

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, April 20, 2008

Cardinal's Appeal Near Goal

Appeal Goal is \$5500.00

As of this writing, we have in pledges \$4810.00 and we need to collect only another \$590.00 to reach our goal.

This has indeed been a long and arduous struggle but one that was definitely worth while. We think that the principle reason it took us so long to reach our goal is because of the timing of the Easter Holiday this year, which fell at its earliest possible date, namely on March 23rd. And with Holy Week just preceding it, and so many other little things going on, it just did make the struggle a little bit harder to attain than usual. We still haven't heard from several others that usually do help us attain that goal, so we think that this will be done in the very near future as we have written all of them letters as well as the Cardinal, himself also dropped them a line reminding them to get their pledges in as soon as possible so that the Parish could realize its goal.

Parish Received \$8,400.23

Many thanks, to all our wonderful parishioners who sent in their pledges and are trying their best to fulfill their promise to help us with our Parish Bicentennial Campaign. We are hoping that everyone will finish their pledge on time so that we

can make all our improvements. New Pledges and additional gifts are always most welcome. Up to the present time, our pledges and gifts totaled \$54,467.80 and during this past week we received an additional payment of \$8,400.23, which was added to \$10,555.99 which was received in January of this year. Of the Total pledged, \$54,467.80, as of the end of March, 2008, the amount paid was \$29,267.77. Deducted from that amount last year was the total Cardinal's Appeal for 2007 which we did not have in our Parish for the simple reason that we thought it was too much to ask our Parishioners to contribute to the Campaign and to the Appeal. The amount deducted was \$5,450.00. Also deducted were the Printing and Postage costs on the part of the Archdiocese of New York which came to \$98.00. The Archdiocese also subtracted \$4,763.55 to be distributed to needy parishes. Adding all of those figures will bring us to the total collected of \$29,267.77.

This is a great tribute to your generosity and loyalty to your Parish and Archdiocese, and our Archdiocese as well as our Parish Staff thank you so much.

St. Anthony Devotions

The Thirteen Tuesdays continues each week and services are held without a Homily at the 8 am Mass on Tuesdays, and at the 12:10pm Mass and 7:30pm

Mass on Tuesdays. Come and bring and friend to these devotions.

Due increased costs involved in materials and especially in shipping, Perpetual Mass Cards Stipends have increased to \$15.00 and the Annual Mass Cards have increased to \$10.00. Appointed Masses remain at \$15.00 These increases went into effect as of April 1, 2008. (This increase was NOT initialized by our Parish but by the Mission Office of the Franciscan Friars on Thompson Street.).

Atlantic City Trip

The next trip to Atlantic City will be on Monday, April 21. If you are one of those interested in going, please give Mary Frattini a call at 212- 242-0195. She will be more than happy to give you all the information you require on this trip.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

If you are among those celebrating their 50th Anniversary of your Marriage this year (you would have been married in 1958), register at our office to go to St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, May 18 to personally receive a congratulatory scroll from His Eminence, Cardinal Egan. You must register at our rectory before May 2nd.

Downey Side - Families For Youth

This is a non-profit organization which seeks to place youth from 7 to 17 into homes for adoption by either married or single parents.

Application fees includes training, home study, support, and searching for your child. Monthly subsidies are available for adoptive parents. This organization is America's answer for Adoption of older children since 1967. Interested parties should call 718-822-2343.

Increase of Stipends

Don't Mess With Children

A kindergarten teacher was discussing the ten commandments with her 5 and 6 year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy father and thy mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat, one little boy (the oldest of four children) answered, 'Thou shalt not kill.'

A Sunday school teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The Teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.'

Without missing a beat, the little girl continued her drawing and replied, 'They will in a minute.'

One day, a little girl was sitting and watching her mother doing the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?' Her mother replied. Well every time you do something wrong and make me cry, one of my hairs turns white.'

The little girl thought about this revelation for a moment and then said, "Mommy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to talk them each to buy a copy of the group picture. 'Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say: There's Jennifer - she's a lawyer, or That's Michael, - he's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out "And there's the teacher, - she's dead."

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of

the table was a large pile of apples. The nun make a note and posted on the apple tray: 'Take only ONE. GOD is watching.' Moving further along the lunch line at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood in the human body. Trying to make the matter somewhat clearer, she said, ' Now class, if I stood on my head, the blood would run into it and my face would turn red.' "Yes." said the class. Then why doesn't my blood run into my feet when I am standing up.

A little fellow proudly standing up shouted: "Cause your feet ain't empty."