

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

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Happy Thanksgiving To All

This Thursday....

Is Thanksgiving Day, and we would like to remind all our Parishioners and visitors as well to spend a few minutes of your week in prayer of Thanksgiving to God for all the blessings He has freely given you and your family during this past year. We have much to be thankful for: we live in a free country; we personally are not experiencing any warfare here in our own country even though our boys are overseas fighting to defend our God-given freedoms; most of us are in comparable good health and have means to support our families in relative comfort; and so on and so on. There are many people living in today's world that do not enjoy these freedoms. The very fact that you can come into our church from your own homes in relative peace and quiet is much to be thankful for which many people do not enjoy. Thank God for all that you have received from Him because it can be so easily taken away. Enjoy your lives and have a very happy Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving & Human Development

These days it is not difficult to imagine having to choose between rent and health care, food or transportation, household bills or children's clothing. For many Americans, these choices are forced upon them by a recent layoff or a payfreeze or perhaps even a retirement fund decrease. For 37 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The Catholic Campaign For Human Rights tackles the problem for such as these by funding programs that address the root of these problems that cause poverty. And more than ever the Human Development Campaign needs your support this year. If you can at all help them in today's Second Collection, please give and Thank you for your generosity

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Masses for 2010

The Mass Book for 2010 is open at this time and if you have not yet come in to book your 2010 Masses, you should do so at your earliest convenience.

The office is open from 9 am to 3:45 pm. daily for this. Try to avoid doing this on Saturdays and Sundays.

We also have the envelopes ready for your 21010 Contributions and they can be found in the various boxes at the door of the church or in the Sacristy. If you had a box of envelopes previously, then you will find your name on a box for this year. If you did not have a box last year, get a box this year without a name on it and put your name & full address on all of the envelopes for January Sundays of 2010 & try to mark your envelopes with the amount of your contribution. Thank you so much for your cooperation.. It saves us much time in marking them ourselves. It doesn't take much time to mark one or two envelopes, but it does take a lot of time when you have to mark 30 or 50 of them.

Mass for the Parish Deceased

The Annual Mass for the Parish Deceased for 2009 will be celebrated at 12 noon this coming Saturday. If you had a special invitation to the Mass, it means that during the past year you lost someone and that person will be especially remembered in this Mass. If you did not lose anyone this past year, you are now receiving a general invitation to come and pray for your dead together with us

The Archbishop's Christmas Luncheon

On behalf of His Excellency Archbishop Timothy Dolan and the Ladies of Charity of our Archdiocese, you are cordially invited to attend the 64th Annual Archbishop's Christmas Luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria on Thursday, December 10 at 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$275.00 each. You may call Rosemary Griffin at 646-794-2020 for tickets

Parish Sick & Deceased

The 2009 Envelope System .

During this last week of November please keep in your prayers all the Souls of the faithful departed and especially those of your own family and friends

A Good Lesson to Remember

Back in September on the first day of School Martha Cothren, a social Studies School Teacher at Robinson High School in Texas, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she had all the desks in her class room removed.

When the first period kids entered the room, they discovered that there were no desks. "Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?"

She replied: "You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk."

They thought, "Well, maybe it's our grades?"

"No," she said.

"Maybe it's our behavior?"

Again, she told them "No, it's not even your behavior./"

And so they came and went, the first period, the second period, third period. Still no desks in the class room.

By early afternoon, television crews had started gathering in Ms. Cothren's class to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desk out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the deskless classroom, Martha Cothren said, "Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desk that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.

At this point, she went over to the door of her classroom and opened it.

Twenty-seven (27 War Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The verts began placing the school desks in

rows ... By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place, those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, "You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be excellent students, and to be better citizens. THEY paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get a good education. Don't ever forget it."

A Weak Heart

An old man with a very weak heart won \$50,000.00 in a lottery. The family, fearing that the good news might prove fatal, called in the priest to break the good news to him. So the priest cautiously told him: "John. Suppose you won a lot of money in a raffle, what would you do?"

The old man pondered a few minutes and then said "I would give half to the church." The priest fell dead.