

Fr. Ken's "Korner"



Greetings and blessings of the week, I hope that it has been a good week for you. The "Korner" may be short today, because it had to be sent to the bulletin company on Monday! This is because it has to go to print early due to the Fourth of July.



As we remember Independence Day, it is good to reflect upon the meaning of the words penned by Thomas Jefferson. As a people of faith, it is also good to stop and think about the declaration of independence that was signed in the blood of Jesus Christ to free us from sin and death having the last word.

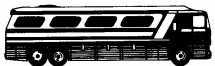
I was told yesterday (Sunday, the 29th) that they announced at all the Masses at St. Thecla's in Pembroke that Fr. Sullivan has stepped down as pastor, and that Cardinal O'Malley has signed a letter changing the status of Fr. McCarthy from Temporary Administrator to pastor of St. Thecla's. We wish him well as he begins this new chapter in his priesthood with all the responsibilities that are part and parcel of being a pastor.



We have signed a contract for added safety at the parish center. This past week a contract was signed with ADT security systems. It should be installed during the summer. Once this system is in place, it will not be possible to enter the center without being "buzzed" in. The system will have a colored TV monitor and intercom so that the person can be identified before the electronic door release is activated.



The fourth annual parish golf tournament was a success. This was due in no small part to the committee (Dave and Marilyn Brown, Colin and Ofelia Reddy, Ed and Barbara Santos, Dave and Sandy Landry, Jackie Saunders, and Debbie Bartula), sponsors, volunteers and those who provided items for the raffle and the auction. We are truly grateful for the time, effort and energy expended by those people who helped the event to go as well as it did. Without their work, it could never have been accomplished. The final tally is not quite complete, but we did almost as well we did last year. The next summer parish activity is the day trip to New York City on Wednesday, July 16th. The cost is \$53 per person (you couldn't drive it on your own for \$53, let alone tolls and parking!!) Please call the Parish Center Office to sign up.



Also, don't forget to mark August 24th on your calendar for the Parish Picnic at Holy Ghost field in North Plymouth.

We ask you to please keep in your prayers two of our parishioners who are presently in intensive care at the Jordan Hospital. Please pray for the repose of the souls of John DeWolfe, Lorraine Casey-Ribeiro, Jessie Moore, and Margaret Romanelli who have recently died, and for whom either services or burials took



place here at St. Peter's this week. May their families be consoled in their loss and may they find strength in their faith, families, friends, and memories.

Congratulations to Vince Boccalini and the rest of the families as they welcomed the newest member of their family as they celebrated the birth of their sixth grandchild, Joseph David Lusko. Happy Birthday to Katie Holland, whose birthday is today, July 6th. Tomorrow, Monday, July 7th is Gloria Longhi's birthday. Bob and Carol Houston's granddaughter Hannah is here from Kentucky for the summer. Hannah will celebrate her sixth birthday on July 11th.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Dominican Sisters Missions by purchasing bread, brownies, and apple and blueberry pies. They sold out of all their pies and brownies (and almost all the bread). They were also at St. Mary's in North Plymouth and at St. Thecla's yesterday as well. As a matter of fact, they had to telephone the people who transported the baked good in order to have some for the 12 noon Mass.



It was brought to my attention that I made a "boo-boo" in last week's bulletin. I put in the word search, but inadvertently omitted the words, when I transferred them onto the flash drive for the computer. How many words were you able to pick out on your own? Actually, you may have found some that were not on the list.

We have made some adjustments in the parish religious education program. There will be more in that regard in upcoming bulletins.

This Friday we celebrate the feast day of one of the saints who has had a significant impact upon monasticism in the Western World. Some of you may have visited their main monastery that was reduced to rubble and rebuilt after World War Two. The monastery is Monte Cassino next to the town of Cassino. It is quite an impressive sight, and believe me, the ride up to the monastery can be an adventure for some who do not like heights and twisting roads. The saint of course is Saint Benedict. He died in 547. He wrote the monastic Rule which became the foundation for future monasteries. Benedict founded twelve monasteries, among which is Monte Cassino. The Benedictines today number about 8,500 members. His title is the "Patriarch of Western Monasticism". Benedict is the patron saint of Europe. The Benedictines also have teaching as one of their ministries. Some of you may be familiar with, or perhaps are alumni, of one of their area institutions: Saint Anselm's in New Hampshire.



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