

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, March 8th, 2009

Daylight Saving Time Begins Today

Time to Change Your Clocks!

If you forgot to change your clocks last night (Saturday) by putting them forward one hour, then remember to do it as soon as you go home because sometime during the night, the United States went on Daylight Saving Time to save money and of course to give us just a little more time to enjoy the spring weather which is on its way. Masses today will be celebrated on Daylight Time.

Cardinal's Appeal

His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan has a little more less than six weeks left as Archbishop of New York before his successor Archbishop Timothy Dolan takes over in April. At just about the same time, the Cardinal's Appeal will draw to a close and he will retire from active work.

We hope that our Parish will be able to reach its goal of \$5,750.00 for the Appeal by that date as well and that we can show him that we are capable of fulfilling the duties placed upon our shoulders in helping the Archdiocese of New York carry its load for another year.

All of our parishioners should have received their literature on the Appeal. Please respond as soon as

possible so that this year, we can reach our goal as soon as possible. If everyone carries a little bit of the burden, it will not be too heavy for anyone. The work of supporting the various charities in the Archdiocese is always present and must be taken care of when the needs arise. We have to give the Archdiocese the means it needs to carry out its work. Resolve today to support our charities. If we do not support them, no one else will. Make your gift mean something today.

Friday Stations of the Cross

Each Friday evening at 7:30, we make the Stations of the Cross during Lent. So far, only a handful of people have been attending these devotions. During Lent, we should make a better effort to make the Stations. It is our way to walk through the sufferings and death of Jesus on the Cross and meditate a little on what it cost the Lord to redeem us. It is a good meditation.

On Good Friday, there is a group who will begin the Stations in downtown Brooklyn, and make them all the way across the Brooklyn Bridge and visit ground Zero concluding the Stations at St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street. Those who are able should try to join them.

13 Tuesdays in Honor of St. Anthony

March 17th is the Feast of St. Patrick, the titular Feast of our Cathedral Church here in New York, as

There is no doubt that in the entire church, there is perhaps no Saint better known to obtain favors from than Anthony of Padua. He lived in the 13th century, at the same time that the rich Little Poor Man of Assisi made his appearance on the plains of Umbria.

So great was St. Anthony of Padua that he was raised to the honors of the altar by canonization in less than one year after his death. And down through the centuries, he has always been known to be a favorite Saint for so many people in every land.

Devotions in our Church will begin on March 17th at 8 am with Mass and Novena Prayers (no homily). At the 12:10 pm Mass and 7:30 pm Mass, we have obtained the services of Fr. Francis Hanudel, O. F. M.

Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony Shrine Church on the west side. He will celebrate the Masses for the Thirteen Tuesdays, preach the homilies at both services and conduct the Novena Services. Resolve now not to miss a Tuesday in preparation for the feast.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Please pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish, and we ask you to please remember in your charity Mrs. Rose Paolini, Fr. Fabian's sister who had an accident and is presently in serious condition.

A Thought To Ponder!

Shall we hire a monument engraver to go to Arlington National Cemetery and add the Missing Words?

A Message from an appalled Observer:

Today I went to visit the new World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. I got an unexpected history lesson. Because I am a baby boomer, I was one of the youngest in the crowd. Most were the age

well as the Patron of the Archdiocese. But it is also the day on which we begin the very Franciscan Devotion of the Thirteen Tuesdays in preparation for the Feast of the great Wonder-Worker, St. Anthony of Padua, whose feast we celebrate with great pomp on June 13th.

of my parents, Veterans of the "greatest war," with their families. It was a beautiful day and people were smiling and happy to be there.

Hundreds of us milled around the Memorial, reading the inspired words of Eisenhower and Truman that are engraved there.

On the Pacific side of the Memorial, a group of us gathered to read the words President Roosevelt used to announce the attack on Pearl Harbor:

"Yesterday, December 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked.

One elderly woman read the words aloud: "With confidence in our armed forces, with the abounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph."

But as she read, she was suddenly turned angry. "Wait a minute," she said, "they left out the end of the quote ... They left out the most important part. Roosevelt ended the message with "SO HELP US GOD."

Her husband said, "You are probably right. We're not supposed to say things like that now."

"I know I am right," she insisted. "I remember the speech." The two looked dismayed, shook their heads sadly and walked away.

Listening to their conversation, I thought to myself, Well, it has been over fifty years. She's probably forgotten.

But she had not forgotten, she was right!!!

I went home and pulled out the book my club is reading - "Flags of Our Fathers" by James Bradley. I haven't gotten too far in the book. It's tough to read because it a graphic description of WWII battles in the Pacific.

But right, there it was on page 58. Roosevelt's speech to the nation ends in "so help us God."

The people who edited out that part of the speech when they engraved it on the Memorial could have fooled me. I was born after the war! But they could

not fool the people who were there. Roosevelt's words are engraved in their hearts.

Now I ask them: "Who gave them the right to change the words of History?????????"

People need to know before everyone forgets. People today are trying to change the history of America by leaving GOD out of it, but the truth is God has been a part of this nation since the very

beginning! And He still wants to be a part of this Nation. And He always will be in spite of the few illiterates who believe that they can dictate to us and to God.

If you are one of them, then God help you. If you are one of us, make sure you spread the word around that God is still very much a part of America and wants to stay here, no matter what anyone says!!!