

Greetings and blessings of the week,

I hope that the week has been a good one for you. It's a great spring in New England. The Red Sox are in first place – David Ortiz is hitting – Jon Lester tossed a no hitter and the Celtics are in the NBA Eastern Conference Finals!!! As the late Jackie Gleason would say: "How sweet it is!"

I dropped in this week to visit Fr. Joe at St. Thecla's in Pembroke. He is adjusting to the changes that are part and parcel of a priest being transferred from one parish to another. It is not an easy thing for parishioners, or for the priest who has to uproot and begin again in a new situation. (In some ways it is perhaps not unlike what some of you may experience when your new job requires moving from a home to the unfamiliarity that is part of new beginnings.) Speaking of Fr. Joe, people have been asking if there is going to be something being held here at St. Peter's for him as he moves on. The suddenness of the transfer did not really allow for sufficient time to "pull something together". The members of St. Peter's Women's League are coordinating the effort. If anyone would like to help with this event, please call Aneice Lawrence or Phyllis Folger. This occasion had to take into account Fr. Joe's availability to be here. The intended date is Sunday, afternoon, June 22. It will take place at the Parish Center.

Once again, just a reminder that the final Saturday evening 5:30 Mass will be on May 31.

To the best of my knowledge, the archdiocesan policy states that there is to be only one vigil Mass on Saturday evening, unless it is absolutely necessary to have a second because of the number of people attending Masses on the weekend. The changes for the scheduled Saturday afternoon confessions will also take effect concurrent with the change in Mass times. The new time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be from 2:45 PM until 3:30 PM. This will allow for sufficient preparation time allotted to get ready for the 4:00 PM Mass.

The traffic horrors (in spite of the astronomically skyrocketing prices!) of Route 3 are once again beginning the annual ritual as crowds converge on the Cape to mark the "official" unofficial first weekend of the summer season. It is Memorial Day weekend.

This Memorial Day, the **9:00 AM Mass, weather permitting, will be at the Parish Cemetery.** In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will take place in the church as it usually is. Last year, this Mass was well received and well attended. We will have some chairs available. However, it is a good idea if you have one of those fold up seats, to bring it along for the Mass. It will be a good

sight more comfortable than the metal folding chairs that we use in the Parish Center. Memorial Day, which began as a day to remember those who died in the Civil War, is a fitting time to also remember friends, family and loved ones who are in the service of our country, both at home and abroad, as members of the Armed Forces. It is also an appropriate occasion to stop and reflect and offer prayers of thanksgiving for the freedoms and blessings that are ours as citizens of our nation, as well as to work and pray for that which needs to be done to guarantee the dignity and rights of every human being. With the passing of time, Memorial Day has evolved into what it is today: a day that is marked by many people visiting the graves of their loved ones.

Altar servers, please remember that if you plan to attend the Pawsox-SWB Yankees game on Wednesday, August 13th, (There is no charge for altar servers – it is our way of saying "thank you"

for your service to our parish.) that **you must sign up by July 13th in order to guarantee your seat.** After that, the remaining seats will be made available to other parishioners. We have had quite a few people who have already called to be placed on the waiting list.

Have you seen our parish website that is up and running? We are still working on it and adding to it. We are extremely grateful to Bob Howard for "master minding" this effort. It is something that I have wanted to do here at St. Peter's since I arrived here. We have just added a page for photos. There are some First Communion and First Communion preparation and activity day pictures, as well as a few of Fr. Joe after the 12:00 PM Mass on May 11th. If you care to access the website, go to stpetersplymouth.com and click to enter the website.



Please continue to pray for Terry Curley. Her post surgery healing process had not been an easy one so far. Please keep in your prayers several people whom I anointed at the Jordan Hospital this week. Three or four of them were not expected to live. Please remember them and their loved ones during this difficult time in their lives. Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of Albert Babin, whose funeral was Friday, May 23.

Happy Birthday to Jackie Saunders, whose birthday is Tuesday, May 27. The next day, May 28, happy "Sweet Sixteen" birthday to Michaela Wylie. Thursday, the 29th is a "tripleheader". Happy 42nd wedding anniversary to Gerry Krebs and her husband. Abby Noyes begins double digit birthdays as she her last non-teenage birthday as she celebrates her twelfth birthday. The month closes out on May 31st with David Wylie celebrating his nineteenth birthday.



As priests who are non-pastors (parochial vicars) move to new assignments, there are only seven priests available for transfers (in addition to the few who will be ordained this spring). The parish assignment process for these priests has been completed. This past week, just before this "kornet" is being sent



to print, I have been informed that we are blessed and fortunate to be one of the parishes where one of these seven available priests will be assigned!!!! I was informed by the Personnel Office of the Archdiocese that we may announce this weekend that, effective June 3, 2008, Fr. Robert Milling will be transferred from Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Lynnfield to St. Peter's in Plymouth. This decision is based upon our parish sacramental index of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Other factors as well also went into making this decision. We are grateful for this blessing as Fr. Milling will be here among us in another week and a half. We welcome him to our parish family and pray for him as he lives, works and prays among us. May the Lord bless him, and us, in this new chapter of his ministry.

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