

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, August 31, 2008

2nd Collection Today for Fr. Jose

Fr. Jose Returns To Philippines

Fr. Jose will be talking to you today at all of the Masses on behalf of his Mission in the Philippines to which he will be returning this week after preaching at various churches in the tri-state area during these summer months. We ask you to be as generous as possible to Fr. Jose's Mission. He is a hard working priest and need all the help he can get.

The Maryknoll Fathers

Will be here next Sunday to preach at all of the Masses on behalf of their Missions. This is an appointment of the Archdiocese of New York for the Mission Cooperative Plan. We hope that he will be well received by our people and that they will be generous in this Mission Appeal.

The Mulberry Mall Ends

With the coming week-end, the Mulberry Street Mall comes to an end for the summer Months of 2008. Even though we suffered greatly with heavy rains almost every week-end during the summer months

with the exception of very few, we were still fortunate enough to have been very successful in selling our religious articles to those who wished to buy them, and especially the rosaries were our biggest seller. It is certainly a great consolation to see so many Catholic (and many times, non-Catholic as well) turn to religion, stop at our stand in front of the friary and purchase an item or two. Many non-Catholics were curious about the Rosary and asked how it was said and our reasons for devotion to Mary. And many were very impressed.

And it was very consoling to come across so many Catholics who made purchases and told us to keep the change (sometimes amounting to several dollars) for the church. Our thanks and prayers for their well-being are without ceasing. We were also able to hear so many confessions of our Catholics who had not had the chance to go for years, in some cases. And we were definitely instrumental in their return to their religious practices.

Tomorrow (Monday) is Labor Day

There will be no Masses celebrated tomorrow inasmuch as it is Labor Day, a National Holiday. The friary office will likewise be closed so try to hold Parish business over until this coming Tuesday when the office will reopen at 9 am.

First Friday and First Saturday

This coming Friday and Saturday is First Friday and First Saturday respectively. During the summer months, no formal devotions will be held and therefore

S. Gennaro Feast

The S. Gennaro will be upon us one week from this coming Thursday. The Feast will formally open with the Solemn celebration of a Memorial Mass for all victims of 9/11 on this, the 7th anniversary of that terrorist attack. We ask as many of our parishioners to come and pray for those who died in that attack, as well as to beg our Lord to safeguard us from any and all future attacks by terrorists. We might also thank him for having brought some sort of peace to the Middle East and hope that the war there will be soon brought to a close.

We then will proceed after the Mass to bless the outdoor Shrine of S. Gennaro followed by the Blessing of the Stands.

Help is needed during the Feast. Please see Fr. Fabian or Angela if you will help. If you haven't as yet bought your Raffle Tickets for the Fund Raiser, please do so as soon as possible.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish, especially your own relatives and friends who might be in need of your prayers. There are so many people out in the world who are seriously ill and drop by to ask us for prayers. Please keep them in yours as well.

Government Contractors

Three contractors bid to fix a broken fence at the White House in D.C. One was from Kentucky, another from Tennessee and the 3rd was from Georgia. They

we admonish you to make your devotions privately. The Padre Pio Prayer Group will resume its meetings on the First Saturday in October.

As we enter the final weeks of summer, please try to remember that we should not take a holiday from our spiritual obligations, especially those of Mass and Holy Communion. Try to get there weekly.

went up to the White House to examine the fence. The Georgia contractor took out a tape measure, and then started working with some figures with a pencil.

"Well," he says, "I figure the job will run about \$900.; \$400. for materials, \$400. for labor, and \$100.00 profit for me."

"The Tennessee contractor also did some measuring and figuring then said: "I can do this job for \$700. - \$300. For material, \$300 for labor, and \$100.00 for me.

The Kentucky contractor doesn't measure or figure anything. But he leans over to the White House official and whispers: \$2,700.00.

The official incredulously asks "You didn't measure or figure. How did you come up with such a high estimate?"

The Kentucky contractor whispers back: \$1000.00 for me, \$1000.00 for you, and we let the guy from Tennessee do the work."

Yesterday & Winter

It seems just like yesterday that I was young and embarking on my new life, and yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know I lived them all .. And I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But here it is ... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go? Where did my youth go?

I remember well, seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But here it is

My age has begun to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought

we'd be. Each day now, I find that just taking a show is a real target for me, and that taking a nap is not a treat any more, – it has almost become a necessity. Because if I don't any more, I just fall asleep wherever I might be.

And so now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things for myself that I always did. But at least I know that even though the winter has come, there are many things I am have to have done in my life. Its all in a lifetime!

So if you are not in your winter yet, ... let me remind you that it will be fast than you think. So whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do so quickly because life goes by too quickly.

So do what you can today because you can never be sure whether this is your winter. You can never be sure you will see all the seasons of your life.

So live for God today, and say all the things you want your loved ones to hear and remember you by!