



## Notes from St. Anselm

October, 2013

### Events Calendar

**Sunday, October 13, – Meeting of the Bishop’s Committee (Vestry)**

**Wednesday, October 30- Food in the Afternoon**

**Saturdays, 10-noon- English Club, Vietnamese Church**

**Sunday Services: 8:30am Spanish, 10am English, 11:15am Korean in main sanctuary; 10:30am Vietnamese in “Little Church”**

### News from Father Jeffrey Clawson

**Father Jeffrey is pleased to announce that the Korean congregation is now fully integrated with St. Anselm Church. At this time, Korean-speaking supply clergy will serve on Sundays. Father Jeffrey is available during the week for pastoral care. There will be a period of discernment with the Korean congregation while St. Anselm is without a Korean-speaking priest. On Sunday, September 22, Father Jeffrey attended the 11:15 service to welcome Korean-speaking members into the life of St. Anselm.**

**“There is no longer any separation between the Korean congregation and St. Anselm Church”, he said. “This is one church with four languages: Spanish , English, Vietnamese and Korean. I thank God for this new beginning to St. Anselm Church.”**

**All the members of the Korean Cultural Center have decided to continue as before. St. Anselm is notable as the multi-cultural and multi-lingual Episcopal Church in Orange County. We are happy that we now include this vital Korean community in our ministry.**

## **Seafood Buffet Lunch Gathering**

Members and friends of St. Anselm met at the Seafood Buffet on Harbor Blvd. in Garden Grove September 17 for a sumptuous lunch with lots of food, conversation and laughter. The birthdays of Jim Beckwith and Marge England were celebrated. Rose Meuggler, who with Peter hosted the lunch, has suggested that we make this a monthly gathering. It could be a drop-by, no-host event to celebrate any birthdays for the month, and to enjoy each other's company. Tell Rose if you think we should make it a regular date.

## **More on Helping the Homeless**

Barbara Sandberg, Tom England and Marge England have for some time been meeting with ALMMA, the Association of Local Missions and Ministries for Action. The group, which meets at the United Methodist Church and includes members of that and other churches, has focused on finding ways to provide services needed by people without permanent housing. Father Jeffrey is kept informed and is supportive of the effort.

In addition to monitoring the progress of the Orange County Commission to End Homelessness, speaking to the Garden Grove City Council and meeting with Garden Grove Police Chief Kevin Raney, visiting centers in Costa Mesa and Laguna Beach, ALMMA recently conducted a survey of churches in the city. It revealed that many office managers of churches did not know the schedule for Food in the Afternoon, did not know about the 2-1-1 phone number that may be called to access services, and in general, that there is a lack of communication among churches.

Cindy Nagamtsu, community liaison for Chief Raney, is organizing a meeting to be held in late October to which all clergy and lay leaders in the city will be invited. It will aim to open lines of communication and to coordinate action on homeless problems and on other issues.

The First Presbyterian Church is now providing shower facilities for homeless people on a limited basis. If you can contribute toiletries, towels, clothing or blankets to be used in their shower program, drop them off at the church, 11832 Euclid St. Garden Grove (just north of Chapman Ave.). The Presbyterian Church is also hoping to raise funds to build a larger shower area and some storage lockers, both very much needed by the homeless community.

## **SEEDS OF HOPE**

On Tuesday, September 10, Tim Alderson of Seeds of Hope met with Father Jeffrey and several parishioners to discuss his program. Seeds of Hope is an effort to help people in urban "food deserts" have access to fresh produce and other healthy foods. This is of great interest to Bishop Bruno and it is hoped that St. Anselm can be a part of the program. The possibility of holding a "farmers' market" at the church on a regular basis is being explored.

## **People and Places**

**Baby Anthony** is a newborn who has been making news at St. Anselm. The son of recent immigrants who have no family in this country, he was brought to the 8:30 service by Yesenia , a former neighbor who has been caring for him, and who asked Father Jeffrey to bless the new baby. Father Jeffrey visited the family at UCI hospital, where the mother, Maria Gloria, was recovering from post natal complications and serious lung problems. Latest reports are that Maria Gloria is home, fully recovered and that both she and Anthony are doing well. Best wishes and prayers of all at St. Anselm go out to this little family.

**Congratulations to Charlie and Lola Watson** who welcomed not one but two new grandchildren into their family last month. Their grandson was born in New York while they were visiting there, and they are now in Colorado to see their newest granddaughter.

**Kate Kassuba, Cecilia Florio and their children Faustino and Edina** vacationed in Nampa, Idaho, where they visited a family they had met in Democratic Republic of Congo while adopting the children. Edina was able to stay overnight with a friend she had known in the orphanage in Africa, and the two families became better acquainted.

**Anne Yensen** completed the triathlon on September 22, including the grueling swim, run and bicycling portions. The event, held in San Diego, raised money for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). Congratulations to Anne.

**Father Jeffrey Clawson** will be traveling to Europe at the end of October. He will spend some time in Rome and Assisi, in London and Cambridge, and will end the trip with a week-long retreat at the Taize community in the Burgundy region of France. We wish him safe travel and a well-earned respite from the challenges we face here, and will be eager to hear of his travel experiences.

## **Help With News**

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