

# Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday August 9, 2009

## Special Collection Today

### For Latin America & Home

#### Missions

The Second Collection Today will be taken up for two different Causes, that of Spreading the Faith in Latin America, as well as taking care of our own Home Missions

There are isolated regions of the United States, such as in the deep south and midwest as well as in the southwestern parts as well as in Alaska where parishes lack the personnel and funding for even the most basic Pastoral Services. YOU can make a difference by contributing to the special collection today which will help educate seminarians and bring the Word of God to these outlying posts.'

At the same time, the Church in Latin America which was always rooted in deep Catholicism is suffering today for lack of personnel. They have plenty of their own vocations to send to these places, but they do not have the means or money to educate them. Your free will donation today will help them as well. And please remember to say a special prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas who will always look out for these peoples whom she dearly loves. Ask her to enlighten the hearts of many young men to answer the call of Christ to serve Him well in the vineyard.

#### Fund Raiser Raffle

Tickets for sale to help us raise money for the necessary repairs to our Church are available at the door of the Church weekly. We would hope that each of our parishioners during these summer months will find it in their

heart to buy a book of tickets. We have to try to do our best to raise as much of this cash as possible this year, and hopefully, we will have enough at the end of this year to put away as a down payment for the massive repairs to the Church Building. Other means of raising cash are now being explored so that the entire burden will not fall on the shoulders of the Parish. By purchasing raffle tickets, you not only are buying a chance to win in this drawing, but are helping us in the long run to save the edifice of our place of worship.

So many visitors who visit our Church every week think we are most fortunate to have such a beautiful place of worship, a place where we can retreat when we wish to, and in a true spirit of prayer, uplift our hearts and mind to Our Savior Who has been so good to each of us. Our Church was built after the style of the old Italian basilicas and it truly lends to an atmosphere of prayer. We are so very fortunate to have this at our fingertips, and we cannot afford to lose it.

#### Assumption of Mary

Saturday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Inasmuch as this feast falls on a Saturday, there is NO OBLIGATION to attend Mass. However, we will still have two Masses celebrating this great Feast - one will be held on Friday evening at 5:30 pm and the other will be celebrated at 12 Noon on Sunday. Out of love for our

Blessed Mother, we should all attend Mass on that Day

On Sunday (today) August 9th) there will be a procession of the Statue of Mary through the streets of lower Manhattan sponsored by Transfiguration Church. The procession will begin at 1:45 at Transfiguration, and go on to St. Theresa's Church, St. James, then to St. Joseph's, Most Precious Blood, and then to St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, before returning to Transfiguration for Benediction followed by a reception.

## Neighborhood Meeting

On Wednesday, August 19th, there will be a public meeting of the Chinatown/Little Italy Historic District in our Church Auditorium at 6:30 pm. During this meeting, a program will be drawn up declaring these two neighborhoods as truly historic in the City of New York, and as such will be subject to receive Federal and State grants for improvements which will redound to our areas.

## Banns of Marriage

For the First time we announce the banns of marriage of Sandor Hau, son of Andrew and Young Imm to Eleanore Kim of Hawn and Young Choi. They intend to marry in our Church on September 5 of this year.

## Parish Sick & Deceased

Please pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish and especially those of your own relative who might be most in need of those prayers.

## The Gingham Dress

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit, stepped off the train in Cambridge, Mass and walked timidly without an appointment into Harvard University President's outer office. The Secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard and probably didn't even deserve to be in Cambridge.

"We'd like to see the President," the man said softly.

"He'll be busy all day," snapped the secretary.

"We'll wait." the lady timidly replied.

even though we are not obliged to.

For hours, the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would finally become discouraged and go away. They didn't, and the

Secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the president, even though it was a chore she always regretted. "Maybe if you see them for a few minutes, they'll leave.," she said to him.

He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obviously didn't have the time to spend with them, and he detested gingham dresses and homespun suits cluttering up his outer office. The president, stern-faced and with all his dignity, strutted toward the couple.

The lady spoke up: "We have a son who attended Harvard for one year. He loved Harvard. He was happy here. But about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him somewhere on campus."

The president wasn't touched. He was shocked. "Madam, he said, gruffly, we cannot put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery."

"Oh, no," the lady explained quickly. "We don't want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to give a building to Harvard."

The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and the homespun suit, and then exclaimed: "A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars in the physical buildings here at Harvard."

For a moment the lady was silent. The president was pleased. Maybe he could get rid of them now. The lady turned to her husband and said quietly, "Is that all it costs to start a University? Why don't we just start our own?"

Her husband nodded. The president's face wilted in confusion and bewilderment.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford got up and walked away, traveling to Palo Alto California where they established the university that bears their name, Stanford University, a memorial to a son that Harvard no longer cared about.

From this we can very easily see how some people might judge the character of others by how they treat those who think they can do nothing for them

The above is a true story by Malcolm Forbes.

"People will forget what you said, they may also forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

## How Smart Is Your Right Foot?

1. Try lifting your right foot off the floor and make circles clockwise.
2. Now while you are doing this, get a pen in your hand and draw the number "6" in the air.

You will notice that immediately your right foot will change its direction.

And there is nothing you can do about it! You and I both know how stupid this is but before the day is over you will try this over and over again, but always with the same result !!! It's pre-programmed in your brain!

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