

Fr. Ken's "Korner"



Greetings and blessings of the week,

I hope that it has been a good one for you. It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving will be here very soon. The Plymouth Rock Memorial (along with other sites) will be busy the next couple of weeks. Thankfully, the Memorial is "up and running" for the Thanksgiving events as Plymouth becomes a destination for people who will come from far and wide to visit. Not intending this to be a *political* commentary, this day affords us the opportunity not only to be thankful for the many gifts with which we have been blessed by God; but also, to have a conscious sense of respect for the dignity of peoples of different cultures and traditions as we are called to live together on this journey of life.

We, as Catholics are called to reflect upon our spiritual heritage as we celebrate the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese of Boston. The year long observance of this milestone as a diocese will be drawing to a close with a concluding Mass

(Liturgy) that will take place on Sunday, November 23, 2008. It is the feast of Christ the King – the final Sunday of the Church calendar of the liturgical Year. Cardinal

O'Malley will be the principal celebrant of this Mass that will take place at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, located at 1400 Washington Street in Boston. It is time for another "Bicentennial Blurb" as we have written of the bishops of Boston up until the time of William Cardinal O'Connell. The next bishop, who needs no introduction to any Catholics from Boston who are over the age of sixty, hails from 'Southie'. He was born in South Boston in 1985, the son of Irish immigrants. As a youth, he had some health issues. Graduating from BC High in 1914. He was considering become a Jesuit and continued his education at Boston College "... His tenure at BC was interrupted in 1915, when Germany's sinking of the Lusitania prompted Cushing to enlist in the U.S. Army. After being medically discharged for his asthma, and graduating from BC in 1917, Cushing enrolled at St. John's Seminary. He was ordained a priest in May 1921..." He later became head of the Propagation of the Faith in Boston, where his legendary ability raise funds became apparent. He became an auxiliary bishop of Boston on June 10 1939. He became archbishop of Boston on September 25, 1944, and Cardinal on December 15, 1958. The *Boston Irish Reporter*, in its January 2001 issue "... honored BC alumnus Richard Cardinal Cushing '17 by naming him the Boston Irish Person of the Century..." He died on November 2, 1970 at the age of seventy-five.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Silva, for whom we had a funeral Mass on Friday, November 7th. Likewise, kindly remember Jacqueline MacNutt in your prayers. Her funeral Mass was on Monday, November 10 (her and her



husband Russell's forty-seventh wedding anniversary. We ask you to also keep Karen Belsito and her family in your prayers. She had gone to England to visit her ill father, Joseph Redgrift. After returning home to Plymouth, her father died and was buried in England on November 11th. She and her family were here at Mass on the 11th.

Please keep Pilar Schembri in your prayer, as she is ill and in the hospital. Please continue to keep Moneen Short in your prayers as she continues to deal with cancer issues, as are several other parishioners.



This past week, we had some much needed work done in the rectory. Two ceilings needed to be repaired. One had water damage and the other one was falling down bit by bit. Also one wall where there had been significant damage due to some water issue has been patched, repaired and painted. It has needed to be tended to for quite a while (not months, but years).



Just a reminder that the annual parish trip to Boston for the Holiday at Pops is Friday, December 12th. It is an 8:00 PM concert. The cost of the ticket and the round trip motor coach from Plymouth and Brockton is fifty-five dollars. If you are planning to attend the evening, please call the Parish Center and speak to Terry. There are a total of fifty-five tickets available. We began offering them two weeks ago. There is a month to go and the tickets are already half sold out! So, if you plan on going, call soon.



This week's calendar of saints takes us to Hungary, Italy and the USA. Monday, November 17th is the feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. She was the wife of King Louis VI of Thuringia. She dies in 1231 at the age of twenty-three. She became a Franciscan tertiary, dedicated to the needs of the poor and the sick. Canonized a saint only four years after her death, she is the patroness of the Franciscan Third Order and of Catholic charities. Tuesday, November 18th, besides being the feast of the Dedication of the



Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome, is also the feast of Rose Philippine Duschene. She came from Grenoble, France. She died in 1852 at St. Charles, Missouri at the age of eighty-three. She founded the first American House of the Religious of the Sacred Heart. She opened the first free school west of the Mississippi. Known for her courage and desire to serve Native Americans (or as some now say, native people) the Patawotomi people called her the "woman who prays always." Saturday, the twenty-second of November, we celebrate the feast of the patroness of Church music. It is the feast of St. Cecilia. She suffered martyrdom in Rome, somewhere around the third century. The church in her honor in the Trastevere section of Rome is one of the churches that, if one has the opportunity, should be visited when in Rome, although it is not as spectacular as the major basilicas of the city: (St. Peter's, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran), it is historically significant.

Happy Birthday to Cecilia Wedge as she celebrates her birthday on November 19th. John Wedge marks his day of birth on November 22nd. Geneva Dicks' birthday is shared by someone else who is known by many of the parish. Geneva's "jour de naissance" is on Friday the twenty-first of November, Sharing that birth date with her is Fr. Ed Serena.



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