



Notes from St. Anselm June, 2014

Events Calendar

Sunday Services in Spanish, 8:30 am, English, 10 am, Korean, 11:14 am. Vietnamese in Little Church, 10:30 am.

Thursday, May 29, 7:30pm Feast of the Ascension

Thursday, June 5, 7:30 pm Prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit

Sunday, June 8, all congregations, Feast of the Pentacost

Thursday, June 12, 7:30pm, Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit

Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30pm, Food in the Afternoon

Notes from Father Jeffrey Clawson

Much is happening at St. Anselm, and in the Episcopal Church, ranging from issues of law to renovation and repair of the church buildings.

Reconfiguration of the Sanctuary

Baptism and the Holy Eucharist are the two principal sacraments of the Episcopal Church. We have a beautiful altar emphasizing the importance of the Eucharist; now, with alterations that have been made, our baptismal font will emphasize more adequately the importance of baptism. The glass has been removed between the vestibule and the nave and four rows of pews were removed to open up the space and bring the baptismal font into the main space of worship. The newly configured space will be ready for the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, June 8. On this day we will renew our baptism vows and there will be a Thanksgiving Over the Water. It will be a wonderful way to celebrate our life in Christ and to celebrate that God is calling St Anselm to a new life through baptism and Holy Eucharist.

The design and work of renovating was done by Chenh Nguyen of the Vietnamese congregation. He is completing his degree in Construction Engineer Management at California State University, Long Beach. Chenh Nguyen also recently constructed the elegantly-designed trellis in the labyrinth garden. Many thanks to Chenh for making our lovely church even more beautiful.



Pastoral Letter

Bishop J. Jon Bruno's letter of Sunday, May 11 was read to all congregations within the Diocese. In it, Bishop Bruno explained how, after ten years of litigation, all issues with the four parishes that attempted to break away from the Episcopal Church have now been resolved and the litigation has been successfully concluded. All these properties are now again under the ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, and legal precedent was established so that in the future vestries cannot vote for the parish church to break away from the Episcopal Church. The decision will have lasting impact on the future of the Episcopal Church. In his letter, Bishop Jon reminded us of the importance of humility as we move into the future. Our ministry should always reflect mutual support even when there are disagreements. Our unity is discovered and celebrated as all of us live out our baptismal covenant.

Gas Leak

The discovery of a leak in the main gas line behind the church led to a major repair project which was carried out by P&M Plumbing Company. A crew of seven workers completed repairs in two and a half days, just in time for the kitchen to be operable for Food in the Afternoon. We were very fortunate that the contractor, Frank Howard, donated his time for the project. His generosity saved us \$1800. A thank-you is in order to Tom and Marge England for recommending this plumbing company to us.

Immigration Town Hall in Anaheim

Father Jeffrey Clawson and a number of St. Anselm parishioners attended a Town Hall meeting at Betsy Ross School in Anaheim on May 23rd. Sponsored by OCCCO (Orange County Congregation Community), it was an opportunity for local residents to learn about immigration, their rights, and what legislation Congress is currently considering. OCCCO supports efforts to reform immigration laws and provide pathways to citizenship. The Town Hall was attended by Representative Loretta Sanchez of the 46th District, California, and by Luis Guitierrez of 4th District, Illinois, a noted proponent of immigration reform. OCCCO will hold a Recognition Banquet on June 10, which Father Jeffrey and several members of St. Anselm plan to attend.

People and Places

Congratulations to Jego Santos Fonseca. A graduating senior at Garden Grove High School, she was chosen to be one of a group of local students who traveled to our sister city of Anyang, South Korea .during spring break. Jego reports that it was an awesome experience during which she stayed with a Korean family and learned about the natural beauty, history and culture of the country. More recently, **Jego**, who has an outstanding academic record, was awarded a full scholarship to Cal Poly, Pomona, where she will study engineering. She has every reason to be very proud of her achievements to date, and to look forward to many more successes. Congratulations to her proud parents, too.

Travels

Among St. Anselm travelers are **Guy and Janet Talbott**, to Colorado to see a new grandchild and to their second home in Paso Robles, **Lola and Charlie Watson** to Trinidad, and the **Englands**, to Albuquerque.

Jesse Fonseca's sister Marilyn is wished safe travel as she returns to the Phillipines following a three month visit here.

Though she is no longer in our congregation, many of us know **Vicki Tarmoush**, who is writing about the trip a group from Messiah Church in Santa Ana is taking to the Holy Land You can read of their travels at <http://messiahpilgrimage.tumblr.com>.

Thanks

To **Rose Mueggler** through whose work and efforts we have n new tile floor in the choir robing room. Rose works constantly and gets so much done. Thank you!

Get Well Wishes

To **Melva MacDuff**, whose recent fall has caused mobility problems. Good friends Charlie and Lola watch out for her, and her sister is helping her recuperate.

Working Vacation

Jim Beckwith, his daughter Terri and son-in-law Monte, along with family friend Alan, spent a week at the family vacation home in the Sierras near Arnold, California, between Angel's Camp and Lake Tahoe. The mountain cabin was built by Jim's father and has been in the family many years. Jim reports that a beetle infestation is threatening some of the beautiful old trees on the property. While there, they made some needed repairs to the deck as well as enjoying the mountain air and scenery.



Sympathy of the Congregation

Is extended to **Sanjay Gunawardena , Melissa and Samantha** on the death of Sanjay's mother, Beatrice who passed away peacefully at home on May 4 at the age of 84. Melissa Gundawardena, who has completed studies to become a Eucharist Lay Minister, writes of her : "She is with God in everlasting joy and will be dearly missed by her children and extended family." **John and Marilyn Harrell** and **Peter Mueggler** attended final services for Mrs. Gunawardena.

Birthday Greetings

To **Lola Watson** on June 8 and to Sanjay **Gunawardena** on June 14 . If you have not entered your birthday on the birthday calendar, please do so soon.

Welcome to new attendees Carol and Stan Gunter who are here for a few months from Alabama. Ask them about their many travels and adventures.

Food In the Afternoon

Rose Mueggler, Food in the Afternoon Chair, reports that Food in the Afternoon is continuing to feed the needy every Wednesday in the parish hall. The Korean Womens' Society recently committed to providing meals twice a year, Brian Do and his volunteer group are outstanding obtainers of donated food, as is " Bergie" of St. Columban's Church. The Orthodox Church of Irvine, the Church of Latter Day Saints and Father Ricardo of the Old Catholic Church are also to be thanked for cooking and serving meals to those in need.

For Web Browsers

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