

Fr. Ken's "Korner"

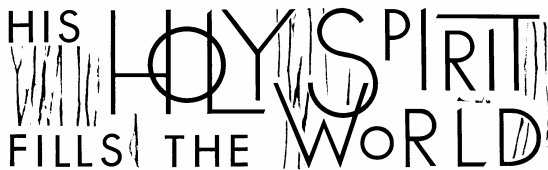


Greetings and blessings of the week,

I hope that it has been a good week for you. Now that the Red Sox have been eliminated by Tampa Bay, some of us may be getting to bed earlier than during the ALCS – unless you plan on

staying up to watch the World Series games that will be night games in order to accommodate the rest of the country.

Last Saturday night parking was at a premium because of the “oldies” concert at Memorial Hall. As you know, everyone avails themselves to using our parish parking lot for functions there. We had to ask some people who tired to do so, to please find parking elsewhere since the parish needed the use of our parking lot for ourselves at the same time.



Bishop John Doher was here Saturday evening for the conferring of the Sacrament of Confirmation upon sixty-four high school juniors who completed the three Sacraments of Initiation that are required in order to be a fully initiated Catholic who can begin to live their lives as a person who makes a commitment to live according to the ways of Jesus within the faith community of our church. The church was packed to overflowing! The choir loft was full. People were standing along the walls of the church. It would be nice to see the Sunday Masses as well attended. Bishop Doher, who was sick with the flu, arrived here after having just confirmed ninety students at St. Joseph in Quincy. His homily was excellent and a propos to students, as well as their parents, and all those who were in church for the ceremony and Mass.

Friday evening, the 24th, a healing Mass was held here at St. Peter’s. The person who was invited to lead this service is a layman by the name of Frank Kelly. A priest came along with him to celebrate the Mass that was prayed. Friday noon there was a luncheon to honor the senior priests of the South Region of the Archdiocese. Among those are Fr. Roger Cormier, Fr. Ed Serena, and Fr. Paul Bailey (between Fr. Cormier and Fr. Bailey there is nearly one hundred years of priestly service to the parishes of our archdiocese!!).

Saturday was also a busy day here at the parish. The Virtus Training session, which everyone who is involved either as a salaried person, or as a volunteer, is required to take in order to be allowed to work or volunteer in service to our parish was held. This program which took place in the Parish Center from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM was organized and run by our parish CAP Team that is concerned with the well being and safety of the children of our parish. We thank the team for their work in this effort. Saturday, the twenty-fifth, the Parish Center was also busy in the evening as an annual

tradition of the St. Peter’s Women’s League also took place. It was the night of the annual Chicken Dinner. Once again, it was a sellout. We thank the ladies for their work to make sure that the evening was a success. It is a wonderful evening where parishioners can get together and share some food and conversation, as well as having a pleasant evening with others

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lena Bruno, whose funeral Mass was on Saturday the 25th. May she rest in peace and may her family find hope and consolation in their faith, love, and memories of her. While on the subject of asking for prayers, please keep a parishioner who is in intensive care at the Jordan in your thoughts and prayers – as well as a gentleman for whom I was called to the intensive care unit in order to administer the Sacrament of the Sick. He was in extremely critical condition as the doctors were feverishly working on him in order to stabilize his condition, while family members were in the waiting area for an update of what was going on.

Saturday, November 1, is All Saints Day. According to the directive from the NCCB (National Catholic Council of Bishops), since it falls on a Saturday and the next day is Sunday, All Saints Day is not a holyday of obligation THIS year.

During the month of November, we are called “to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest.” We are reminded during the entire month to pray for the deceased. We have for the past three years had a special Mass on All Souls Day to pray for those who have died in the past year and for whom we had funeral services here at St. Peter’s. Since All Souls Day falls on a Sunday this year, this Mass for those deceased will be at the Sunday, November 2, 12:00 PM Mass. We invite their families and friends to join us for this Mass as we remember them in a special way.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers! Cathy Girard has informed us that you may now access the Eucharistic Ministers schedule via the following website: saintpetersem@gmail.com This should help to facilitate matters. We thank Cathy and all our Eucharistic Ministers for this ministry and service to our parish.



This Tuesday, November 28th, is the feast of Saints Simon and Jude. This is not Simon, now known as Peter. It is the other apostle named Simon, also called Simon “the Zealot” (anti-Roman party) and “the Canaanite”. He may have preached in Egypt and Persia. St. Jude (also known as Thaddeus) may have preached in Palestine and Persia. He is the patron saint of those in despair and hopeless situations. Many of you are familiar with the Novena to St. Jude.

Congratulations to Bob and Rose Howard as they celebrate their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary on Thursday, October 30th. The following day, October 31st, is a day that is shared by two of our parishioners as their birthday.

We extend a happy forty-sixth birthday to Tom Ward, as well as to Alex Brisbois, who celebrates his twelfth birthday. Saturday, November 1st, we extend birthday greetings to Joann Gallerani.

May the Lord’s blessings be with you and yours in the coming week. Your brother in faith, Fr. Ken.

