

Week of October 1, 2023



From Woody: .I have been a sports fan since I was little. My dream was to be a baseball player but when I hit .125 my last year in Little League my dream changed to being a sportscaster, which I did get to do and had lots of fun. I did high school football, basketball and hockey on the air. I did minor league baseball on the air and also Allegheny College football. I also did sports talk show including working with Gay Vernon (daughter of Mickey Vernon) and with legendary Celtics announcer Johnny Most. The vast number of athletes and coaches and managers were very nice people. We lost two great baseball players this past week with the deaths of Brooks Robinson,

Hall of Fame third baseman, and Tim Wakefield, Red Sox Hall of Fame pitcher. it was very very moving to read some of the columns written and to hear the words spoken by those who knew them. Both men were far more than good ballplayers, they were also very nice people. They were supportive of teammates, friendly with members of opposing teams, and also active in raising money for charities like the Jimmy Fund.

I came across a picture the other day which I have put on the church bulletin board of another terrific ball player who is also a great person. The picture is of Rico Petrocelli. It was taken on the night he came as a favor to me to speak at the kickoff of our fundraising campaign for the Marden Building.. i got to know Rico when he did a sports talk show right after my political show on WSMN in Nashua. He is a wonderful Christian gentleman as well as a Red Sox Hall of Fame shortstop. He also did me a favor when Barbi's brother Billy was in a rehab for a broken back, which he injured while building his house. Billy still talks about picking up the phone and being amazed that Rico was the caller on the telephone. There are some jerks in any profession, certainly including athletes. But there are also some very special people who inspire us, not just with their athleticism but also with their kindness and sense of helping others. Rest in peace Tim and Brooks and thanks for how you not only played the game of baseball but also for being terrific human beings. Do take a look at that picture of Rico on the church bulletin board.



The Community Church of New Boston

**Chicken
BBQ Dinner**

**Saturday,
October 7**



Dine In or Take Out

\$16 Full Meal
1/2 chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert

\$12 Half Meal
1/4 chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert

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Time is 5-7 pm

Sign up to work the event:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ADA82EA4F85-chicken2>



Halloween Trick or Treat: Please check your calendars to see if you can help on Halloween Night as we entertain hundreds of trick or treaters coming through the church.



Sanctuary Flowers: Volunteers are needed to provide flowers for the altar on Sunday. There is a signup list outside the office door at church, or you can email Ellen at andersel@njms.rutgers.edu It is a wonderful way to contribute to the service; one can give in memory of someone or some event as well. Just let Ellen know. Flowers can be from your garden, the roadside, or the store. Vases are available in the kitchen if you need one



Peace Quote: . .Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.....Jesus