

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin ^A

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday April 5, 2009

Happy Palm Sunday

Palms Blessed Before Each Mass

Today is Palm Sunday, and this is significant of the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem.

The Bible tells us in several narratives that Jesus was accustomed to go to Jerusalem, like any good practicing Jew, for the great Feasts of the Jewish calendar. But on this occasion, His fame had been on the lips of almost every Jew in his native country, especially His cures of the sick and his patronage of the poor. On this one occasion, which would be his last entry into the Holy City, He chose to enter the City as royalty, but as a poor king, one who would favor all the poor of the land. And in recognition of this fame, the people sang "Alleluia, all praise to the King." and lined the streets with palm branches.

The Church commemorates this great event in the life of Christ by blessing palms and distributing them to the people to be held during the reading of the Passion of Christ during the first day of Holy Week.

In our church, the celebrant of the Liturgy will bless the palms at the beginning of the Mass and then distribute them to the people so that they may have them in their hands during the reading of the Passion.

Holy Week Schedule

Masses will be celebrated at the ordinary times during the first three days of Holy Week. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Masses will be celebrated daily at 8 am, at 12:10pm, and in the case of Tuesday which is the 4th in a series of 13 Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony, one additional Mass at 7:30 in the evening.

On Holy Thursday, NO MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED EXCEPT THAT AT 7:30PM WHICH WILL BE THE MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER. After Mass, the church will be open for visits until 8:30pm.

On Good Friday, the Church will be open at 11 am, followed at 12:00 noon by the Stations of the Cross and finally at 3 pm, the typical Communion Service of Good Friday.

Collections taken at 12noon and at the 3pm service goes to support the Shrines of the Holy Land committed for their maintenance by the Holy See to the Franciscans since the time of St. Frands. We ask you to be as generous as possible in this collection realizing that income for the support of these places made Holy by the life of Christ Himself has been dwindling through the past years due to the political turmoil among the Jews and Arab Palestinians.

The Office is open until 1 pm on Friday.

On Saturday, the Church will be open for visits from 11 am during the entire day. At 5:30pm, the Vigil services will begin and are expected to end around 6:30 that same evening. The Pascal Candle used during the vigil Service was donated by Mary Rizzo and Family.

Good Friday Way Of The Cross

Over the Brooklyn Bridge and ending at Ground Zero, this year will begin at 10 am at the Basilica of St. James in Brooklyn at 250 Cathedral Place, passing through Borough Hall and make its way over the Brooklyn Bridge to Ground Zero, ending at St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street. The event should end by 1:30 pm.

Cardinal's 2009 Appeal

We have made some rapid strides to attain our goal of \$5,775.00 which was set by the Archdiocese of New York for Most Precious Blood Church having collected some \$4,235.00 from 32 donations received.

There is no doubt about the fact that the ones who have given, are few, but most generous, and Fr. Fabian has just written a letter of thanks to these people for having responded so generously and promptly to the Appeal.

But we still need \$1540.00 to go in order to reach the goal. This we know is attainable. The Pastor has also written to other members of the Church who have donated in the past but who have not as yet responded to this year's Appeal. We know that if they answer us as promptly as possible and send in their donations, we will reach our goal hopefully by next week.

If you have received a letter from Fr. Fabian, we ask you to make your sacrificial contribution as soon as you can and thus allow Most Precious Blood to reach its goal for the Appeal in the coming weeks before the retirement of his Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan on April 15.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Please remember the sick and deceased among your relatives and friends. We ask you to especially pray for a friend of Fr. Fabian who was operated on Wednesday of this past week in the city of Pittsburgh. She especially needs our prayers inasmuch as she

has been suffering from stomach pains for the past two years and hopefully the surgery will bring her a certain amount of relief.

Our President Returns

Last Tuesday, our President made his way back to the White House after traveling with his wife, Michelle. As they got off the presidential helicopter in front of the White House, President Obama was seen carrying a baby piglet under each arm.

The squared away Marine guard snapped to attention, salutes and says: "Nice pigs, sir."

The president replies: "These are not pigs ... These are authentic Razorback Hogs. I got one for Secretary of State, Hilary Clinton and I got one for Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi."

The squared away Marine again snaps to attention, salutes and says:

"Excellent trade, sir!"

Old Age!

A woman was said to have told her doctor that her granddaughter asked her what it was like to be old. So she told her.

"Put cotton in your ears, pebbles in your shoes, pull rubber gloves over your hands, and finally smear lots of vaseline of your eyeglasses.

And there you have it: Instant Old Age!"

How To Enjoy Long Life

St. St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in a small town in Eastern Pennsylvania, they have a weekly husbands' seminar on Marriage.

At least week's session, the Pastor asked Luigi, who was approaching his 50th wedding Anniversary to take a few minutes and share some insight into how

he managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Luigi replied to the assembled husbands, "Well I've tried to treata her nice, spenda the moneyu on her, but the best is that I tooka her to Italy for our 25th Wedding Anniversary!"

The priest responded, "Luigi, you are an amazing inspiration to all our husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for her 50th Anniversary."

Luigi proudly replied: I'm agonna go and get her."

The Power To Buy

Now that Congress has made it possible to buy GOLD, somebody should suggest that they make it possible for us to buy groceries.