

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Ken's Korner



"Greetings and blessings of the week,

Hopefully, the last week was a good one for you. We now find ourselves ready to leave July of the Summer of 2008 as it becomes a memory and we move forward into the month of August.

The parish trip to New York went well, even though the bus was not full. Everyone had a good time. People had to get up at "0 dark 30" in order to be at the church parking lot for the scheduled 6:00 AM departure. We left on time and sailed right through to New York City with no traffic problems or stopping (except for the scheduled stop for breakfast and a "comfort break".) We arrived at our drop-off point at 59th St. and 5th Ave. (by the Plaza and Central Park.) Some of the group headed up to visit the Frick Collection at 71st and 5th, and then on to the Metropolitan Museum of Art on 5th near E86th. Some people just walked around the city to take in the sights and do some shopping. Still others took in a Broadway matinee performance of 39 Steps. It won the 2007 Sir Laurence Olivier Theater Award. Others went down to the NYU area in Noho near Washington Square and Greenwich Village (not quite what some imagined it to be like in the 1960's). Nine of us then continued back uptown on the subway to Times Square to have lunch at a New York Deli, followed by a visit to Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum. Others rested in Central Park, and others had something to quench their thirst at the Plaza. The day went well. Everyone arrived at the pick-up point (the same as where we were dropped off.) in time for our 6:00 PM return. We drove by "the House that Ruth built" and the new Yankee Stadium that is being built to replace the present one. As we drove by, it appeared to look like a clone of the original. The trip back was uneventful. We stopped in Connecticut for a quick comfort break" and a bite to eat. Continuing our journey, we arrived back in the church parking lot around 10:45 PM.

Speaking of trips, in last week's "Korner" I made a mistake. I mentioned the Pawsox game as August 16th, it is Wednesday, August 13th, as I had mentioned in several previous bulletins. It is a full trip, with a waiting list of people. Consequently, we are going to call all those who signed up to verify that they are still indeed going to the ballgame. That way, in the event that some people may not be going after all, we can let those on the waiting list attend. That waiting list, in order to be fair, is according to who signed up the earliest. Undoubtedly,

when coming for Mass you may have noticed the banner that graces the front entrance to the church. It is the Archdiocese of Boston Bicentennial Banner with the caption "Journey Together in Christ." As a part of this year, Bishop Doohar will be hosting a Bicentennial Event for the South Region on September 28th. It will take place at Sacred Heart School in Kingston. The reason for this site is that the school has the necessary facilities to handle an event of this magnitude. We have been asked to have at least one, or more, contact laypersons from our parish to be involved in this undertaking so that the Committee can forward to the contact (liaison) people in each the details regarding, liturgy, games, activities, schedules, etc. If anyone would like to be one of the point persons for our parish, please call Terry at the Parish Center soon, in order that we can forward the name to the Committee who

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is coordinating this multi-parish event. The festivities will begin at one o'clock and the Family Mass will start at two o'clock in the afternoon. The South Region of the Archdiocese includes parishes from Milton, Canton, Stoughton, Avon, Braintree, Quincy, Holbrook, Weymouth, Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Brockton, Abington, Rockland, Norwell, Scituate, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Whitman, Hanover, Bridgewater, Hanson, Pembroke, Marshfield, Halifax, Duxbury, Kingston, Plympton, Middleborough, Lakeville, Rochester, Carver, and Plymouth. Last weekend Hailey Ryan Lewis was baptized here at St. Peter's. Congratulations to the Lewis and Mueller families. This baptism was not on the usual Sunday of the month due to exceptional circumstances. The godfather, Corporal William Mueller, USMC, was home on a brief leave from his second tour of duty in Iraq. He returned to Iraq two days after his godchild's baptism. We pray that Hailey may grow in the faith that the family lives as part of our regular Sunday mass goers – and that William will return safely home at the end of his tour in, I believe, January 2009. We had a pleasant surprise at Mass last weekend. Some of you may remember the Hadley family who moved to North Carolina last year (Ayn, Ken, Jenna and Kristy). Kristy, who is entering her sophomore year at Loyola University of New Orleans, was here for Sunday Mass. She and her sister Jenna are working in the area until Kristy leaves on August 9th to return to Loyola where she plays on the University's volleyball team.



We ask you to please keep Lois "Mike" Burns in your prayers. She is under hospice care. I administered the Sacrament of the Sick to her this past week. I would ask you to also please include in your prayers, several people who were anointed in either the Jordan Hospital or nursing homes. Jerry Mulligan is now at the Golden Living (formerly known as Beverly Manor) nursing home. Please keep Phyllis Folger in your prayers as she underwent surgery this past week.

Happy 16th birthday to Michael Wylie, whose birthday is July 28th. The following day, the 29th, birthday wishes go out to Barbara Santos, as well as to Paige Post whose birthday is July 30. This Tuesday, the 29th, we celebrate the feast of St. Martha. She was the sister of Mary and Lazarus. A model of hospitality, she is the patroness of housewives, waiters, and waitresses. July 30 is the feast day of St. Peter Chrysologus. July 31st, is a day which graduates of all Jesuit schools should stand up and take notice. It is the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, better known as the Jesuits. They were founded by Ignatius in Paris, France – one of the great learning centers of his time. He died in 1556. today the Jesuits number some 20,000 members. The order was approved by Pope Paul III. He authored the *Spiritual Exercises*. The motto of the Jesuits is *ad maiorem Dei gloriam* (to the greater glory of God). Having been a soldier before his becoming a religious, he is the patron saint of soldiers as well as the patron saint of retreatants. August 1st is the feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists (Mission Church in Boston). He is the patron saint of confessors and moral theologians. August 2nd is the feast of the French saint, Peter Julian Eymard, who, in 1856, founded the order of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, devoted to the worship and apostolate of the Eucharist as the center of life of the Church and society.

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

