

FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

Fr. Ken's "Korner"



Greetings and blessings of the week, I hope that the week was good one for you and that you got to enjoy an extra hour of sleep Saturday night! As we find ourselves moving into the month of November, the daylight hours lessen; so please, exercise extra caution when dropping off or picking up the children at the Parish Center for religious education classes.



I am sure that none of us need to be reminded that there is something significant happening this Tuesday that will have a profound impact upon the direction of our nation for the



next four, and possibly eight, years. Make sure to cast your vote this week. We have had a novena here at St. Peter's leading up to the elections. The purpose of this time of prayer has not been to endorse any particular candidate. The novena intention has been to pray for wisdom and discernment in the upcoming election. The final day of the novena in anticipation of the election is Monday, November 3rd. We will, as has been the case each week, have the novena prayers on Monday morning at 10:00 AM. Monday night, there will be a final vigil (the one that has been taking place on Thursday evenings that includes a Mass prayed by Fr. DeRoche). This evening vigil and time of prayer will begin at 7:00 PM and continue until midnight. There will be prayers throughout the evening as well as time for quiet meditation and prayer.



It doesn't seem possible that the end of 2008 will be history in a mere matter of weeks. This coming December 12th, a Friday evening, we will continue a tradition that we have begun here at St. Peter's. It will be the annual parish trip to "Holiday at Pops" at Symphony Hall and the Boston Pops. As we are all aware in



this tenuous economic environment, costs are going up for many things. This also holds true with the cost of the trip to the Pops this year. We have in the past been able to keep the cost of the evening (by only charging enough to break even) at fifty dollars. However, this year, due to an increase in transportation and ticket fees, in order to break even for the trip, the cost has to be raised to fifty-five dollars per person. This includes a round trip Plymouth and Brockton motor coach from St. Peter's parking lot to Symphony Hall and the cost of the ticket for the concert. If you intend to take part in this evening, please call Terry at the Parish Center and leave your name and telephone number. There are fifty-five tickets available for the evening. Once they are gone, they are gone! The concert begins at 8:00 PM. We will be leaving with sufficient time to arrive at Symphony Hall. We will return to the parish parking lot after the concert. I would "guesstimate" ETA to be between 11:15 and 11:30 PM.



There was an "errata" in last week's "Korner" regarding schedules for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. It is

not a website – it is an email address: stpetersem@gmail.com

On behalf of the parish and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, I would like to thank the members of the Plymouth North National Honor Society. They sponsored an event for donating canned goods of food to help those in need. These cans were collected and delivered here to help feed the hungry of our community. It was greatly appreciated and enables us to help those Plymouthians who frequent our church for help. As you know, it is getting expensive to feed a family. The numbers requesting assistance is growing in these difficult times. This results in the amount of food "flying off the shelves" to increase, resulting in an ongoing need to replenish our supply. Last Friday almost one hundred bags of groceries were distributed to those who came to us seeking food assistance! We thank you for your help in this corporal work of mercy. We would not be able to continue to do this without your help and generosity. We have also noticed an increase in the amount of people who are fed at our parish soup kitchen on Sunday afternoons. We have even had parents with their children present on some Sundays.



We have a couple of parishioners celebrating birthdays this week. We extend best wishes for a happy "jour de naissance" (day of birth) to Anne Leonard on Monday November 3rd. Likewise, birthday greetings go out to Gerrie Girard who celebrates her birthday on November 8th.



This week we find on our calendar of saints an American (South American, that is) saint. Monday, November 3rd is the feast day of St. Martin de Porres. Prefacing his "bio" with the remark that there is only one race: human, his biography states that he died in 1639. He was born in Lima, Peru "of a Spanish father and a black slave mother." He was a member of the Order of Preachers, better known as the Dominicans. Martin was a "lay brother who humbly ministered to the poor and the sick, especially African slaves; devoted to the Holy Eucharist; a close friend of Rose of Lima; patron of social justice and of peoples of mixed races."



Tuesday is the feast day of the bishop, St. Charles Borromeo. He died on November 3, 1584 at the young age of forty-six. He was "cardinal and secretary of state at age 22 for his uncle, Pope Pius IV; implemented reforms of Trent in his diocese of Milan; founder of seminaries." He was "considered a model pastor by many bishops, including Francis de Sales; held five provincial councils and eleven diocesan synods; patron of catechists and of catechumens."

Please continue to pray for those of our parish who are ill and suffering in mind, heart, soul or body, that the grace of God and the concern of others may sustain them in their difficulties.

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