

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, May 4, 2008

Special Collection Next Sunday

Catholic Relief Fund

Next Sunday, there will be a special collection for the Catholic Relief Fund. We ask all our Parishioners to be as generous as their means will allow.

Mary's Month

May is the month dedicated in a special way to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Have you decided what you want to do specially this month to please her? Nothing would please her more than to start each morning with your attendance at Mass and reception of her Son in Holy Communion. And we are also certain that this will bring you automatically closer to her Divine Son. Try your best to do that much for Mary. If you cannot, try to get hold of a copy of the Memorare and recite it daily.

Mother's Day

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. It behooves us to remember our mothers in the Novena of Masses that will be celebrated in our own beloved Church of the Most Precious Blood beginning on Mother's Day, and

continuing for 9 days. Cards for this are available at the door of the Church as well as in the Sacristy. Please return them before next Sunday, when the Novena begins.

As usual, the St. Anne Society will distribute a little Memento at all the Masses for Mother's Day to the Mothers of the Parish.

Mulberry Street Mall

The Mulberry Street Mall will begin officially next Week-end. Friday about 5 pm, the Mall will begin and run each week-end until the Feast of S. Gennaro, which this year begins on Thursday, September 11, 2008.

We do have a couple of new workers this year helping us on the Mall, and we still can use more. If you are not doing anything, why not volunteer a few hours on a week-end to help the parish. This has become a major source for our income and we are looking to broaden our financial base so that some major repairs can be made to the church within the next two years. We believe that most of our profits from the sale of religious articles will go towards this end, which also includes the air-conditioning of the building. Hopefully, we will have raised close to \$60,000. With the Bicentennial Campaign drive. And other sources have raised about another \$30,000.00 which we do not yet have in our hands, but which we hope to have in our hands within the next couple of

months. And the balance no doubt will have to come from the Feast and the Mall. So, your help is not only welcome but needed..

To Isabella Marie Donovan, the newborn daughter of John F. Donovan and Claudia Gerbasi. Isabella Marie will be baptized by Fr. Fabian on Sunday, May 4, at 11 am, and officially welcomed into our Christian Community. We congratulate John and Claudia on their beautiful daughter and pray that God will bless them and make them a model Christian Family. We are always proud to have them as members of our Parish Family.

St. Theresa Prayer Group

Meets this Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the Church for a half hour of prayer. If you are not too busy, join them.

St. Anne Society

St. Anne Society meets immediately after the St. Theresa Prayer Group in the Rectory about 8 pm also on Wednesday.

St. Anthony Devotions

The Eighth Tuesday in the Novena to St. Anthony will take place this Tuesday, and the devotions will be as usual at 8 am with no homily, at 12:10pm, with a homily, and at 7:30pm also with Mass and homily. Try to attend these devotions.

A Franciscan Pilgrimage

To Italy departing on November 10th to the 20th of this year. Join Fr. Thomas Washburn and Fr. Michael MacGinnis, both Franciscans of our Province, on a spiritual journey through the life of St. Francis and St. Clare in Assisi and Rome. We will visit all of

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the holy sites connected to the life of St. Francis including the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare, La Verna (where he received the Sacred Wounds); Greccio, the scene of the first Christmas Crib and more. The trip will end with a few days in Rome visiting all the major shrines, with an audience with Pope Benedict, Mass at the General Curia of the Franciscans, the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel. This 11 day trip will cost \$2,899.00 For additional information, call Fr. Tom for a brochure at 860-354-2202.

Please let Fr. Tom know that you are from Most Precious Blood Parish in New York, when calling for a brochure, telling him that you saw information in our weekly newsletter.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage

The Archdiocese of New York is also sponsoring a pilgrimage to Italy, taking in Rome, Florence, Tuscany, Assisi, Sienna, and more It departs on October 15 and returns on Oct. 23rd, 2008, and the price is \$3026 per person, plus tax and tips. For a brochure please call 212 810-7567.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Please remember your deceased relatives and friends in your prayers and Masses. Especially during May, remember your deceased Mother.

How To Maintain a Healthy Level of Sanity

Anytime anyone asks you to do something, ask if they want fries with that.

In the "Memo" field of all your checks that you write, print the words: "For Marijuana"

Put Decaf in the Coffee Maker for 3 weeks; once everyone has gotten over their caffeine addiction, switch to Espresso.

Skip down the hall rather than walk. See how many looks you get.

Order a "diet water" whenever you go out to eat, but do so with a serious face.

Specify that your "drive-thru" order is "to go".

Try singing along the next time you go to the Opera.

Tell everyone you got a new car, but you don't want to take it outside so that it will always be new.

Five days in advance, try telling your 5 friends that you cannot attend their party because you have a head ache.

When you next take money out of the ATM. Scream "I won! I won!"

Tell your children over dinner, "Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go."