

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, December 14, 2008

Fr. Fabian Back From Surgery

Last Saturday

Fr. Fabian returned to the Parish amazingly just one short day after his surgery and apparently is on the road to recovery. At the present time, he seems to be a little weak, but the surgery was very successful, thanks heaps to Dr. Grossi who performed it on Thursday, December 4th, and he should be back to full strength before the end of the year.

Upon his return to the Rectory, however, he did get another attack of the gout which is not helping his recuperative powers any. But hopefully, he will be rid of all those symptoms and pains by the end of the week-end, and then he can once again, concentrate on resuming his duties.

He wishes to thank all for their prayers during this particularly trying period in his life, and knows that you will continue praying until he is one again back to his full powers.

Weekly Envelopes

If you have not as yet picked up your box of weekly envelopes for the coming year, we ask you to do so as soon as possible. If you are one of those who have NOT been using envelopes for your weekly Church contributions, know that this is the only and proper way to contribute. We ask you to come in and get a box of envelopes for the coming year. And use them weekly. It is our way of keeping in touch. Information regarding your contributions are always strictly confidential and no one enters to see our books. Please use the weekly envelopes.

Calendars 2009

Last week, we began putting out the new calendars for the coming year and most of them disappeared from the table. We hope that everyone in the Parish does get a chance to take one of them home. We shall put additional calendars out this week.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Try to spend some time in these weeks prior to the Feast of Christmas in preparation for the coming of Christ, Just as the Jews were to prepare themselves for the coming of the Messiah, so should we have to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Only then will the true meaning of this great Feast take hold in our homes and hearts. And a good way to prepare would be to go to Mass daily even on the week-days of Advent. Mass time is at 8 am or at 12:10 pm.

Hosts & Sanctuary Lamp Available

The Hosts and Sanctuary Lamp are available for the month of January, if anyone is interested. The cost to memorialize each is \$40.00 If you are interested please call Angela on Monday after 9 am. By Paying for the Hosts for the month, you are providing for the Bread that is used during the Sacrifice of the Mass; and by paying for the Sanctuary Candle, you pay for the candle that shows the presence of Christ always under the

species of bread and wine in the tabernacle of the altar. It shows that Christ is always there for us.

Banns of Marriage

Welcome into our Parish Community through the Sacrament of Baptism Carmela Richie Mesce daughter of Nicholas Gerard Mesce and Maria Ann Guiga. Carmela will be welcomed into the church on Sunday, December 14th.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Please remember to pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish. Especially keep in your prayers your own relatives and friends who stand in need of your prayers.

A Christmas Story

A Brand new Pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they first saw their Church, it was very run down, and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done by Christmas Eve and reopen in time to have their first service then. They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting etc., and then on Dec. 18 were well ahead of schedule and just about finished. On Dec. 19 a terrible tempest a driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted two days.

On December 21, the Pastor went over to take a look at the church and his heart sank when he saw a leak in the roof caused a large area of the plaster about 20 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the Sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high.

The Pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor and not knowing what else to do, but postpone the Christmas Service, headed home. On the way, he noticed a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful handmade, ivory colored crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colors and a Cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover the hole in the front wall of his church. He bought it and headed back to the Church.

By this time, it started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the

Banns are announced for the 2nd time between Kevin Smith of Walter and Elaine Wachowicz to Joanna Lisi of Joseph and Ilog Pandur. They will marry in our church on December 27th.

Welcome

bus but missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later.

She sat in the pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers etc. to put up the table cloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area. Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was as white as a sheet. "Pastor " she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?"

The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check to see if the initials EBG, might be embroidered on the right corner. They were. These were the initials of the woman who had made this tablecloth 35 years before in Austria. Then the Nazis came, and her husband wanting to get her away from danger told her to leave and he would follow in a couple of days. Needless to say, she never saw her husband again.

The Pastor volunteered to give her the table cloth back but she would not hear of it and wished to leave it at the church. But the Pastor then insisted on driving her home. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day.

What a wonderful Church Service they held on Christmas Eve. The Church was almost full and the music and spirit were indeed great. At the end of the service, the Pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many vowed that they would return.

One older man remained in the pews and staring. Finally he asked the Pastor where he got the tablecloth because it was identical to the one his wife had made years ago in Austria just before they fled the Nazis. After hearing his story, The Pastor asked him if he could take a ride with him.

He consented and the Pastor drove all the way to Staten Island to the home of the little woman whom he had driven there a couple of days before. He helped the man climb the stairs - in fact, it was three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and then he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could possibly ever imagine.

This is a true story submitted by the Pastor himself who knows that God works in very mysterious ways.

Ray & Bubba

Were standing at the base of a flagpole looking up. A Woman walked by and ask what they were doing. "We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," said Bubba. "But we don't have a ladder.

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down.

Then she took a tape measure from her pocket book, measured from one end to the other, and announced"

"Eighteen Feet, six inches."

....and walked away .

Ray said: "Ain't that just like a woman. We ask for the height and she gives us the length."