

Fr. Ken's "Korner"



Greetings and blessings of the week,
I hope that the week was a good one, and that you were able to find some relief from the heat and humidity of the past week. The festivities of the

Fourth are over as we find ourselves firmly entrenched in the summer season. It will be here and gone before you know it! Speaking of the festivities of the Fourth, you may have noticed Bob and Carol Houston's grandchildren's picture in the Patriot Ledger this past week.

This week we celebrate three feast days in the church calendar. Two of them have a significance for the town of Plymouth. Monday, July 14th, we extend best wishes to our neighboring parish in West Plymouth. It is the feast day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Known as the "Lily of the Mohawks", she died in 1680 in Caughnawaga, Quebec. She was only twenty-four years of age when she died. Blessed Kateri, in 1980, was the first native American to be declared "Blessed". The following day, Tuesday, July 15th, we likewise extend best wishes to our neighboring parish in the Manomet section of Plymouth. It is the feast day of St. Bonaventure, who died in 1274. He was minister general of the order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans) for seventeen years. He was also the Cardinal bishop of Albano. Wednesday, July 16th, is a day that is known for its particular connection with Marian devotion. It is the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (associated with the brown scapular) Mount Carmel is where the prophet Elijah defended the faith of Israel in the living God. There, at the beginning of the thirteenth century, under the title "St. Mary of Mount Carmel", the Order of the Carmelites had its formal beginning.



This past weekend we welcomed our newest members into our community of faith as four infants and a six year old child received the first of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism. Congratulations to the families of Matthew Walter DeJardin, Gavin William Foley, Daniel William Kenney, Noah Newton Ormonde, and Shea David Tanguay. We pray that the example and support of their parents and families may help them to grow in an awareness of their faith as they strive to make the values of Jesus Christ be guidelines for their lives within the community of faith that is our church, as well as beyond to the community at large.



As these families celebrated at joyful event in their lives, we also had people experience the other end of the spectrum of earthly life as death visited their families. It has been a rather busy week here at St. Peter's with wakes, services, and funerals. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bill Donovan, a long time parishioner of our parish. His funeral Mass was on Monday. Prayers were offered for Carol Bolduc who also died, as did Joseph Fama, whose funeral Mass was on Tuesday. Services were also held for Richard Baker I anointed him at the Jordan Hospital around 6:00 AM, Saturday July 5th. This week the family of William O'Neil gathered as we commended him to the Lord. Likewise prayers for the repose of the soul of Amelia C. Burgess also took place this week. Please also keep in your prayers Luisa Esposito who died Tuesday evening. Luisa is the mother of one of our parishioners. We commend them all to the mercy and love of God. We pray for



their families that they may find in their faith, families, friends, and memories, a source of strength, hope, and consolation during these particularly difficult days.

As the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so also through Christ does our comfort abound.

We ask you to pray for three of our parishioners who remain hospitalized at the Jordan Hospital for various illnesses, as well as Fr. Tom Reilly, pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption in Marshfield. Please also say some prayers for Cecilia Haskins,

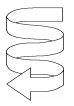
This Wednesday, July 16th, is the parish bus trip to New York City. The bus will be leaving from the Church parking lot at 6:00 AM sharp. We will arrive in the City later that morning. People are free to do whatever they wish for the day. The bus will leave the City at 6:00 PM so that the ETA at the Church parking lot will be sometime between 11:00 and 11:30 PM. The cost of the day is \$53 per person. (It is cheaper than you could do it on your own.) There are still seats available for the day. Please call Terry at the Parish Center by Tuesday evening so that, if you plan on going and have not yet signed up, we will know that you will be here Wednesday morning so that you do not arrive to a "buss less" parking lot.



The parish golf tournament went very well. We are now planning for next year. We would love to have some "fresh blood" join the golf committee in order to expand the group and to bring new ideas and suggestions for this event. This year the tournament raised \$19,200.00. This money has been earmarked for work that needs to be done to the church. It will be used to help pay for the work needed to be done



(which will surely cost more than that which was raised by the tournament). We have a couple of projects in mind as regards the church. One of these are the church doors. The other has to do with the church bricks. As is obvious to everyone, the front steps of the church came out well. The other bricks of the church are covered with grey paint. One of the problems that results from this paint is that the bricks cannot breathe and dry because the paint causes the moisture to be retained, resulting in deterioration of the brick and mortar. We hope to remove the gray paint (just like what used to be in the front of the church before the steps were repaired) and do necessary repair to the bricks and pointing as well. The side opposite the parking lot needs a lot of work, although it is not as readily noticed because no one walks by that part of the church. We hope, if all goes well and according to plan, to begin this project soon. We continue to look at other matters concerning parish facilities as well.



This past week, the electric components for the striking element of the new security system at the entrance to the Parish Center has been installed. We hope that the rest of the ADT security system will be installed this coming week. This will not only help to secure the building; but also, be a further security measure for the safety of the parish staff, as well as the children who attend religious education classes at the Parish Center.

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