

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Greetings and blessings of the day,

I hope that the week has been a good one for you. Here we are on the first day of June! It is hard to believe that May 2008 has already come and gone! Speaking of the passing of time, a rite of passage and stepping into the next phase of their life will take place for seniors at Plymouth North and South, as they will graduate later this week. Here is a prayer for Blessing of Graduates that those of you who have family or friends graduating may like to pray for them.:



“ Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your mother’s womb, God named you. At your birth, God’s breath filled you with life. Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time. And so we pray. God of our beginnings, we thank you for the gifts of these graduates; their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them. As they step forward into the world that awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit. Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your light. We ask this blessing upon each of them, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN! “

For some people, this has not been an easy week, as they have lost loved ones. Please pray for the repose of the soul of James Gibbons, (the brother of Christine DiTullio) for whom we had a Mass on Tuesday, May 27th. Likewise, please keep Lawrence Darsney in your prayers. I anointed him at 1:45 AM in the Jordan ER last week before he was transferred to Boston Medical Center. His family and friends gathered here at St. Peter’s where we celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, May 28th. This was followed on Thursday, May 29th with a Funeral Mass being prayed for Richard Foley. Bringing a four successive days funeral schedule to a close, a funeral Mass was prayed for Flora Barbieri. She was a long time member of our parish, and a member of the St. Peter’s Women’s League. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

The weather on Memorial Day made for a beautiful day for outdoor activities – one of which was our second annual Memorial Day Mass at the parish cemetery (St. Joseph’s on Summer Street). Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and all those who volunteered and prepared the setting for the Mass. Tables and chairs were set up. Following the Mass, those who wished one of the priests or deacon to visit a family grave for a prayer and blessing, could do so. Also, there was more than a sufficient amount of coffee and doughnuts for all those who wished to partake of something to eat and drink. It provided a wonderful opportunity for people to gather and share food and conversation

with one another. Thankfully, the sunny weather allowed people to congregate and converse with each other in a relaxed manner before they dispersed to go about the annual rituals of Memorial Day.

Congratulations to our deacon’s wife, Pamela Hulme, who received a Masters Degree in Ministry last week. Also, Happy 45th wedding anniversary to Joyce and Arthur Dooley who celebrate their anniversary on June 1st. Celia Haskin’s 91st birthday is Tuesday, June 3rd. Happy 17th birthday to Daniel Rossano Collier on June 4th. June 7th is the birthday of both Peg Livergood and Lorraine Curran. Likewise, happy “jour de naissance to Annie Donegan whose birthday is also the same day. The same day is a milestone day for Doris and Bud Kreuger as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Happy 50th!

Fr. Robert Milling will be arriving here at his new assignment here at St. Peter’s on Tuesday, June 3rd. We hope and pray that he will enjoy his time here among us as part of our parish family. Please introduce yourself to him when you meet him after the Masses. It is an real adjustment when you move from one assignment to another, just as it is for someone beginning a new job location, to be the “new kid on the block.”

Just a couple of reminders: May 31st is the last 5:30 PM Saturday Mass. The archdiocesan policy states that there is to be only one vigil Mass on Saturday, unless absolutely necessary due to overwhelming attendance at all the other Masses. The other reminder has to do with the altar servers. Please remember that the sign up deadline for a guaranteed seat to August 13th’s Pawsox game is July 13th. There is a waiting list for the rest of the seats. After the 13th seats will no longer be guaranteed for altar servers. They will be on a first come first served basis according to the waiting list sign up.

Please keep Richard Gibbons and Phyllis Folger in your prayers. They are both hospitalized.



We are planning our parish picnic for August 24th. If anyone would care to volunteer to help clean up, cook at the grill, or any other activities associated with the day, please call and leave your name and telephone number at the Parish Center. We are planning a day trip to New York, and one to Stockbridge as well. Dates will be forthcoming soon. Hopefully, fuel expenses will not make the cost of the trip too expensive.



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