

Greetings and blessings of the week,

I hope that the week has been a good one for you. It certainly has been a notable one here at St. Peter's as Fr. McCarthy has made the move from Parochial Vicar in our parish to his new assignment as Temporary Administrator at St. Thecla's in Pembroke. This is a time for transition and adjustment for all of us as a new chapter in his life, the life of St. Thecla's Parish, and our parish begins. Here is Fr. Joe's new address in the happenstance that you may want to mail anything to him: Saint Thecla Parish – 145 Washington Street – Pembroke, MA 02359. Hease pray for all of us that the Spirit of God will guide our path as we journey forward in life and faith. There are only seven priests being transferred from one parish to another, along with a small group being ordained. As was mentioned last week, at this point there is no one being assigned to St. Peter's to replace Fr. Joe. Let us pray and trust in the ways of the Lord, that, whether we are blessed enough to have some one come to St. Peter's as a parochial vicar (some of you may be more familiar with the word, curate), or not, that God's grace and providence will sustain us on the journey of faith that we share as a parish family.

We welcome the newest members of our family of faith who were baptized at our parish's May baptisms. Receiving the first of the Sacraments of Initiation were Sophie Rose Petersen, Ava Helen Starke, Emer Margaret Lindsay, Paul Andres, Flanagan, Kirja Alexia Carlucci, and Sophia Lynn Fox. Also recently baptized by Fr. Phillip O'Shea, OFM, was Jason Rittenberg. We hope and pray that these individuals may find support, example, and encouragement on their journey of life and faith from those who love and care for them. We celebrated the second Sacrament of Initiation, the Eucharist, last weekend. We had three First Holy Communion Masses on May 10th. Everything went well. Even though it was a tad chilly, thankfully, the rain held off. Once again thank you to all who were involved in making this day special for our young people.

Just a reminder for altar servers. The trip to the Pawsox – SWB Yankees (Yankees AAA affiliate) is on Wednesday, August 13. The trip is free for altar servers. The remainder of the seats will be made available to the parish. There may be a slight increase in the cost (\$20 last year) that includes both admission to the game and the round trip on a Plymouth & Brockton bus (due to rising fuel cost). Twenty-five percent of available seats have already been taken. Seats will be held for altar servers until July 13th. After this date, we cannot guarantee a seat. So, if you plan to attend the game, make sure that you call and leave your name and telephone number at the Parish Center.

This afternoon, the St. Peter's Women's League will be having their annual lunch following the 10:30 Mass. Yesterday, the Lions Club held their annual pancake breakfast in our Parish Center. Speaking of organizations that raise money to do good for others. This year's Project Bread Walk for Hunger in Boston raised, if I remember the amount correctly, 3.8 million dollars. How many of you are aware that this very successful event is the result of the Catholic Church and the gospel mandate of evangelization and witnessing the gospel through action, as well as prayer? This event was begun by the Paulist Fathers at the Paulist Church on Park Street (next to the Common). It has since taken on a life of its own and serves a very worthwhile cause as it reflects the words of Jesus. When I was hungry, you gave me to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink. (Whatsoever you do to the least of

my people, that you do unto me.) This can be found in the gospel according to St. Matthew.

The Parish Pastoral Council meets this evening. We are still looking for some people to co-ordinate (if there is to be one) our annual parish picnic. There can be more than person working on this together so that the responsibility can be shared to lighten the load. There are people who volunteer to cook, clean up, etc. This enables the day to go smoothly. It is an afternoon event. We hope to once again procure the use of the Holy Ghost Field in North Plymouth; thereby making it more easily accessible for people.

We ask you to kindly remember in your prayers several people in our parish who are undergoing medical tests at this time. This week I visited Lillian Wright at the Jordan Hospital. I asked her if she wanted to be mentioned for prayers; so, please offer up an "Ave" for her as well. I also asked another woman if she wanted her name in the bulletin for prayers because of medical reasons. She said yes. Please say a prayer for Cecilia Haskins' state of health. It was nice to see her visiting us for a weekend Mass, since she has moved away. Terry Curley is still "on the mend". She has been out for seven weeks due to her shoulder surgery. She is hoping to be able to get back to work here at the parish Center soon. It all depends upon the progress of her physical therapy. Hopefully, it will not to be too



much longer. Thanks to the goodness of parishioners who have "stepped up to the plate", we have been able to keep up with the demands that are a part of what Terry does.

Please remember in your prayers, the grandfather of Roxanne Whelan. His funeral was May 10th back in her home state of Michigan. It was the same day as Roxanne and Peter's daughter, Faith, received her first communion. So, family could not come from Michigan, nor could the Whelan family be there for the funeral.

This week on Monday, May 19th, we extend Happy "Sweet 16" birthday wishes to Erin O'Neil. Thursday, May 22, Jack Malloy celebrates his 19th birthday. Happy Wedding Anniversary to Kevin and Kim McKenna for whom May 23rd is their special day.

May 22nd, Thursday, is the feast of a very popular Italian saint, St. Rita of Cascia. She was born in 1381 in Roccaporena in Umbria. "...After the violent murder of her husband, she urged forgiveness in contrast to the customary vendetta of her day..." She became an Augustinian nun, "... she spent some forty years in prayer, contemplation, and service to the sick and poor...She died in 1457. She is the patron saint of desperate situations..."

May the Lord's blessings smile kindly upon you and your loved ones in the coming week. Your brother in faith, Fr. Ken.

