



Notes from St. Anselm

March, 2014

Events Calendar

Wednesday, March 5- Ash Wednesday Observance 7pm

Saturday, March 8- Bishop's Committee Monthly Meeting 1pm

Monday, March 17- St. Patrick's Day

Thursday, March 27- Meeting of all Food in the Afternoon hosts, 1pm

Every Wednesday in Lent – Evening Prayers by the Cross, 7pm

Every Wednesday – Food in the Afternoon, Parish Hall 12:30-1:30pm



Ash Wednesday Service Marks Beginning of Lent

In an evening service with candlelight, Taizé chants and special music, the congregations of St. Anselm met to offer Ash Wednesday prayers. Led by Father Jeffrey Clawson, Mother Minh Hanh and Father Jonathan, parishioners gathered in grateful commemoration of the opening of the season of Lent. Church pianist and music director John Goodwin accompanied the two young artists who played violin and flute.

A similar service will be held at 7pm every Wednesday evening in Lent in the main sanctuary. The Walk of the Cross is planned for Good Friday, and there will be special services on Easter Saturday and of course, on Easter Sunday. Watch the bulletin for a more detailed description of Lenten and Easter activities.



Valentine's Day Debut Party

On her 18th birthday, Rachel and Jesse Santos Fonseca feted their daughter Jego at a gala party attended by a host of her friends and family, including many from St. Anselm. The evening began with hors d'oeuvres and mingling, followed by a buffet dinner.

Jego's high school friends then presented a program of dance, song and instrumental music which delighted all present. Following dessert and birthday cake, dancing continued the celebration. Two of Jego's uncles from Canada, her grandmother and many other family members attended, making it a very special occasion in honor of a very special girl. In other news of Jego, she is busily applying to colleges, has been accepted by several, but has yet to make a choice. And she has been chosen by the Sister City of Garden Grove to be an ambassador to the city of Anyang, South Korea. She and a group of other Garden Grove high school students will be traveling to Korea during spring break for a week as exchange students. We will expect a report of that trip for our next newsletter.

Help With News

If you have items of interest for this newsletter: events, honors, travels or comments, please let us know. You may email to tnmengland@gmail.com * Note change of email address* or call 714-539-3219.

Getting to Know.....Rose Cayco Mueggler

When something is going on at St. Anselm, it's almost a certainty that Rose Mueggler will be involved. Rose is the mainspring, the energizer bunny, the tireless worker and resourceful initiator of projects ranging from tree trimming to dinner parties, making things happen. As an acolyte, she assists Father Jeffrey at Sunday services; she is chair of Food in the Afternoon and is on Altar Guild. But she does not stand on formalities. When she sees something that needs to be done, she does it, and enlists others to work at it, too.

Rose was born in the Philippines, in the town of Venezuela, second to the youngest in a family of eight. Two of her brothers and two sisters still live there. Her adult children and grandchild live there. Every month, she sends packages to assist people in the Philippines and has been doing even more since the devastating storms that hit last year.

Rose's entrepreneurial skills developed at an early age. When she was in fourth grade, she began to work after school in a candy factory owned by a neighbor. She used her earnings to buy her own clothes and school supplies. Soon she had found a way to buy candy from the factory and sell it at school, for a profit. Her mother had a business trucking bamboo to paper mills. She sometimes told her mom there was no school so she could go on these trucking trips and earn money.

In high school, she played basketball, was in a cultural dance troupe, and was in a group called Green Revolution that grew vegetables. She was in 'citizen army' training, similar to ROTC here, was a model platoon leader and took her platoon to regional competitions.

On graduating from high school, she wanted to go to medical college, but because her father was sending her brother to college he could not help her. She remembered that her godfather was an executive at Manila Central University, and she traveled to Manila, taking her baptism certificate to remind him that she was his goddaughter. She passed the admissions tests, was admitted to the college and completed her nursing studies, becoming a midwife. At first she worked in a hospital but when her brother-in-law introduced her to a friend, she fell in love and eloped to a remote island. Over time, they had a family of three girls and two boys. Rose was raised Catholic; two of her aunts are nuns and her uncle was a Monsignor, but with her husband she joined the Iglesia de Cristo.

Having a family did not keep Rose from running a variety of business ventures. She went into construction and eventually built over a hundred houses. At one time she had a furniture business, was a real estate agent, and owned a business that sold fireworks.

Rose arrived in the U.S. as a visitor, staying first with a sister-in-law in Hemet and later in Torrance. Through this relative, she got into home caregiving, which is how she met Jim and Kathy Beckwith. At first she helped both Jim's parents, then, when Doris was widowed, Rose was her caregiver. Doris lived to be over a hundred years of age. Peter Mueggler and Rose knew each other through church and through her work as a nurse and caregiver, and when he was widowed, their relationship took on new meaning and in 2013 they were married.

With her business background, it is little wonder that Rose knows how to get grounds and buildings renovated, repairs made, floors retiled and whatever needs to be done, done. She tackles each project with enthusiasm, ingenuity and perseverance.

As chair of Food in the Afternoon she coordinates the work of other churches who use our hall and kitchen to serve food to the needy every Wednesday and she sees to it that there is ample, appetizing food. Rose is known for her cooking. She makes plattersful of her specialty egg rolls, often with help from Jim Beckwith.

She has fond memories of special times at St. Anselm, including when the Bishop of Jerusalem visited here. She recalls working with Tee and John Harrell, Pat Casey and Joe Marssdorf, who have been, at various times, volunteers in ventures she began.

She is loved by the people of St. Anselm for her selfless devotion to the church, her warm heart and radiant smile, her caring ways, and above all for the energy she brings to every occasion. Thank you, Rose for all you do for others.



PEOPLE AND PLACES

John Harrell is recovering well from back surgery. He and **Tee** are now back to doing their usual work at church, including counting, banking and keeping minutes for the Bishop's Committee for John, Altar Guild and Food in the Afternoon for Tee.

Thanks to Mother Norma Guerra, a friend of Father Jeffrey's, who visited St. Anselm and gave an inspirational sermon.

Get Well Wishes to Father Jeffrey who has been dealing with a cold and dental problems.

Safe Travel for Lola and Charlie Watson, who are on another jaunt to visit children and grandchildren. And for **Janet Talbottm** who is in Colorado awaiting the birth of a grandchild.

Thanks to Mother Minh Hanh's daughter, Quyen, who prepared a chef's special meal for Food in the Afternoon in February.

Commiseration for **Melva MacDuff**, who has been greatly inconvenienced by a huge construction project which closed off her street for some weeks. Let's hope they finish soon, Melva.

