

Fr. Ken's "Korner"



Greetings and blessings of the week,

I hope that it has been a good one for you.

This past week I had the opportunity to once again be reminded of the universality of the

Church and its many faces of ministry throughout the world as I spent some time with the Maryknoll fathers – and had the opportunity to visit with Fr. Clyde Phillips who visited us here at St. Peter's for the Propagation of the Faith. Some of the priests were just returning from Hong Kong, others had worked in South America, others in the Philippines and other vineyards in the global Church. It reaffirms the

importance of realizing the Church, in all corners of the world, is connected and centered in Jesus Christ in a way that transcends language, culture, nation and custom. While on the topic of mission and evangelization, this year the Society of St. James the Apostle founded by the late Richard Cardinal Cushing to serve the Church in the missions of South America will be celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. This proud tradition, with its roots in Boston, has welcomed men from other dioceses as well to dedicate their lives, labor and ministry to our brothers and sisters in faith in South America. As a matter of fact, many of those who have gone to that particular corner of the Lord's vineyard have remained there for their entire lives.

Speaking of the Church, we welcome our newest members of our family of faith who were baptized here at St. Peter's. Deacon John administered the first of the Sacraments of Initiation to Hailey Andrea Fernandes, Adam Warren Mott, and Katelyn Mary Nogueira. Fr. Bob baptized Isabelle Marie Flynn. May they come to grow in their faith and the knowledge of God's love for them as made manifest not only in worship and the sacraments; but also, through the example of faith and the love of their families. At the other end of the spectrum of life on this earth, please pray for the repose of the souls of Pauline Petrani for whom a funeral service was held on Friday, September 5th. Likewise, please remember in your prayers Joseph Motta, Jr. for whom a funeral service was prayed on Saturday, September 6th. Most recently, a funeral was held on Friday, September 12th for John Perry. May the



Lord grant them eternal rest – and may their families find strength in this time of loss through the gifts of faith, family, friends and memories in their lives. We have been asked to also pray for the repose of a young woman, Elizabeth Vale, who suffered a tragic death this past week.



You may have noticed that exterior repair continues to be done on the church. This is a great way of seeing the fruits of the monthly building fund collection being put to good use. This week, new fascia board, and a new sill in the restroom were installed and primed. You may also notice that the pointing and repair to



the bricks from which the paint has been removed has begun. It is being done by Mr. Anthony Sgrosso. He is the same gentleman who did all the brick work on the new front steps of the church. There are six windows on the lower level of the church on the parking lot side that need to be scraped, primed and painted – without any need for staging. We would like to undertake this part of the work by asking for some parishioners to volunteer some time and talent in terms of parish stewardship (a dozen or so, if possible) on Saturday, September 20th, at 10:30 AM (barring a funeral, or inclement weather) to help brush, scrape and paint the window frames. Any help is most gratefully appreciated and welcomed.

We are grateful to parishioners who volunteered to serve on our parish CAP Team in order to help ensure the safety of the children in our parish. These team members spent two days at the Archdiocese's new Pastoral Center in Braintree (replacing the chancery center in Brighton as the new center in which all components of Archdiocesan ministry are consolidated. Thank you to Barbara Murphy, Susan Costigan, Sue Blaha, Carol Gaudreau, Elizabeth Reardon, and Karen LeBlanc for their willingness to take part in this service and ministry to our parish by giving of their time and talent to benefit our parish community.

Kindly say a prayer for Chris Schembri, who underwent a medical procedure last Wednesday. He is the parishioner who offers his time and talent to our parish by his involvement in the Baptism Catechesis Preparation every month. Happy Birthday to Sandy Landry, whose birthday is Tuesday, September 16th. Sharing this day with her, Dick and Marian Curtis celebrate their nineteenth wedding anniversary. Thursday, September 18 we offer birthday wishes to Pamela Post and Ruth O'Brien. Friday, September 19th, is Roxanne Whelan's "jour de naissance" as we extend a happy birthday greeting to her.

The novena for wisdom and right judgment leading up to the presidential election began this past Monday at 10:00 AM, following the morning Mass. Twenty-three people gathered to pray. Thursday evening (this has to go to press on Wednesday morning) this same novena will take place leading up to the elections'. Fr. DeRoche, who is retired, and helps out on occasion here at St. Peter's has volunteered to pray an evening Mass as a part of the evening Novena. So, the novena will take place twice a week, thus offering the possibility for more people to attend (some of whom are from neighboring parishes).

Wednesday morning Ms. Celia Sirois of the Archdiocesan Chrism program began the first in a weekly Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM series of presentations on the writings of St. John in Scripture. These conferences take place in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome to attend all, or any of the sessions. Each session concludes at noon.

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

THANK YOU!

