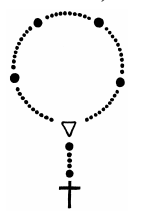


Fr. Ken's Korner



Greetings and blessings of the week,

I hope that the week was a good one for you as we now find ourselves in the month of October and 2008 nearing its end. The month of October in the church calendar is designated as the month of the Holy Rosary. It serves as a fitting reminder of the intercessory role that Mary holds in our faith. Of course, this is always seen in light of her relationship with Jesus, as well as reminding us what a person's life can be like by being open to the action and grace of God in their life. The rosary is one of the most popular prayer forms in the prayer tradition of our Church. It has been passed on from generation to generation. When visiting the elderly and those in care facilities, it is even more readily apparent the place that the rosary holds as a link connecting them to their faith as they are unable to join the parish community for Sunday Mass. The rosary is also a concise compendium of the significant moments and events in the life of Jesus Christ in terms of his birth, life, death and resurrection in the course of salvation history that is fulfilled through God's redeeming love manifested and lived out by, and in, Jesus. As a way of noting the significance of the rosary as a devotional form of prayer, you are invited to join us here at St. Peter's, along with five other churches, on Saturday, October 11, at 3:00 PM in the lower church to pray the rosary prior to the regular 4:00 PM Mass. We thank Jeanne Scannell for once again coordinating this effort to bring people together in prayer.



Last Sunday afternoon was a busy one here in the parish. In addition to the regular Sunday afternoon parish soup kitchen that is held in the gym in the parish center, the St. Peter's Women's League had twenty-seven of the member gather at the Run of the Mill for a meal. Neither Fr. Bob nor I were able to attend due to other events also taking place at the same time at Sacred Heart High School in Kingston. The South Region of the Archdiocese, led by Bishop John Dooher, Archbishop for the South Region of the Archdiocese of Boston, held the South Region celebration of the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese of Boston. In spite of the uncertainty of the weather, a large gathering took place with hundreds of people joining in the events of the day. Lily and Faith Whelan, both of whom are altar servers here at St. Peter's, led the procession of banners representing participating parishes, leading the deacons, priests and bishop down the aisle at the beginning of Mass. We are very grateful to Betty McKenna and Denise Noyes for their work in making a banner to represent our parish. The banner that read "St. Peter's Plymouth" also had two symbols on the banner representing our parish. There were two sets of crossed keys that represent the "keys of Peter" that were entrusted to him by Jesus. The other symbol is unique to the name and place of our parish. The name, "Peter" means rock, thereby making the name of our parish spiritually and historically linked to our town and faith community. So, central on the banner was a rock, a "Plymouth Rock" emblazoned not with 1620, but with the year our

parish was established: "1876". We also thank those members of the Plymouth Knights of Columbus who arrived long before any of the crowds in order to set up the tables, chairs, and other necessary tasks that needed to be done in order for things to run as smoothly as they did. Thank you to Sacred Heart School for extending their kind hospitality in order that we could all gather together to celebrate this moment in our faith history that began two hundred years ago with two priests from France: Fr. Matignon and Fr. Cheverus (later bishop of Boston and Cardinal of Bordeaux, France) who served all the Catholics of New England as the only two Catholic priests of the time! They were later joined by others from France, Ireland, and eventually from here in the United States.

Congratulations to Anne Cadorette and Steven Newell who exchanged marriage vows here at St. Peter's on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. May the Lord bless them as they begin their new life together as husband and wife. Thankfully, it was only a light rain until the wedding Mass was over – and then the heavy rain came in. We extend a Happy 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Ann and Tom Flaherty on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday to Faye Santos as she celebrates her birthday on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Bob and Rose Howard as they became grandparents of a new granddaughter, Madeleine Rose Howard. Kindly keep in your prayers a parishioner who had to under go some tests last Sunday afternoon. Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Anthony Valenti for whom there was a funeral Mass on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Parish Pastoral Council will have its meeting on Sunday, October, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. The parish cluster will begin its RCIA and Adult Confirmation program on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Center. The one hour and a half meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

The Church calendar this week includes the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. This memorial feast day was established by Pope St. Pius V. Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, is the feast day of St. Denis (pronounced "duhknee") St. Denis died in 258. he was the first bishop of Paris, France. He was martyred along with the priest, Eleutherius, and the deacon, Rusticus on Montmartre (the site of Sacre Coeur in Parish). The name "Montmartre" means "mount of martyrs". St. Denis is the patron saint of Paris and of France. It is also the feast day of the Italian Saint, John Leonardi who helped found the Propaganda Fide, the Vatican Congregation in charge of missionary activity now known as the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

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