

Greetings and blessings of the week.

I hope it has been a good week for everyone. It is great for Celtics fans as they have, after a long hiatus, returned to the NBA Finals against the Lakers as the rivalry is rekindled. The only drawback is that all the game will have a 9:00 pm start because of the West Coast. There may be a few sleep deprived fans as a result! It was also week marked by a significant step for graduating seniors from both of the Plymouth high schools. May God's blessings and guidance go with them as they begin a new chapter in their lives.



As I had mentioned in last week's "Korner", events being planned for the summer would be announced as scheduled. We have scheduled our fourth annual summer day trip to New York City for Wednesday, July 16th. As everyone knows, the cost of fuel has risen. The cost last year was \$50 for the bus trip. This year, because of fuel expense, the cost will go up slightly, so that we can meet the expenses of the trip.



The cost of the trip will be \$53. As in the past, please call the parish center, leave your name, telephone number and please pay for the trip in advance of July 16th. We will once again be using a Plymouth and Brockton fifty-five passenger bus. The reason that I decided on a Wednesday trip this year is, not only among possible options are the museums are open; but also, Wednesday is matinee day for the theater. Bear in mind that Broadway tickets are not inexpensive!! Matinee performances generally begin at 2:00 pm and finish right around 5:00 pm –

making sure that there is ample time to return to the bus for the scheduled 6:00 pm return to Plymouth. If you go online to check out theaters, plays, cost, and ticket availability – also be sure to check the running time of the play to be sure that it is feasible to attend a particular play and make it back to the bus on time. Also, if someone has in mind to try and visit the Statue of Liberty, make sure of the available time and being able to make it back to the bus in time (the subway is the best way to get to the Battery. Tickets can be reserved online as well. (Some include both the Statue and Ellis Island, others do not). As we mentioned last week, the parish picnic is set for Sunday, August 24th. Once again it will be held at the Holy Ghost field in North Plymouth. We are in need of people to help clean, set-up, cook, and all the other activities associated with an event of this type.



Fr. Milling arrived here at St. Peter's this past week. He is settling in and getting accustomed to his new assignment. I know that he will be the beneficiary of the welcoming hospitality of our parish as he looks forward to growing with us as a parish family of faith. Speaking of serving our parish, congratulations to two of our altar servers who graduated this weekend and have continued to minister to their fellow parishioners at Mass. I know that there are many young adults of our parish who graduated this weekend,

and we congratulate them all – yet for their dedication to the parish, we mention in particular Courtney Garcia and John Feeney as they prepare to move on to college in the fall. Also joining the ranks of altar server on the other end of the spectrum, congratulations and thank you to Solana Gabriel and Maggie Thompson. They are the newest members in the ministry of altar servers. Speaking of altar servers, don't forget, last day for sign up for the Pawsox game is July 13th. We have a long waiting list of people who are not altar servers who want to go to the game as well.

MINISTRY!

Congratulations and best wishes to Andrea Roderick and John Finnegan. They exchanged wedding vows on May 31, here at St. Peter's may the Lord's blessings and the years smile kindly upon them as they begin to live their vocation of married life as husband and wife. Last Sunday, in addition to the Sunday Masses,



Deacon John Hulme officiated at our baptisms scheduled for the month of June. We welcome our newest members into or family of faith. The children who received the first of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church include Hannah Rae Dillon, Liam Michael Kailher, Sofia Rose Wagner, Nathaniel Barrett McGowan, Anthony Peter Krukiel, Henri (French spelling) Ronald Barriere, Charlotte Sue Burgess, Anna Martha King, and Allison Ann McCormick. May they, through the example of their family, grow in a knowledge and love of God as they journey through life.

Please pray for a person in our parish who has been fighting cancer. This person has been a model of courage, hope, and faith in the midst of the draining effect that this disease can have on a person. I know from personal experience, that once you have cancer, you are always waiting for the other shoe to drop. Well, it has for this person, who had to undergo tests this past Friday for what appears to be a recurrence of cancer in another part of the body.

This past week, we marked a day that had a major effect as a turning point in the history of the world. Friday, June 6, marked the 64th anniversary of the D-Day invasion in Normandy. Those soldiers' sacrifices made all the difference in, and for, the world. If you have ever been to Colleville-sur-Mer and gazed upon the graves of the GIs buried there, it is a sobering reminder of the cost of war, as well as the truth that there are some things that are worth defending and preserving even in the face of great struggle. As we find ourselves, once again, as a nation at war, regardless of our political views and opinions about the conflicts in which we are embroiled around the world, let us pray for the well being of all who find themselves in harm's way, that they may return in safety to their loved ones.



Wednesday June 11th, is the feast of the Apostle, St. Barnabas. He shared in the ministry with St. Paul, preaching among other places in Antioch. He attended the Council of Jerusalem, a significant event in the early life of the developing church. He was martyred on, and is the patron saint of the Island of his birth: Cyprus. Friday, June 13th, is the birthday of a Portuguese saint, who was "adopted" by the Italians and is universally popular. I have visited the place of his birth in Lisbon, Portugal. He died in 1231 at the age of thirty-six. A gifted orator and preacher he was known as the "Evangelical Doctor. He was the first friar to teach theology to his order. He took his religious name (by which he is known) in honor of one of the early saints who was one of the Desert Fathers. Patron saint of lost articles, harvests, the poor and Portugal, his name is forever linked with the city in which he is buried. You have probably guessed by now that it is none other than Saint Anthony of Padua.

Happy 19th Anniversary to Steve and Trish Donegan on June 8th. The next day, June 9th is Monica Donelan's birthday. Happy birthday to Elizabeth Reardon as she marks her birthday on June 10th. Kevin Holland celebrates his "jour de naissance" on June 11th, followed by Derryl Lawrence on June 12th and Adam LeBlanc on June 13th.

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