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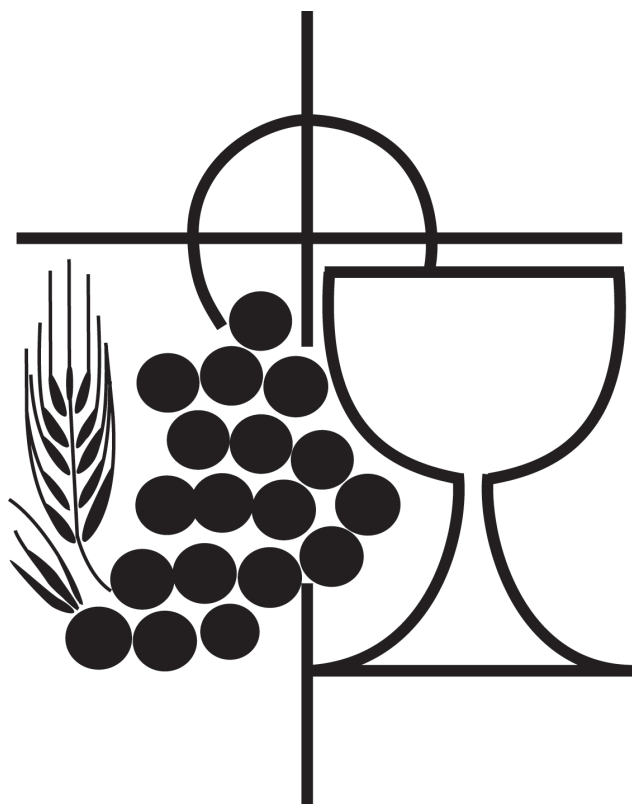
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Thanksgiving

Be joyful always

Pray continually

Give thanks for everything.

Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, October 13th, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore & Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, October 14th, 8:15 a.m.

Chris Gaffney

Requested by the Family

Thursday, October 15th, 8:15 a.m.

Kathy Horvath

Requested by Daniela Tixi and Family

Friday, October 16th, 8:15 a.m.

For Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER EVENT: "Jerry's Story"

St. Anselm Church 7:00 P.M. WED., OCT. 14

Join in this unique opportunity to answer the call of Pope Leo for interfaith dialogue as a means for greater understanding among us. "Jerry's Story" is a remarkable true account of human resilience, faith in humanity, and the sacred duty of memory.

GARY KAPELUS, son of Jerry Kapelus, will be here to share his father's experience as a child survivor of the Holocaust. Following this Speaker Event, participants are invited to share in a small Gathering of Hospitality. MacNaughton

Doors will be open at 6:30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AND NEEDED!

Want to get even more involved in St. Anselm's Parish?

We've got a calendar of GREAT events coming up this year and we're looking for people with all kinds of skills to help make them the best that they can be! Are you a baker, a planner, someone who can set up coffee? Can you flip pancakes, guide people to where they need to be or act as a host/ess? Are you a photographer, tech specialist or parent who can liaise with the school? Do you have skills not listed above you'd like to let us know about?

EMAIL stasvolunteers@gmail.com and we'll gratefully put you on our list!



POPE LEO XIV renews his appeal to PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY FOR PEACE.

"May the month of October...be an opportunity to recite the Holy Rosary, dedicating it in a special way to the end of wars and the achievement of peace."

One Million Children Praying the Rosary

On Oct., 01, 2026, as an initiative of 'Aid for the Church in Need', more than "one million children prayed the Rosary together for unity and peace in the world".

At the Grotto of Lourdes in the Vatican Gardens, Pope Leo presided over 700 children in praying the Rosary for an end to violence around the world.

"The languages may be different but the hope is the same." "Signifying the global dimension of the Marian prayer, each of the five decades of the Luminous Mysteries was prayed in a different language: Italian, Arabic, Urdu, German and Spanish. "Think about it", Pope Leo stressed: "Fifty million 'Hail Marys' rising to Heaven from every part of the world and in every language, asking for peace, joining together like one enormous Rosary, embracing all the continents, peoples & nations of the world."

www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-10/vatican-peace-rosary-children-pope-leo-arabic-urdu-koch.html

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Adults who are interested in becoming members of the Roman Catholic Church are invited to a meeting on Saturday, October 17th at 11:00am. Please come to the parish office door. This gathering will introduce you to the process and we will try to answer your questions before we begin.

