

# Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, June 22, 2008

## Feast of St. John on Tuesday

### Precursor of the Christ

This coming Tuesday is the celebration of the Church of the Birthday of St. John the Baptist, who was the cousin of Jesus and the Precursor as well. He spent his early life preparing himself for his Mission to announce to the world that the Messiah was on the brink of His arrival, and preached to all the people a Baptism of repentance. Thus they would prepare themselves spiritually for the long awaited Messiah. But for the most part, the Jewish leaders did not listen to John because he preached a spiritual preparation for a Spiritual Messiah who would come to save the Jews from their sins. They were looking more for a political Messiah who would come to liberate them from the yoke of the Romans and make them the temporal rulers of the world.

John's Mission was to prepare the people, and once that was accomplished, he was imprisoned and finally beheaded. We celebrate this Tuesday not the day of his spiritual rebirth into the next life but rather his birth into this life because he was sanctified in the womb of his mother Elizabeth when Mary had come to visit her to announce the fact that she too was pregnant. He is the only person outside of Christ Himself whose birthday we celebrate,

rather than the day of their death or entry into the next life.

We might remember that even Jesus remarked about John the Baptist that no greater man than he walked the face of the earth. That is quite a tribute coming from the Son of God Himself!

### Fund Raiser Raffle

Tickets are being sold each week after all of our Masses for the Fund-Raiser which is being sponsored by the Parish to raise funds to complete a myriad of repairs that must be done on the physical plant of the church's outside to stop the damage on the inside of the Church.

It seems that much dampness and water had been able to make its way through the walls and into the very foundation of the building. Most of the exterior of the Church must be waterproofed if the church is to survive! The Church likewise needs much work to be done on the stained glass windows - these haven't been touched since they were erected. At the time of the renovation of the church back in 1997, we did repair one of the windows at a cost of two thousand dollars. But the rest of the windows now must be done as well. And the gutters have to be replaced so that water coming down the

gutters will not affect the walls of the church but go into the drainage system.

And after much of this work is completed, then the interior of the church which has been somewhat ruined by the heavy rains of these past couple of years can be redone before too much

## Rosary Makers

The request for rosaries in parishes, schools, hospitals and the Military as well as the Missions throughout the world is very igh, and there are not enough people making and distributing rosaries to meet the demand. If you would like to become a Rosary Maker, please call (502) 968-1434. It is a perfect way to spend your time and at the same time help spread devotion to Our Lady. Please call before 4 pm any day of the week.

## Atlantic City Trip

The next ride to Atlantic City will be on Monday, July 21. If you are interested in going, get in touch with Mary Frattini at 212 -242-0195 and she will be happy to give you details on the trip as a reserved seat.

## Candles Available

Atlar Candles are available for the month of July and August as well and for the month of November. In July, the Sanctuary Candle is likewise available. Should anyone be interested, please get in touch with Fr. Fabian or Angela. The Annual Candles that were available are now all taken.

## Are YOU a Follower of Christ?

more damage is done. That is why we need to raise as much cash as possible so that all of this work can be done and save this beautiful Church.

We ask everyone to please support the raffle because we can raise a good amount of money by the support of everyone concerned.

How can YOU be sure that YOU are a true follower of Christ? One way to know is if you live the law of LOVER. Did He not say: "If you love one another as I have loved you, you will be my disciples." And: "This is how all men will know that you are my disciples: that you have love one for another!"

Show Love! You did this when you demonstrate a concern and compassion for the needs of others before your own.

Value Love! You are not satisfied with what the world offers. Instead, you value those things that can only come from God. And the Greatest of these is LOVE!

Act With Love: When we come face to face with Jesus, He will say, I was hungry and you fed me. I was Thirsty and you gave me drink. A was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Then He will say to YOU, "Come you who are blessed by My Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!"

## Parish Sick & Deceased

Remember to pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish, especially your own relatives and friends. Also keep in your prayers the intentions of all those who ask us to be remembered in our prayers and Masses.

## Making People Happy!

It seems that a plane was chartered to fly all three Presidential Candidates to a debate in the West. And they were all very comfortably seated

in the body of this chartered plane discussing how to make people happy.

Barack Obama, the youngest of them all, looked at Hillary, chuckled and said, "You know, I could throw a \$1,000.00 bill out of the window of this plane right now and make somebody extremely happy."

Hillary shrugged her shoulders and turned to him and replied, "I could throw 10 \$100.00 bills out of the window and make ten people very happy."

John McCain, not to be out done, was very quick to add: "That being the case, I could throw one hundred \$10.00 bills out of the window of this plane and make a hundred people very happy also."

Hearing their exchange, the pilot rolled his eyes and said to co-pilot, "Such big Shots back there. I could through all three of them out the window and make 156 million people very happy."