

Greetings and blessings of the week,

I hope that the week has been a good one for you, in spite of the sudden onset of the blast of summer heat that visited us for a few days. Happy Father's Day to those of you who are fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, or men who have tried to fill that role for children who do not have a father in their lives, on this day when we recognize those men who have had a formative and nurturing role in the lives of others. May they be blessed for their efforts and guided by the example of the one who serves as a wonderful role model – none other than Saint Joseph.

Prayer of Blessing for Father's Day



God, our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless these men that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Friday, June 20th, Fr. Ed Serena, (one of the retired priests who helps us with Masses here at St. Peter's) at 7:00 PM, will celebrate a Healing Mass for those who wish to participate and pray, by God's grace, for healing, in the many forms that it takes within our lives,. Fr. Serena has been involved in this type of prayer and ministry during his priesthood and brings both his experience and spirituality to this ministry of healing. This invitation is extended to other parishes as well.



Last Friday, the 13th, another Mass was held for another group of people who have experienced another way in which God has touched their lives. Some of you may have heard of a Cursillo. It is a spiritual movement that also has as its purpose, a discovery of the presence and action of God's grace in the life of a person. For those who have "lived" Cursillo, there are reunions that gather people together to reinforce and support those who have shared this common experience. This gathering is known as an Ultreya. Our deacon, John Hulme, along with Jim Greer, deacon at Blessed Kateri co-ordinate the evening that alternates sites between Blessed Kateri and St. Peter's. If you have been involved in, or know someone who has, please come and join others for an evening of prayer, conversation, conviviality, and "muchies".

Next weekend, June 21-22, the second collection will be the Mission Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith. Fr. Clyde Phillips, M.M., a Maryknoll priest is scheduled to visit and preach at the weekend Masses. Fr. Phillips is in his second term as North American Superior for all of Maryknoll. Prior to this, he was stationed at the Maryknoll house on the South Side of Chicago, following an assignment in San Francisco. He is a veteran of the Maryknoll Missions, having spent twenty-two years as a missionary in Mindinao, in the Philippines. It will be his first visit to Plymouth. I have known him for almost ten years. We studied together during an Academic Sabbatical at the North American College at the Vatican (not to mention walking all over Rome during Lent with him and a Jesuit priest, Fr. Fran Stiegeler, a former chaplain with the US Army Rangers, who teaches at St. Ignatius Prep in San Francisco, so that



we could attend the Lenten Station Churches for 7:00 AM Mass. Fr. Clyde has invited me to visit him when he is home on vacation. This has been a standing invitation for a decade. But, who would want to leave beautiful New England to spend a couple of weeks where he grew up in Hilo, Hawaii!!! Actually, my first Thanksgiving here in Plymouth, I had been invited to join him and his family in Hawaii!! Somehow, Thanksgiving in Plymouth seemed more in keeping with the holiday!

Fr. McCarthy dropped by for a few minutes before I headed up to Braintree for the Plymouth North baseball game on Tuesday night. He looks well and is keeping busy. Just a reminder, that on Sunday, June 22nd, there will be an opportunity for our parishioners to gather with him in the afternoon, to wish him well and to join us for light refreshments in the Parish Center. This will take place from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Please join us for this occasion, if you are able.



We are happy to see that Gloria Bagni is up and getting about and that her recuperation from her knee surgery is coming along well. She is now able to drive and was able to be here for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Also on the road to recovery, and making progress is Terry Curley. She is undergoing physical therapy three days a week as she makes her way back from shoulder surgery. She came in to work Tuesday for the first time since her surgery. She hopes to be able to do a couple of days a week while she continues physical therapy for her shoulder.



Saturday, June 21st, is the feast day of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. He was a Jesuit Scholastic (studying to become a Jesuit priest). He died at the age of twenty-three. He was from the princely family of Castiglione, serving as a page at the court of the Medicis and also at the court of Philip II of Spain. He entered the Jesuits and forsook his political pursuits. His life was marked by a devotion of care for the sick. He is the patron saint of youth, as well as of students in Jesuit colleges and universities. Gonzaga University in California and the Jesuit retreat house (Gonzaga) in Gloucester are named in his honor.

Congratulations to Cassie Hogan who finished her time as a student at Nathaniel Morton School before going on to PCIS. She was one of fifteen students at her school who received the Presidential Achievement Award. Also, Happy Birthday to Sue Harrington, whose birthday is June 18th -- as well as to Steven Wylie who observes his birthday on Thursday, June 19th.

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



PS. Just a reminder: Don't get left out on a limb! The New York trip is on Wednesday, July 16th. Call the parish center for information or to sign up.