

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Fr. Ken's "Komer"



Greetings and blessings of the week,

I hope that it has been a good week for you. The St. Peter's Women's League spaghetti supper was a resounding success last weekend. The food was delicious. Kudos to Joe Folger for the spaghetti sauce – it was a meal in itself. A lot of people (including some parishioners who came from Italy!) commented on how tasty it was. Following the meal, the evening entertainment by David Brisbois (a parishioner and the son of Yvette Brisbois) captivated everyone with his feats of prestidigitation as he proved once again that the hand is quicker than the eye. Molly Hogan who helped David with the rings and Ron Leary with the dollar bill are still trying to figure out the answer to the question “How did he do that?” The evening was a sellout in the parish hall – and a good time was had by all. Thank you to all who helped make the evening the enjoyable one that it was. We are grateful to Aneice Lawrence and all the league members who helped to make the evening go off “without a hitch”. Thank you to Nick Brisbois who took care of the sound and lights for his father. We are also grateful to all who helped clean up after the evening was done. We are appreciative of those businesses who donated various items to help make the evening a great one – as everyone left the center with a smile on their face. It was good to see people of all ages come together as a parish community to share some conviviality and conversation. February school vacation is upon us this week – assuring that the smiles will continue to be on the faces of the younger members of our parish. It is hard to believe that much of the month of February is already behind us!



We are thankful to the Plymouth North High School Hockey Team for their community service effort that took place here in the Parish Center last week, following the Sunday afternoon meal to those in need prepared by our parish soup kitchen volunteers.

These meals provide nourishment in more than one way as we strive to reach out to those in need. In recognition and support of this effort, the Plymouth North hockey team arrived following the conclusion of the soup kitchen in order to help be of service in



this effort that is open to anyone who may be hungry and in need of a good hot meal. They helped to scour the kitchen, stove, sinks, floors, etc. – as well as helping to “spruce up” the gym area where the meals are served. They also helped with rooms where other service groups meet. The food Pantry, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Al-Anon are also among the outreach groups that meet here. It is edifying to see young people who are willing to reach out and help others by giving back to the community and those in need. We thank them and ask God's blessings upon them.

We offer our prayers and condolences to those among us who have recently lost loved ones. Last weekend a Mass of Christian Burial was prayed for Harold Govoni. We have been asked to pray for the repose of the soul of Kevin Crouch, who died recently. Likewise, please remember Paul Fernez who was interred at St. Joseph's Cemetery on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Last week, I had asked for prayers for Richard Dennis, a helicopter pilot who was exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam. Please pray for the repose of his soul. He died last Sunday. This past Wednesday we had a Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Welchlin who passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Indomitable in spirit, she would always be with



us at Mass as long as she was able to do so. May the Lord cradle her in His love.

And now, another Archdiocesan Bicentennial Blurb. Having one of the Archdiocesan high schools named in his honor, Fr. Francis (Francois) Matignon was born in Paris, France in 1753. After completing his seminary studies he was ordained to the priesthood in 1778. Pursuing further studies he received the



D.D. degree at the Sorbonne in Paris in 1785. Subsequently, he served for several years as a professor of Divinity in the College of Navarre. He fled to England during the Reign of Terror of the French Revolution. Leaving England, he arrived in Baltimore on June 26, 1792. Bishop Carroll appointed him to take care of the church in Boston. Arriving here in Boston, the entire Roman Catholic population was less than 300, mostly all from the poorer classes of the French and Irish. He was the only priest in Boston for four years – and serving not only Boston – his mission embraced *all of New England!!* (no cars, trains, etc!) One of his former pupils arrived in 1796 to assist Fr. Matignon. It was none other than the future first bishop of Boston, Jean Louis de Cheverus. The Catholic congregation grew to the point that by 1803 a new church building was a necessity. The Archdiocese of Boston was created in 1808. Fr. Matignon was proposed as the first bishop of Boston. However, he declined. This French immigrant is considered to be the pioneer of the Roman Catholic church in New England. Renowned as both a preacher and scholar, the church made great strides due to his efforts. Fr. Matignon was interred at the St. Augustine Chapel in “Southie”, located at Dorchester and Tudor Street. This Gothic revival style edifice, built as a mortuary chapel for the remains of Fr. Matignon lays claim to the oldest standing Catholic building in Boston, dating back to 1819.

Happy Birthday to Aaron Surdam whose fifteenth birthday was on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Derryl and Aneice Lawrence celebrated their 38<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Valentine's Day. Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, Bob and Carol Houston mark their 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of marriage. One the same day Phil and Sheila Boucher celebrated their 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of marriage.

We recently received a letter from Rev. Robert Reed, Director of Catholic TV for the Archdiocese, regarding a discussion with Comcast Cable which might well lead to expanded hours and coverage for Catholic TV. He sends his thanks to all for their support and cards and letters that were sent to Comcast. Comcast has asked Fr. Reed to publish this acknowledgement to the Catholics of the Archdiocese. It is a letter to Catholic TV viewers on behalf of Comcast Cable. “Thank you to those individuals who took time to write us to request expanded carriage of Catholic TV on Comcast Cable. We understand how passionate you feel about Catholic TV and the inspiration and comfort that this network provides to viewers on a daily basis. We wanted to let you know that Comcast Cable and Catholic TV representatives are currently in discussion to determine how we might accomplish expanded carriage of the network. We thank you again for sharing your views with us. Sincerely, Comcast Cable” May the Lord's blessings smile kindly upon you and yours in the coming week. Your brother in faith, Fr. Ken.

