

# Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

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## Only 3 Weeks To Go

For S. Gennaro Feast

We can hardly believe that we are a mere three weeks away from the Opening Day of the San Gennaro Feast of 2009. It seemed so far away and now we find ourselves at the brink of the Opening Day.

Of course, we need as many volunteers as we can get to help us with the Shrine Statue, selling Raffle tickets for the Fund Raise which will be raffled off on the last day of the Feast and finally, which is most important at this moment, in selling our religious items in the courtyard. All of these are important as they will help to support the church for the coming fiscal year of 2009 - 2010.

If you are able to contribute your time and energy, please advise us if you can work every day, or which days you will not be able to come in, as well as which hours you can work. As we can easily conclude that we will not need as many workers during the day as in the evenings, except perhaps on week-ends of the Feast.

This year, the Feast of San Gennaro falls on a Saturday and as such, it will most likely attract more visitors and devotees than usual. The feast Day Mass will be celebrated on the 19th at 3:00 pm, followed by the procession through the Streets of Little Italy. There is no doubt that many workers will also be needed to collect donations during the actual procession. As well as during the Parade on September 12, the first Saturday of the Feast.

## Fund Raiser Raffle

We are still struggling to sell tickets for the Fund Raiser Raffle. Each week-end during and after the Masses, we have women at the door of the church to make it more convenient for our parishioners to buy these tickets, and the results have been sad, indeed. We don't think we even sold a hundred tickets to this date. It gives anyone the impression that our people just do not care about supporting this particular endeavor.

If we look around the interior of the Church today, we see (unless we are blind) that much leaves to be desired in the repairs that are necessary in our Parish Church. The fact of the interior being in much need of repainting points to the fact that the exterior of the Church stands in great need of repair, especially the Stained glass windows which must all be removed and re-lead and re-sealed into place. Without this work and a good sealant applied to the outer bricks of the building, we cannot begin to redecorate the interior. And unless we have the cash in advance, we just cannot begin to do this work. Our support for this Fund-Raiser will go a long way in raising money that we need to commence our work.

Each member of the parish should seriously think about taking at least one book of tickets for this raffle. Those who are able should even purchase a second or third book. You would thus be helping to support this endeavor of the Parish and aid in the success of this Fund Raiser.

1. ~~Historic~~ Feast of S. Gennaro
2. Fund Raiser Raffle.
3. Little Italy & Chinatown to be declared Historic Neighborhoods.
4. Banns of Marriage
5. Parish Sick & Deceased.

## Historic Neighborhood

Through the efforts of Victor Papa, a former Parishioner of Most Precious Blood Church, and very much an Activist for the Little Italy Neighborhood, Our own Little Italy and

Chinatown met in our Auditorium this past Wednesday to take the final steps in having these two neighborhoods declared officially as HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS, and this become eligible for Federal grants and many other favors that will make our neighborhood a better place to live. This is much better than having any particular building named as a Historic Landmark, which would then place that area or building into the hands of the Landmark Committee. Hoppefulluy this will be accomplished in time for the Opening of the S. Geennaro Feast this year and publicize it at that time as well. We have Mr. Papa to thank for his tireless efforts on our behalf.

## Banns of Marriage

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the 3rd and final time between Sandor Hau of Andrew and Young Imm, with Eleanore Kim of Hahn and Young Choi. They expect to be married in our church on September 5.

## Parish Sick & Deceased

Remember to pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish as well as all of our own relatives and friend. Please in your charity, remember the souls of Bishop Nicholas D'Antonio OFM, former Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans who was also a member of our franciscan Province of the Immaculate Conception. He was buried in New Orleans. Also remember in your prayers the soul of Frank Mastropasqua, who after a prolonged illness with Cancer, passed away Wednesday morning, August 19th. He was buried from his own Parish Church, but was a member of the St. Anthony Society and was many times in our church.

## Think Twice Before You Vote

An Airport Ticket Office in the District of Columbia offers some examples of "why" our country is in trouble.

1. A New Hampshire Congresswoman (Carol Shea-Porter) asked for an aisle seat so that her hair would get messed up by being near a window (on an airplane, no less).

2. A call was received from a Kansas Congressman's (Moore) Staffer (Howard Bauleke), who wanted to go to Capetown. I started to explain the length of the flight and the Passport Information, and then he uinterrupted me with, I'm

not trying to make you look stupid, but Capetown is in Massachusetts."

Without trying my best to make him look stupid, I calmly explained, "Cape Cot is in Massachusetts; Capetown is in Africa.

3. A Senior Vermont Congressman (Bernie Sanders) called, furior about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando. He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to eclplain that's not possible since Orlando is in the middle of the State.

He replied to me: "Don't lie to me, I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state.

4. I got a call from a lawmaker's wife asking, "Is it possible to see England frojmCanada?"

I said, "No!"

She replied, "But theylook so close on the map."

5. An Illinois Congresswoman (Jan Schakoowsky) called last week. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit eft at 8:30 am, and arrive in Chicago at 8:33 am.. I explained to her thatmichigan was an hour ahead oif Illinois, but she couldn't understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went fast, and she bought that.

6. An aide for a cabinet member (Janet Napolitano once called and asked if he could rent a car in Dallas. I pulled up the reservation and noticed he had only an hour layover in Dallas. When I asked him why he wanted the to rent a car, he said, "I heard Dallas was a big airport and we will need a car to drive between gates to save time."

7. I New York Lawmaker (Jerrold Nadler) called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage belongs to whom?" I said: "No, why do you ask?" He replied: "Well, when i checked with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage, that said (FAT) ,and I'm overweight. I think that's very rude.'

After putting him on hold for a minute, (while I looked into it,) I came back and explained to him that the city code for Fresno, CA is FAT - Fresno Air Terminal) and the airline was just putting a destination tag on his luggage.

8. An aide to John Kerry (Lindsay Ross) called tio inquire about a trip package to Hawaii. After going over allthe cost info, she asked: "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take a train to Hawaii?"

9. A New Jersey Congressman (John Adler) called to make reservations: "I want to go from Chicago to Rhino, New York." I was at a loss for words, Finally I said, "Are you sure that is the name of the town?" He replied, "Yes, what flights do you have?" After some searching, I came back with: "I'm sorry, sir, but I've looked up every airport code in the country and can't find a Rhino, NY." The man retorted:: "Oh, don't

be silly everyone knows where it is, just look up your map."  
So I scoured the map and finally offered: Do you Mean  
"Buffalo" His reply: Whatever! I knew it was a big animal."

YES, THEY WALK AMONG US & ARE IN POLITICS.  
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