

# Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

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## Black & Indian Mission Collection Today!

### Second Collection

Today is for the Black and Indian Missions. Remember that the Church teaches that in all our activities, we must seek to preach and act in ways that lead to greater justice for all people. Each and every human being is truly a living stone that builds the church daily and becomes a stepping stone of encouragement and joy to those whose hearts are always searching.,

The 2008 Black and Indian Mission Collection will be taken up today in all of our Churches throughout the United States to help achieve the success of equality among peoples. YOU HAVE HELPED TO BRING THIS ABOUT THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY. We hope and pray that you will be equally generous in today's collection so that we will be able to continue our work among these peoples and realize the end which is success in equality for all men. May God bless your generosity now as in the past.

### Our Fund-raising Raffle!

To date, we have sold over seven hundred tickets for our Fund-raiser. Much, much more can be done in this regard. We beg all of our parishioners, not only to purchase raffle books themselves, but also to ask for some to sell among your friends and relatives

who might live in other boros. We are trying to raise a minimum of a \$30,000.00 on this raffle and if we all get behind it, we can do it. We need every penny that we can get for work to be done on our Church walls, windows and roof, as well as the tower, in order to avoid greater damage to the structure in the coming years. The rains this year have racked havoc on these parts of our church and if we do not correct the minimal damage done on the Building at this time, we will pay for it in the future. But it must be done NOW in order to avoid further damage.

In the meantime, we are tightening our belts and trying to save as much as possible so that all of our money raised in the sale of our religious items will help us reach our goal, as well as the funds raised during the San Gennaro Festival. And we are also appealing to outside help for donations to help our cause.. But we have to show that we are doing our part right here and now in and for our own Church. You cannot expect others to support us if we do not support our own.

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr. Tom McNamara, A Capuchin Franciscan who is stationed at St. Joseph the Worker Church in East Patchogue, Long Island, is leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, departing JFK on January 11, 2009 and will visit Galilee, Jordan River, Masada, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem Nazareth and Jerusalem, as well as other points of interest. Anyone desiring to go should

contact him at the parish or call Mike Milano at M and M Travel at 1800-773-2660

## Independence Day

This past Friday, we celebrated our National Holiday called Independence Day. We hope that all of us spent some time during that day to ponder over the many privileges we have and enjoy merely by being citizens of this great country. In spite of so many misgivings, we generally speaking are a happy people who have a bed to sleep in every night, food on the table every day, and clothing on our backs to keep us protected from the weather of cold or heat. We are also free to leave our homes and worship our God in the way we have been brought up, or at least according to our own conscience. We are also free to accept our government or come next November, to reject those in power and place others in power whom we think will do a better job for their constituents. There is so much that we can be thankful for that we just take for granted. Independence Day should remind us of what our forefathers did to guarantee that we have the above rights and that no one should take them away. Do we appreciate this fact or just take it for granted?

## Atlantic City Bus On July 21

If you are interested, please call Mary Frattini at 212-242-0195 for information on the bus ride and she will fill you in on the particulars and give you a reserved seat.

## Parish Sick & Deceased

Pray for the Sick and deceased of the Parish. They are always in need of your prayers and the day will come when you might be among them requesting our prayers.

## Did You Know? I didn't Know ....

That 47 countries have re-established their embassies in Iraq?

That the Iraqi government currently employs 1.2 million Iraqi people?

That 310 schools have been renovated ? 364 schools are under rehabilitation, and 38 new schools have been completed in Iraq?

That a high educational structure consists of 20 Universities, 46 Colleges, and 4 research Centers, and all are currently operating at 100%?

That 25 Iraqi students departed for the United States in January 2005 for the re-established Fulbright Program?

That the Iraqi Navy is operational? They have 5 - 100 foot patrol crafts, 34 smaller vessels and a naval infantry regiment.

That Iraq's Air Force consists of three operating squadrons which includes 9 reconnaissance and 3 US C-130 transport aircraft (under Iraqi operational control) which operates day and night, and will soon add 16 UH helicopters and 4 Bell Jet Rangers?

That Iraq has a counter-terrorist Unit and a Commando Battalion?

That Iraqi Police Service has over 55,000 fully trained and equipped officers?

That there are 5 Police Academies in Iraq that produce over 3500 new officers every 8 weeks.

That there are more than 1100 building projects going on in Iraq, which includes 364 schools, 67 public clinics, 15 hospitals, 83 railroad stations, 22 oil facilities, 93 water facilities, and 69 electrical facilities.

That 96% of Iraqi children are presently under the age of 5, and they have all received their first 2 series of polio vaccinations?

That 4.3 million Iraqi children were enrolled in primary school by this past October 2007?

That there are over 1,192,000 cell phone subscribers in Iraq and phone use has increased by 158%

That Iraq has an independent Media that consists of 75 Radio Stations, 180 Newspapers, and 10 Television Stations?

That Baghdad Stock Exchange opened in June of the year 2004?

And also that 2 candidates for the Iraqi Presidency publicly televised for the first time recently a debate on public television for the entire country to witness?

Why didn't we know?

Because OUR MEDIA WOULD NOT TELL US THESE THINGS. IT SHOWED THE PROGRESS THAT OUR TROUPS HAVE BEEN MAKING IN IRAQ, but they wished to emphasize the flag, burning in Abu Ghraib , or perhaps the people throwing rocks at the President's Car. But they wouldn't show you the love that the Iraqi people have for the USA.

Tragically, the lack of accentuating the positive in Iraq serves two purposes:

1) to undermine the world's perception of the USA, thus minimizing consequent support, and 2) It is intended to discourage US citizens. Be a Good citizen & pass this information to everyone.