

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Litter Itally Newslet

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Feast Comes to An End!

Feast Started on 9/11

Although the Feast of San Gennaro began on September 11th, which this year caused many people not to come out to the Feast on the first day in respect to those who lost their lives on that terrible day, and then on the second day, Friday, it rained practically for the full 24 hours, after that, it seems that St. Gennaro answered our our prayers and came through for all of us by giving us days of beautiful sun and very perfect weather.

We should remember at all times, however, that St. Gennaro is the Patron of Naples Italy, and the reason why the Neopolitans have always been faithful to him is because He has always protected them from any and all disasters. If we ask St. Gennaro to protect the citizens of our fair city from any and all disasters, we are certain that St. Gennaro will come through for us as well.

To all our visitors who chose to visit the Feast of 2008, we thank them for coming to New York, we thank them for visiting us in Little Italy, and especially we thank them for all that they did to help Most Precious Blood Church with their offerings and prayers. We assure them that they will not be forgotten and during this coming year, we shall remember them often at the Sacrifice of the Mass and whenever we raise our hearts and minds to God.

Finally, we wish them Godspeed and safety in their return to their homes. And ask them to remember us kindly in their prayers.

And we hope that they enjoyed the feast of St. Gennaro this year and will always want to return to New York and Little Italy in the years to come. God bless all of our visitors and grant them a safe return to their city

The Winner of the Raffle

Due to the fact that the Pastor has had to write this Bulletin up before the end of the Feast, and the Raffle actually would be taking place on the last day of the Feast, the winner of the Raffle for \$1,500.00 prize cannot at this moment be announced.

However, as soon as he returns from a short vacation after the Feast, the winner's name will be published in the Bulletin. Those of you who wish to know before the name is actually published can always call up the Friary office anytime after Monday, September 22nd from 9 to 4:30pm and the Secretary will be happy to tell you who the lucky person was. In the meantime, we must thank Nicolas Galang for doing his best in selling tickets for us during the early days of the Mall, and most especially we want to thank George and Joan Stone of Brooklyn who volunteered to help us during the Feast and were so faithful to their

job, and spent most of the time in selling tickets for the fund raiser raffle not only during the Mall, but every day during the Feast, and they alone accounted for about \$4,000.00 worth of tickets sold.

And we want to thank Mike Serrone and our most capable staff of volunteer workers who really did an outstanding job of selling religious articles, attending to all the parish needs during these event filled days and in the long run, worked long hours and they had to be more than tired by the time the closing date got near to us.

And of course, we wish to thank Vivian Catanaccio and the Figli di S. Gennaro for their help to the church of the Most Precious Blood this year. We have not as yet received their check, but have full confidence in the fact that the Feast was well operated and know that when the time comes to distribute the funds of the group, Most Precious Blood will, as usual, be at the top of a long list of recipients of their beneficence.

Sanctuary Candle Available

Anyone wishing to Donate the Sanctuary Candle for the month of November, it is available for the month at a cost of \$40.00 and it will be memorialized at your request. If interested please see Fr. Fabian as soon as possible.

Parish Sick & Deceased

We ask you to keep in your prayers all the deceased of the Parish, but especially your own relatives and friends who have requested your prayers. Please also keep in your prayers all our visitors intentions. Many have had sick relatives at home who could not make the feast but asked to be remembered in our Prayers and Masses.

Interesting Geography

Truth be said that had it not been for them, the raffle indeed would have been a sad flop! We tip our hats of to George and Joan - your work was not only outstanding but tiring, and so very, very successful. Thank you and God bless you!

Alaska - More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska.

Amazon - The Amazon rain forest produces more than 20% of the world's oxygen supply. It pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that more than 100 miles at sea off the mouth of the river, one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon is three times the flow of all the rivers in the United States.

Brazil - got its name from the nut, not vice versa.

Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. It is an Indian word meaning "Big Village".

Chicago - Next to Warsaw, Chicago has the largest Polish Population in the world.

Detroit - Woodward Avenue in Detroit carries the designation M-1, so named because it was the first paved road anywhere.

Damascus, Syria - was flourishing at least 2000 years before Rome was founded in 753 BC, making it the oldest inhabited city in existence.

Istanbul, Turkey - is the only city in the world located on two continents.

Los Angeles - its full name is El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porziucula - and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size: L.A.

New York City - or the "Big Apple" the phrase was coined by touring jazz musicians of the '30's who used the slang expression "apple for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play big time.

The Big Apple. There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland; more Italians in New York than in Rome, Italy, and more Jews in New York than in Tel Aviv.

Ohio - There are no natural lakes in Ohio - all of them are man-made.

Rome - The first city to reach a population of one million was Rome in the year 133 BC. And there is a city called Rome on every continent in the world.

Siberia - contains more than 25% of the world's forests.

SMOM - The actual smallest sovereign entity in the world is the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. It

is located in the city of Rome, Italy, has an area of two tennis courts, and as of 2001, its population was 80, 20 less than the Vatican. It is a sovereign entity under international law, just as the Vatican.

Sahara Desert - In the Sahara, there is a town named Tidikelt, which did not receive a drop of rain for over 10 years. Technically, though, the driest place on earth is in the valleys of the Antarctic near Ross Island. There has been no rain there for two million years.

Spain - literally means the "Land of rabbits."

St. Paul Minnesota - was originally called "Pig's Eye" after a man named Pierre "Pig's Eye" Parrant who set up the first business there.

Roads - Chances that a road is unpaved in the USA: 1% - in Canada: 75%

Texas: The deepest hole ever made in the world is in Texas. It is as deep as 20 Empire State Buildings but only 3 inches wide.

