

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

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Next Sunday Is All Souls Day

November Is Here

It seems that we were just welcoming in the New Year and this week we see the beginning of the 11th month of 2008 and we will be preparing for Thanksgiving, followed very quickly by Christmas and New Years with the advent of 2009.

November is a beautiful month, however, inasmuch as it will be ushering in the new season of Advent as well. But principally, it is and should be remembered as the month dedicated to the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

We should keep them in our prayers for the entire month and ask Almighty God to be merciful to them and admit them to the glory of the saints in heaven.

We have as novena of Masses in our church for the Poor souls, and especially for the deceased of our Parish. Envelopes are available at the door of the Church as well as in the Sacristy to have them remembered in this Novena of Masses. Take one and write their names on the backs of the envelopes and return it with your offerings. Their souls will be remembered in all of the nine Masses.

All Saints Day

Saturday is All Saints Day. Because this falls on Saturday, the Feast will NOT be a Holy Day of Obligation. We are NOT obliged to hear Mass on Saturday.

However, this does not mean that we cannot go to Mass and still honor the Saints who glorified God in a very

special way and today are in heaven to intercede for us. We can still voluntarily keep that day Holy and attend Mass – We are certain that you will obtain even greater graces from attending Mass even though you are not obliged.

And Friday is Hallowe'en

In your celebration of Hallowe'en, please remember the children - this is one day of the year that they really look forward to. If they knock on your door, be kind to them and be ready to greet them with a smile and something sweet.

The Privilege of Voting

And as we near the end of October, please give serious thought to Election Day which this year falls on November 4th.

Don't feel that anyone is actually a shoe-in - it is not an automatic win for any candidate until he has received the plurality of votes, and he has to win most of the electoral votes. Don't give up YOUR duty to vote. Every vote is important. Read up on what each candidate feels about the various issues, especially those which effect you as a God-fearing Catholic.

The case may very well be that neither candidate will be perfect, but we hope to elect the most electible and the most conscientious candidate possible and then leave the rest to God. Now is the time to think. Think long and

think well. More than likely the candidate will be in for two terms - that is a long time - until 2016. At the conclusion of today's bulletin, we have a rather long quote from Jay Leno. We don't always agree with him, but this time he did hit the nail on the head. Read it!

Parish Sick & Deceased Jay Leno Wrote This

It's the Jay Leno we don't often see on TV

"As most of you know, I am not a President Bush Fan, nor have I ever been, but this is not about Bush, it is about us, as Americans, and it seems to hit the mark.

The other day I was reading Newsweek Magazine and came across some Poll data I found rather hard to believe. It must be true, given the source, right?

The Newsweek Poll alleges that 67% of Americans are unhappy with the direction the country is headed and 69% of the country is unhappy with the performance of the President. In essence 2/3 of the citizens just ain't happy and want a change. So being the knuckle dragger I am, I started thinking, 'What are we unhappy about?'

A. Is it that we have electricity and running water 24 hours a day, 7 days a week?

B. Is our unhappiness the result of having air conditioning in the summer and heat in the winter?

C. Could it be that 95.4% of these unhappy folks have a job to go to every day?

D. Maybe it is the ability of every American to walk into a grocery store and see more food in moments than Darfur has seen in the last year?

E. Perhaps it is the ability we have to drive our cars and trucks from the Pacific to the Atlantic Oceans without having to present identification papers as we move through each of the states?

F. Or possibly the hundreds of clean safe hotels and motels we would find along the way that can provide temporary shelter?

G. I guess having thousands of restaurants with a varied cuisine from around the world is just not good enough either.

H. Or could it be that when we wreck our car, emergency workers show up and provide services to help all and even send a helicopter to take you to the hospital.

I. Perhaps you are one of the 70% of the Americans who own a home.

J. You may be upset with knowing that in the unfortunate case of a fire, a group of trained firefighters will appear in moments and use top notch equipment to

Please remember the souls of your deceased friends and relatives during Masses that you attend, and especially during this coming month of November. They need our prayers.

extinguish the flames, thus saving you, your family and your belongings.

K. Or if, while at home watching one of your many flat screen TV's a burglar intrudes, an officer equipped with a gun & bullet-proof vest will come to defend you and your property against attack or loss.

L. This is all in the backdrop of a neighborhood free of bombs or militias raping and pillaging residents. Neighborhoods where 90% of the teenagers own cell phones and computers.

M. How about the complete religious social and political freedoms we enjoy that are literally the envy of everyone in the world.

Maybe that is what has 67% of you folks unhappy!

The fact is, we are the largest group of ungrateful spoiled brats the world has ever seen. No wonder the world love the US, yet had a great disdain for its citizens. They see us for what we are. The most blessed people in the world who do nothing but complain about what we don't have, and what we hate about the country, instead of thanking the good Lord that we live here.

I know, I know. What about the president who took us into war and has no plan to get us out? The president who has a measly 31% approval rating? Is this the same president who guided this nation in the dark days of 9/11? Could this be the same guy who has been called every name in the book for succeeding in keeping all the spoiled brats safe from terrorist attacks? The commander in chief of an all-volunteer army that is out there defending you and me?

Did you hear how bad the President is on the news or talk show? Did this news affect you so much, make you so unhappy you couldn't take a look around for and see all the good things and be glad? Think about it are you upset at the President because he actually caused you personal pain OR is it because the MEDIA told you he was failing to kiss your sorry behind every day. Make no mistake about it.

The troops in Iraq and Afghanistan have volunteered to serve and in many cases may have died for your freedom. There is currently no draft in this country. They didn't have to go. They are able to refuse to go and end up with either a general discharge or other than honorable discharge.

So Why then the flat out discontentment in the minds of the 69% of Americans?

Say what you want, but I blame it on the Media. If it bleeds, it leads, and they specialize in bad news. Everybody will watch a car crash with blood and guts, but how many will watch kids selling lemonade at the corner? The media knows this media outlets are for-profit corporations. They offer what sells, and when criticized, try to defend their actions by justifying them in one way or another.

Turn off the TV, burn Newsweek, and use the New York Times at the bottom of your bird cage. Then start being a little grateful for all that we have in this country. We are the most blessed people on this earth and should thank God several times a day. And while we are at it, are we sure that this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance? I don't think so!!!!!! ' Jay Leno

