

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Ken's "Korner"



Greetings and blessings of the week,

I hope that it has been a good one for you. The month of July is winding down, as is the summer. We have been having some work done on some of

the parish buildings. The rectory needed some work on one of the interior staircases that was in poor repair. Some work also needed to be done to one of the floors, as well as one of the ceilings where

there had been some problems due to water damage. There are still other matters that need to be taken care of in all of the parish buildings. These are some of the things that need to be done and that we are able to do

thanks to your generosity in our monthly building fund collection. This past week, the final phase of the security system was installed at the entrance to the Parish Center. If the door is locked when you come to the front door of the rectory, you need to push the button. It will activate the video monitor in the office. This will also activate the intercom so that you can speak to the person in the office. They will push the door release so that you may enter. This will also help to ensure the safety of the students who come to the parish center for religious education.

The altar server outing to the Pawsox game on Wednesday, August 16th, is **sold out!** There is a waiting list, in the event that there may be some cancellations. If there were to be a cancellation, the names on the waiting list are in the order that the calls were received. The parish picnic is scheduled for August 24th, at

the Holy Ghost field in North Plymouth. There are sign up sheets in the church. If you plan on attending the picnic, please sign the list that is posted at the entrances to the church. This is so that we can have an idea of how much food we will need for the day. There is also a sign-up list for people who would like to contribute desserts and baked goods.

This past week we had visitors from St. Joan of Arc parish in Hershey, PA. This is the second summer that this group of young people has come here after completing a retreat at Franciscan University in Steubenville. Last year, they especially enjoyed going to Plymouth beach and eating at Sandy's before their return to Hershey.

This past week, some people of our parish experienced the ups and downs on the road of life. Daniel Maccaferri (David's brother) died on July 14th. He was only fifty-six years of age. I had visited him at the Jordan Hospital on more than one occasion during the past couple of weeks. Please pray for the repose of his soul, as well as for his family during this time of grief and loss. He was buried here in Plymouth on Friday. On a happier note, happy anniversary wishes to Jack and Gerrie Girard. They celebrated their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 12.

Speaking of weddings, congratulations to Michael Kerns and Laura McSherry. They exchanged wedding vows on June 29th here at St. Peter's, as did Ryan Smith and Sarah Hall on July 12th. May God's blessings be with them as they begin the adventure of a lifetime for a lifetime. While we are on the subject of weddings and anniversaries, Happy **69th wedding anniversary** to Rose and Al Veiga who celebrate that milestone on July 22! That same day is shared with Dave Brown, whose birthday it is. Also, on the twenty-second of July, happy "jour de naissance" to Ed and



Barbara Santos's granddaughter, Kathryn Johnson, who celebrates her seventeenth birthday.. And the birthdays keep on coming. Happy Birthday to our "magic man", David Brisbois, whose birthday was July 13th. Bob Houston marked his birthday on July 16th. Terry Curley, who is now back at her job in the Parish Center, observed her birthday on Saturday, July 19th. What is Rose Veiga's secret to her youthful looks and beautiful skin? Married sixty-nine years, she celebrates her 92nd birthday today, July 20th! Paul Matinzi's birthday is coming up this Thursday, on July 24th.

This week in the calendar of saints we observe the feast days of several saints. Tuesday, July twenty-second, we observe the feast of one of the first followers of Jesus Christ, who was present at his crucifixion and the one to whom he first appeared after the Resurrection. It is the feast day of St. Mary Magdalene. We find in her a wonderful example of how the gentleness of Jesus enabled her to transform her life in such a way that she has become a role model for us of what it means to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

She is the patroness of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). Wednesday, July 23rd, is the feast day of St. Bridget of Sweden. She died in 1373 in Rome. Prior to her life as a religious, she was the mother of eight. She founded the Order of the Most Holy Savior ("Bridgetines"). She was active in the efforts to have the popes return from Avignon in France back to Rome. She is patroness of Sweden. Along with Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) and Catherine of Siena, she was declared co-patroness of Europe by Pope John Paul II in 1999. Thursday, July 24th, is an important feast day for people of Lebanese descent. It is the feast of St. Sharbel Makhluf. He was born in 1828 and died in 1898. He hailed from a small village in north Lebanon. He became a monk in the Maronite Rite (the Maronites, as well as the Melkites are known as Uniate churches. That is, even though they are not the Roman Rite, they are united with the Rpe and are part of the Catholic Church. He was ordained in 1859. His life was marked by a particular devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He spent the final twenty-three years of his life as a hermit. He is buried at the monastery of Saint Maron in Annaya, Lebanon. The "Hermit of Lebanon" was canonized as a saint by Pope Paul VI in 1977.

Friday, the 25th, is the feast day of St. James. He was the brother of John. He is known as James the Greater because he followed Christ before the other apostle James. He was the first of the apostles to be martyred. Circa 44 AD he was ordered to be

decapitated by order of Herod Agrippa I. He is venerated at Compostella in Spain. He is the patron saint of pilgrims (the pilgrimages of the Middle Ages that saw people walk the entire route that extended across Europe. Saint James of Compostella was a most significant site of pilgrimage for the countless faithful who undertook this road of prayer and sacrifice. He is also the patron saint of Spain, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. Happy Grandparents Day to grandparents everywhere. Saturday, July 26th is the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne. They were the mother and father of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We pray, through their intercession, that the Lord bless grandparents and the special place that they hold in the lives of their grandchildren. May the Lord's blessings smile kindly upon you and your loved ones in the coming week, Your brother in faith, Fr. Ken.



St. Mary Magdalene



St. CATHERINE of Siena