Parents whose children are 8 years and older and are seeking baptism or a profession of faith for their child are asked to contact Fr. Moore now as this process will begin shortly.

NEW!! YOUTH MINISTRY

We are excited to be starting a youth ministry at St. Anselm's. This will be open to young people who are currently in Grade 7 – Grade 12. There will be an information meeting for interested youth and their parents on Sunday, October 18th after the 11am Mass. Parental consent forms will be distributed.

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GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES GROUP "B"

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge Provide-a-Meal program will be collected in the church parking lot next Saturday, October 17th from 4-5pm.

FALL BOOK CLUB – NOVEMBER 3 & 10

All are welcome to the fall gathering of the book club. The selected book is **"My Life with the Saints"** by James Martin, SJ. We will meet to discuss the book on **November 3 & 10** at 10am. Please call or email the parish office if you would like to join us.

Good Shepherd Ministries

Fall Donation Wish List

Please see the bulletin boards at the entrances of the church for a list of most needed items.

Donations can be dropped off in the bins at the entrances of the church. Good Shepherd Ministries thanks you for your support

Isa 5:1-7

Ps. 23

Phil 4:6-9

Matt 21:33-43

The Lord is my Shepherd, I Shall Not Want



A king gave a wedding feast, but those who were originally invited did not come. For Matthew's church in Antioch toward the end of the first century, the failure of the Jewish leaders to respond to God's initiative through Jesus opened the feast to other guests, first the Jewish followers of Jesus, and then even gentile converts to the church. It is a bittersweet story-turned-allegory

to interpret a time of turmoil after the destruction of Jerusalem in the year 70, when both Jewish and Christian survivors of the war were expelled from their ancestral land. Also reflected in the parable is the early church's lingering expectation of the imminent return of Jesus and the end of the world. Matthew's message was: be alert, be decisive, enter the feast when invited, have your wedding garment at hand.

An invitation to a wedding is always a very special thing. Turn one down only if it is impossible to be there, because it means so much to the couple, the family, the community. Because marriage and family are important to the whole society, everyone ought to gather to celebrate a public commitment to love. The feast is prepared, the hall is decorated, the band is tuning up. Even if the excuses given by the invited guests in the parable are all legitimate, logical and understandable — important business, a newly purchased farm — they are not enough to override love.

Consider the true story of a young woman whose future husband callously left her standing at the altar. In a show of bravado that went around the world via the Internet, this woman opened the doors of her planned and already paid for wedding dinner to anyone who would come, even

alerting homeless shelters and soup kitchens to ensure a full house. The party was a great success, joy in the face of unexpected loss. She practiced God's persistent invitation to love. Come to the feast.

Matthew's account contains an odd, anomalous twist. The king orders his servants to bring in the good and the bad alike so that the hall will be filled. But when the king encounters one poor guest without a wedding garment, he orders him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness. What could this all-important wedding garment represent? In biblical terms, it probably refers to being clothed in righteousness. As a requirement to enter the kingdom of heaven, it is similar to the oil the bridesmaids needed for their lamps in the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids (Matt 25:1-13). Those who did not bring enough oil are shut out of the wedding feast.

The exclusion may seem harsh, but failure to be dressed for the wedding reveals symbolically that love is the essential requirement for entering the kingdom. The kingdom is itself only a metaphor for our relationship with God. God initiates, but no relationship is there until we respond. In human terms, if we never acknowledge or cultivate a friendship, never take time to deepen the patterns of intimacy that make love real, can we truly claim to be someone's friend? Do people choose to marry if they do not know each other? Why enter the feast if we come unprepared to participate in the mystery of love that it celebrates?

The Eucharist we celebrate is our communion with God and with one another. As we come forward to receive the body and blood of Jesus, faith is the wedding garment we must wear in order to fully enter the mystery. Come to the feast.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving - Lord, hear our prayer...



*We give thanks for the food we will eat today...for your blessing on those who are hungry ...**Lord, hear our prayer...***

We give thanks for our homes...for your blessing on those who are without safe and

comfortable shelter ...

We give thanks for our country...for your blessing on those who are refugees ...

We give thanks for our safety...for your blessing on those in harm's way...

We give thanks for our health...for your blessing on those who are living with illness and pain ... We give thanks for companionship...for your blessing on those who are lonely ...

We give thanks for all that fills our lives with joy...for your blessing on those who are sorrowing

We remember and pray in thanksgiving for those who have died, that God may welcome them into the heavenly banquet in the company of all the saints...we pray...

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