context, with an appropriate hermeneutic, recognizing that they tell us to "till and keep" the garden of the world (cf. Gen 2:15). "Tilling" refers to cultivating, plowing, or working, while "keeping" means caring, protecting, overseeing, and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature. Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations. "The earth is the Lord's" (Ps 24:1); to him belongs "the earth with all that is within it" (Dt 10:14). Thus God rejects every claim to absolute ownership: "The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me" (Lev 25:23).

**Pope Francis**

### PARISH PANCAKE SUPPER



St. Anselm Parish's annual **PANCAKE SUPPER** is back! Join us on **Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 – 7:30pm in the parish hall.

Ticket sales will take place this weekend and next. \$5/person or \$20/family. We could use your help – if you are able to volunteer for even part of the evening, please call the office.

Grab your loonies & toonies...the St. Anselm Prefects invite you to a **BAKE SALE** next **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Stop by the Millwood lobby after the 9 and 11am Masses for some fresh treats and support the fundraising efforts of our parish youth group!



*On Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be two opportunities to receive ashes:*

*8:15 a.m. – weekday morning Mass*

*7:00 p.m. – Mass*

## Everyone Welcome!

Mark your calendars! Hosted by the Women's Network, instructors Dorothy Brunelle and Barbara Laplante will be offering a creative card-making workshop on **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am in the Griffin Room. All are welcome to attend.

### GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES

Group "B" casseroles for the Good Shepherd are due **THIS WEEKEND, February 15/16**. Group "A" casseroles will be due **March 21/22**.

**OFFICE FOR REFUGEES**  
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The Office for Refugees is launching a program to assist parishioners who would like to sponsor a family member overseas who is a refugee. If you are a parishioner, and would like to sponsor a family member, please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with the pastor prior to March 31. The Office for Refugees will look to the sponsoring family to provide the necessary funds for sponsorship.

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Good Shepherd Mission supports the homeless with food, clothing, and toiletries. St. Anselm's Parish has initiated a program to collect items for them on an ongoing basis. Donations would be greatly appreciated. There are bins at both entrances of the church to accept contributions. The following are required items:

**FOOD**

Canned tuna/meat, canned soups/stews, canned vegetables/fruit, instant/ground coffee, tea, hot chocolate, peanut butter, jams, cookies & crackers, rice, vegetable oil, powdered milk, tomato/spaghetti sauce, cooking spices

**MEN'S CLOTHING**

Winter boots, winter coats, underwear (new), socks (new), jeans (all sizes), rain jackets and ponchos, warm gloves, winter hats & scarves

**DORMITORY SUPPLIES**

Razors, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving cream, bar soap/liquid body wash, shampoo, body lotion, towels

**THANK YOU!**

**JUSTICE AND MERCY**



In today's first reading, Sirach speaks to the challenge of following the law: all we must do is choose to follow. Wouldn't it be great if it were that simple? I am reminded of someone whose solution to any problem is to say, "all you have to do is" with no regard for the big picture.

There is never an offer of a solution for the problem. Most of us know life is not that simple. There are difficulties that arise due to the very nature of our humanity. Jesus knew that there is more to following the law in one's life. In the Gospel of Matthew, he recognizes that understanding the law needs to be developed more fully. His followers are restless and questioning. He wants them to have the wisdom to appreciate the law on a deeper level. Where does the desire to kill come from? Where does it start? It starts

with lust, anger, name calling, bullying, acting without love or mercy. Right relationship is derailed when there is no clear understanding of these things. Like a pebble dropped in a pond, the concentric circles radiate from the centre. Everything around the centre (the law) is affected by the wave of each circle as it radiates outward. The law is not simple but layered with life, humanity and the culture of the times. Choices are not made in a vacuum but are made in relationship. Jesus came to fulfill the law — a law that must be perpetually deepened with the growing wisdom of the time. The work of fulfilling the law is in unceasing evolution. How different that looks today in a culture that is driven by media and technology. The task of applying new wisdom gained over time in a culture that is becoming more and more diverse with new temptations, disguised as normal, requires resourcefulness. Nothing is static and must always be open to new interpretation and relevance. The basics are the tried and true but the responses evolve and regenerate with time and wisdom. Did Jesus really mean "pluck out your eye" or did he mean divert your eyes when you know your gaze is not respectful? Did he really mean "cut off your hand" or did he mean think about what that hand is capable of? Jesus asks that we not let the laws become stumbling blocks but instead be a foundation for growth. Don't go to the altar without taking responsibility for your actions. Bring to fruition the steps that bring forth wholeness to brokenness.

The struggle with keeping the law should be taken seriously because it is the foundation of right relationship. Using that struggle helps to integrate morality and ethics into our daily lives and to build up the kingdom of God. Keeping the law is the work of mercy and love that heals. Listen and pray as the psalmist cries out: "Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law," The law which manifests the basic values in an ever-changing world invites us to enter into the mystery. Consider the chaos without the continual fulfillment of the laws. A true disciple is always a work in progress, a sinner in need of forgiveness, a seeker who does not have all the answers, only better questions. They live by mercy, moved to serve others in simple anonymous ways, not driven by the high-octane ego that constantly needs to be recognized and revered by others. The Sermon on the Mount, which this Gospel follows, was paradoxically not teaching from the top down but inspiration from the bottom up, breathed lovingly into ordinary people seeking ordinary, honest lives of goodness and kindness in their families and communities. Isn't that us?



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