

Fr. Ken's "Korner"



Greetings and blessings of the week, I hope that the week has been a good one for you. We certainly have had a nice stretch of weather – but, we all know what is waiting around the corner, so enjoy it while we can!



You may have noticed at the weekend Masses that the ushers are walking down the aisles with a clicker in their hands. This happens every October, at every church throughout the Archdiocese. The “mass count” is taken at every weekend Mass for the entire month. Each Mass is tallied and the weekend total is logged. The numbers are forwarded to the Archdiocesan Office for Planning. These numbers are looked at regards parish viability, etc. They are part of the factors used in evaluating and planning for the future. This would certainly be an important variable taken into account, especially in towns where there is more than one parish. Our numbers are slightly down from last year. The fact that we no longer have a Saturday 5:30 PM Mass, may, or may not, be the reason for this. However, it is not the number of Masses, but rather, the number of people that attend, that is taken into account.

Bishop John Dooher, the Regional Bishop for the South Region of the Archdiocese was here at St. Peter’s to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to sixty-four of our young adults who are presently in their junior year of high school. Please pray for them as they have received the last of the Sacraments of Initiation – that they may come to an awareness that this is not the end of religious education and living their commitment of faith as responsible people of faith. It is not the end of learning about and living their faith. Rather, it is the *end of the beginning* of what is a lifelong process. We thank Karen LeBlanc, as well as Joyce Hokanson, and all the teachers and volunteers who had a part in helping these students along this journey of faith that is now marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit.



We welcome into our family of faith Gavin Davis Powderly and Morgan Thomas Shea who were recently baptized here at St. Peter’s. May the Lord’s blessings be upon them as they begin their journey of life and faith. We also ask you to pray for those who are further along on the journey of life and faith as they have passed from this earthly life. May God’s grace and mercy welcome them into the eternal peace of God’s love. Tuesday, October 14th, a Mass of Christian Burial was prayed for Harriet Giovanetti. She was the twin sister of “Harry” Longhi (Gloria Longhi’s husband). Wednesday morning prayers were offered for Adrienne Timilty as she was laid to rest at Vine Hills Cemetery. Saturday, October 18th, a Mass of Christian Burial was prayed for Lillian Dunham. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful



departed, rest in peace. May their families find hope and consolation in their faith, families, friends and memories. Congratulations to Coleen McDermott and Brian Downey who entered into another phase of the journey of their lives as they exchanged marriage vows here at St. Peter’s on October 17th.



This Friday, October 24th, a healing Mass will be prayed here at St. Peter’s. Mr. Frank Kelly, a well known person in the healing ministry, will be present at this Mass. Everyone is invited to take part in this evening of prayer. Speaking of prayer, just a reminder that on Monday mornings at 10:00 AM and Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM (following a Mass) a novena is being held for the intention of wisdom and right judgment in the upcoming presidential election. It is not an endorsement of either candidate. It is a prayer that the Holy Spirit will help and guide us as we enter the voter’s booth to cast our vote.

This Saturday, the 25th, is the annual St. Peter’s Women’s League chicken dinner at the Parish Center. Once again, it seems to be a sellout. See you there! Happy Anniversary to George and Barbara Anzuoni whose anniversary was Tuesday, October 14th. Happy Belated Anniversary to Ed and Barbara Santos who celebrated their day on October 12th. Sharing this day with them, Happy 18th birthday to “Lexy” Wylie. Also, happy birthday to her uncle, John Wylie, whose birthday was October 16th, Following close on his heels, Happy Birthday to Ron Leary, whose “jour de naissance” is October 18th. “Bobbie” Saunders celebrates her birthday on October 22 followed two days later, on the 24th by Jon Sidoti. Jon’s wife, Jean, celebrates her birthday on October 19th.



Once again, a reminder that the **Parish Pastoral Council will meet Sunday, October 19th, from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Parish Center.**

We ask you to keep David Wylie in your prayers. He is Anne and Larry’s grandson, and John’s son. David is a member of the US Army Rangers. He left for Iraq this past week. May the Lord keep him safe during the time that he is “in harm’s way” for his tour of duty. Also, please keep Sr. Jacqueline Meyer in your prayers. Sister Jacqueline has helped in our parish religious education program for many years. She is hospitalized at the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. Hopefully, she will return home soon and be able to resume her everyday activities.

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