

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Feast of Archangels on Monday

Lined Up With Greats of Saints

Monday is the Feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

Wednesday, is the great Feast of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, who said that she would spend her heaven in doing good upon the earth - and who of us does need some of her "good" to be showered upon us?

Thursday is the Feast of the Guardian Angels - they are the ones who look after our every day needs if we only call upon them for help. (And don't we all need their help today?).

And Saturday is the Feast of the Mirror of Christ, St. Francis of Assisi, who has so many titles it is almost impossible to list them all. But first and foremost, he just happens to be the founder of the Franciscan Family which can be found worldwide, and right here in New York, they staff Most Precious Blood Church as well as St. Anthony's Church on Sullivan Street. As if this were not enough, he has been declared Patron Saint of Ecology, as well as of many countries, especially Italy where he exercised most of his apostolate in bringing Christ to the Poor and the ravished.. And perhaps what is most outstanding about Francis of Assisi is that he is also recognized as a Saint by the Episcopalian Church of England.

And so we might say in brief that it is an excellent week for each of us to advance our own causes and

ask these Saints and angels for their help in following in their example of service to God.

And perhaps one day, others will be looking at our names and asking God for the graces to follow in our own footsteps to Sainthood.. Far-fetched idea? Not in the least, because each of us in Baptism was called to God's service and to be one day happy with Him in Heaven.

St. Anne Society Meets

This coming Wednesday, October 1st in the Parish Rectory. It will be their first meeting of this 2008/2009 fiscal year and try to join them. One the same evening, the St. Theresa Prayer Group will meet at 7:30pm in the Church for a half hour of prayer. The St. Anne group meets immediately after.

First Friday and Saturday

And this week is also First Friday and First Saturday. Try to make the first Friday devotions by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion in honor of the Sacred Heart. And then on Saturday, try to make the first Saturday devotions. Padre Pio Group will also meet for the first time for this fiscal year 2008/2009.

Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Pious devotees will gather together next Sunday to honor their patron Sts. Cosmas and Damian in our Atlantic City Bus

The bus trip to Atlantic City in October will be on Monday, October 20th. Anyone wishing to go on that trip should call Mary Frattini at 212 - 242- 0195 for a reservation.

Monthly Calendar

The monthly calendar will be included with this issue of the Bulletin. Please save the calendar so that you can keep up with the month's activities.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish especially your own relatives and friends who have passed on to the next life.. And please remember to pray for those memorialized in our monthly Memorials.

God and the Spider

During World War II a US Marine was separated from his unit on a Pacific Island. The fighting had been intense and in the smoke and scrossfire, he lost touch with his comrades.

Alone in the jungle, he could hear the enemy soldiers coming his way. Scrambling for cover, he found his way up a high ridge to several small caves in rock. Quickly, he crawled inside one of the caves. Although safe for the moment, he realized that once the enemy soldiers looking for him swept up the ridge, they would quickly search all the caves and he would end up being killed..

Church at a special Mass at 10:30 am. And as is customary, they will also meet in the hall immediately after the Mass.

Sts. Cosmas and Damian were famous "doctors" who gave up their lives to serve Christ.

As he waited, he prayed, Lord, if it be your will, please protect me. Whatever you will though, I love you and trust you. Amen."

After praying, he lay quietly listening to the enemy begin to draw near. He thought, "Well, I guess the Lord isn't going to help me out of this one." Then he saw a spider begin to build a web over the front of his cave As he watched, he listened to the enemy searching for him all the while. The spider was still busy laying strand after strand of web across the opening of the cave.

"Ha," he thought, "What I need is a brick wall and the Lord sends me a spider web. God sure does have a sense of humor."

As the enemy drew closer, he watched from the darkness of the hideout and he could see them searching one cave after another. As they came out his, he got ready to make his last stand. To his amazement, however, after glancing in the direction of his cave, they moved on. Suddenly he realized that the spider web over his entrance made the cave look as if no one had entered it for quite a while.

"Lord, forgive me," prayed the young man. "I had forgotten that with you, a spider's web is stronger than a brick wall!"

When we, in our ordinary lives, have a bit of trouble that we believe to be of great magnitude, it is so very easy to forget that God can work miracles in our lives as well. And remember always that a mere spider's web becomes a brick wall of protection for many of us, even though we might not recognize it.

And while we are at it, remember to pray for all our service men that they all recognize in Christ Spider web a great wall for their protection each and every day in their life of combat. Amen.

Catholic Shampoo!

Two nuns while shopping in a food store, happened to pass by the beer section. One asked the other: "Sister, would you like to have a beer?"

The second answered: "Indeed I would. It would be very nice to have a beer in this hot weather, but I can't see myself comfortably buying a beer in public."

The first nun replied: "Leave it to me. I can handle that problem." And with a straight face, she went right to that section, picked up a six-pack of Bud Lite and took it to the cashier, who, incidentally had quite a puzzled look on his face, so the Nun said: "We use the beer to wash our hair, – a sort of shampoo, if you will.

Without out blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a bag of pretzels and placed them in the bad with the beer. Then he looked the two nuns right in the eye, smiled and said:

"The curlers are on the house. Enjoy them when you are under the hot lamp!"