

# Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, May 25, 2008

## Memorial Day!

### Celebration on Monday

This year, for the first time, we shall be celebrating an outdoor Memorial Mass in the Courtyard of the Friary on Mulberry Street at 12 Noon for the intention of all our young men in the Armed Services who lost their lives, especially in Iraq and Afganistan in our recent war against Terrorism.

We shall likewise remember all those who lost their lives in the attack on the World Trade Center.

We shall especially pray during the Mass that Terrorism will soon be conquered and that the sons and daughters of our American Families will return in good health to their loved ones to enjoy a life of peace and tranquility that they fought so hard to enjoy.

At 2:00 pm, a Squad of Young Marines from the U.S. Marine Corps will be with us to honor the dead in our Courtyard with a Military Service which will last about a half hour or so. They will be presented at the end of the Service with Silver Medals of St.Christopher by Fr. Fabian Grifone to keep them safe from all harm while they are in the service of their country with the assurance that we shall likewise keep them in our hearts and prayers.

### St. Anthony Devotions & Feast

We come to the last three weeks of our 13 Weeks of Devotions in preparation for the Feast of the great Wonder-Worker of Padua, namely, St. Anthony. Devotions are held each Tuesday after the 8 am Mass, after the 12:10pm Mass, and finally in the evening after the 7:30pm Mass. Try to make the last three weeks of this devotion to prepare yourselves well for the celebration of this great Feast. The Feast being celebrated on Mulberry Street from Broome Street to Spring Street is sponsored by the St. Anthony Society of Giovinazzo, Italy. Next Sunday, they will celebrate a Solemn Mass at 12 Noon, followed by a Solemn Procession of the Statue through the Streets of Little Italy. We ask you also to patronize the Feast as the members will appreciate a visit from you at this very important celebration of their Patron. They are also very good to Most Precious Blood Church. Many of them volunteer many hours of labor on their own accord during the Mall and Feast.

### Sacred Heart Devotions On Wednesday

At 7:30pm,. there will be Devotions to the Sacred Heart sponsored by the St. Anne's Society. If you are free, try to attend these devotions. Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Try to keep the day holy by attendance at Mass.

## Church Benefit Raffle

Last week, we already started to sell the Raffle Tickets which will benefit the Restoration Fund of Most Precious Blood Church. If anyone of you would like to purchase tickets at \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00 please see anyone in the Sacristy, Friar Dominic or Angela, or Fr. Fabian. Also, if there is anyone who would like to take some books and try to sell them for us in their work places or any other place they may go need only ask us for the books and we will be happy to supply you with as many as you would like. We need as many sellers as possible. The tickets sell themselves as they are not too expensive being only \$2. Or 3 for \$5. We need someone who will also start taking the tickets to the businesses in the area. They probably will be happy to help out.

## Special Collection Next Week.

Next Sunday, there will be a Special Collection taken up in all our churches to help the victims of the human misery and physical devastation that took place caused by the cyclone in Myanmar, as well as the earthquake in China.

All money contributed by our Parish will be forwarded to the Catholic Bishops in those suffering areas as soon as possible. We beg you to be as generous as possible.

## Atlantic City Bus

The next bus goes on June 16th, and if you are interested, please give Mary Frattini a call at 212-242-0195.

## Parish Sick & Deceased

Remember to keep your friends and relatives who are no longer with us in your prayers - they need them more than ever.

## Who Is This Man We Call Jesus?

In Chemistry, he turned water into WINE

In Physics, He was born without the normal manner of conception.

In Physics, He disproved the law of diminishing returns by feeding 5000 men (not including women and children) with 2 fishes and 5 loaves of bread.

In Medicine, He cured the sick and the blind WITHOUT administering a single dose of drugs.

In History, He is the beginning and the end.

In Government, He said He shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Prince of Peace.

In Religion, He said that no one comes to the Father except through Him.

So who is He?

The Greatest Man in History! Jesus had no servants, and yet they all called Him "Master".

He never entered a classroom, and yet they all called Him "Teacher."

He never touched medicine. Yet they all called Him "Healer."

He had NO army, yet KINGS feared Him.

He won not a single military battle, and yet conquered the world.

He committed not a single crime, and yet he was pronounced guilty of capital punishment and was crucified.

He was buried in a tomb that was not even His own and yet He lives on today.

Who is Jesus?

He was the Son of the Most High God Who came to us to save each of us through adoption into a sect that was persecuted for years, he became our Savior Who was not afraid to be lifted up for our sins; and yet told us that He loved us even if it cost Him His life.

## Tomato Garden

An old Italian lived alone in NJ wanting to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult as the ground was very hard. His only son, Vinnie was in prison so he wrote him a letter:

Dear Vinnie,

I feel real sad because I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I am too old to be digging but I know if you were here, you would be happy to dig it.

Love, Poppa.

A few days later he got a letter from his son:

Dear Pop,

Don't dig the back yeard. That's where all the bodies are buried.

Love, Vinnie

Promptly at 4 am. The FBI showed up and dug up the entire garden without finding a body

A second letter arrived in which Vinnie wrote:

Dear Pop, now you can plant your tomatoes. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.