

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

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A Happy New Year To All

Another Year Ends

And so we come to the end of another year and the beginning of a New One. I do not know about anyone else, but I for one feel that I am not the same person that I was a year ago. For one thing, I don't feel as healthy as I did a year ago. At that time, I almost felt that I could endure anything that might come my way, and yet, one of my little arteries became a little clogged up, and surgery became a necessity and all of this left me with the certain knowledge that I am not as indomitable as I once felt I was. I now know that I not only have my limitations, but my dependence on God is definitely much more present than it ever was before in my life.

But I thank God for whatever he has send me. For the simple reason that it has taught me that I am NOT self sufficient. That I do definitely need Him in my life. I fell that perhaps that is the reason why God sent this added thorn in my life - to make me realize His Eternal Presence in Me and My necessary dependence on Him, and that basically without Him I do not count for much at all in this life. All He needs do is to stop thinking about Me for a moment in my life and I would cease to exist.

And so I must once again thank God for these basic lessons He has been teaching me, and most especially for a greatest lesson of humility..

Really, as priests of God, sometimes, we get to think that we are sometimes akin to God Himself, and yet, when we really analyze ourselves, without Him in our lives, we can do absolutely nothing; we can accomplish even less.

And so for any and all good that I might have accomplished in my years as a priest, Please realize that it the presence of God in me that did it, not outselves. And it will be only His presence within me in 2009 that will accomplish anything worthwhile. May Your lives be full of God and His love for you during this coming year.

The Christmas Offering

If you have not yet made your Christmas Offering for this year, please use an envelope for this purpose at the rear of the Church and put your offering therein, and drop it into any collection basket or offering box. We thank all those who have already contributed this year.

The New York Foundling Home

We received the following communication from the New York Foundling Home located on Sixth Ave. near 17th Street. They will be celebrating their 140th birthday this year. And if you or anyone you know has been touched by

The Foundling Home was always very dear to the heart of the late Cardinal Spellman.

First Friday & Saturday

This coming Friday is the First Friday of the New Year 2009. As well as the First Saturday of the New Year. Try to make both devotions.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish especially your own relatives and friends. During this new year, try to say at least one prayer each day for their souls.

Who Is Jesus?

About 70 miles outside of Amarillo TX., close to a town called Groom, there is a metal sculpture of the Crucifixion of Christ. The entire piece of art was made of metal and the man who did it donated it out of the goodness of his heart and put on on land that was also donated for this specific purpose.

Who is Jesus?
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IN CHEMISTRY, HE TURNED WATER & WINE INTO HIS BLOOD.

the work of the Foundling Home, they invite you to join their online community at www.nyfoundling.org And they also ask that you keep them and their children in your thoughts and prayers.

IN BIOLOGY, HE WAS BORN WITH THE NORMAL CONCEPTION.

IN PHYSICS, HE DISPROVED THE LAW OF GRAVITY WHEN HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN.

IN ECONOMICS, HE DISPROVED THE LAW OF DIMINISHING RETURNS BY FEEDING 5000 MEN WITH 2 FISHES AND 5 LOAVES OF BARLEY BREAD.

IN MEDICINE, HE CURED THE SICK AND THE BLIND WITHOUT ADMINISTERING A SINGLE DOSE OF DRUGS OR MEDICINE.

IN HISTORY, HE IS BOTH THE BEGINNING AND THE END..

IN GOVERNMENT, HE SAID THAT HE SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, PRINCE OF PEACE.

IN RELIGION, HE SAID THAT NO WILL PASS TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH HIM.

SO WHO IS HE?

HE IS JESUS!

LET'S JOIN IN AND CELEBRATE HIM!

HE WAS THE GREATEST MAN IN HISTORY. JESUS HAD NO SERVANTS, YET ALL CALLED HIM MASTER.

HE HAD NO DEGREE, AND YET THEY
ALL CALLED HIM TEACHER.

HE HAD NO MEDICINES, YET THEY
CALLED HIM THE HEALER.

He won no military battles, yet He conquered
the world;

He committed no crime, and yet they
crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb, and yet even today
he lives on in every country in the world.

I feel honored to serve such a leader, who
loves us.

If you believe in God; if you believe in Jesus
Christ, His only begotten Son, then you will be
numbered among the Happiest People of the
World who do not necessarily have everything,
but they do make the most of everything that
comes along their way.

