

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, March 29., 2009

Next Sunday Is Palm Sunday

Palms Blessed At 5:30 pm Mass.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and Palms will be blessed at the beginning of each Mass and then distributed BEFORE all the Masses. We ask you to please hold the Palm in your hands during the reading of the Passion.

If you do not get to Mass, please do not come to the Rectory asking for Palm. Palm should be taken immediately after the Blessed and is part of the Palm Sunday Ritual to hold the Palm in your hand during the reading of the Passion. What good does it do to anyone to miss Mass on Palm Sunday, and then run to the church to get palm to hand to a friend, or take to the cemetery? It does no one any spiritual good and does not fulfill any spiritual obligation. Let's keep things in perspective: what is ALL important is the Sacrifice of the Mass. The distribution of Palms is purely accidental. What is important about Palm Sunday is that It commemorates the Solemn Entrance of Jesus into the Holy City of Jerusalem, and at the same time, it initiates the liturgies of Holy Week, which all should make an effort to attend.

Third Tuesday

This Tuesday marks the third in a series of 13 Tuesdays in preparation for the Feast of St. Anthony. Try to make one of the Deovitons - either in the morning after the 8 am Mass, for in the afternoon at 12:10 Mass, or in the Evening at the 7:30 pm Mass. A homily is preached at the 12:10 and 7:30 pm Masses. Especially in these times of economic problems throughout our country especially, we should pray to St. Anthony to keep our jobs or at least to help us find employment.

Cardinal's Appeal

This week, we are sending letters out to all our parishioners who have not yet contributed to the Cardinal's Appeal. We hope that their response will be positive and that we will be able to reach our goal by the middle of April. As of today, we have reached \$3,185.00 towards our goal of \$5,775.00 which leaves us a balance of \$2,590.00 to go before we reach our goal for this year. We ask all those who have not as yet contributed to do so to the best of their ability and as soon as possible. During these hard times, the charitable works of the Archdiocese have multiplied and we have to do our best to help our people in need.

St. Theresa & St. Anne Society

This Wednesday, being the third Wednesday of the month, the St. Theresa Prayer Group as well as the St. Anne Society will meet. The first will meet in the Church at 7:30pm, and the 2nd will meet in the Rectory immediately after about 8 pm.

This Friday is the first Friday of the month of April. Try to attend Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist on this day in honor of the Sacred Heart. And on Saturday, the first Saturday of the month, try to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion in honor of Our Lady and St. Pio.

The monthly Calendar

The Monthly Calendar for the month of April is in this week's Bulletin. Try to keep a copy of handy for the month especially for the Holy Week Services etc. The Monthly memorials are also on the Issue of the Calendar. The Altar Candles, the Hosts and the Wine used for our Masses was donated this month in memory of Antonio, Letizia, Victor, Frank, and Joe Rizzo, requested by Mary Rizzo and Family.

Parish Sick & Deceased

We ask you to try to remember your friends and relatives in your prayers as the bible tells us, "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins."

The Devil & the Duck

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents who lived on a farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced, but it seemed that he could never hit his target. Getting just a little bit discouraged, he headed back to the farmhouse for his dinner, and as he was walking back, he saw his Gramma's pet duck. And just out of pure impulse, he let the slingshot fly and hit the duck square in the

First Friday and First Saturday

head. Well, you know that he killed that poor duck and the little boy was shocked and grieved.

In a panic he hid the dead duck in the wood pile only to see that his sister had been watching him all along. Sally had seen the whole thing, but she kept her mouth shut like a good sister always does.

After lunch the next day, Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes together. But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me before lunch that he wanted to help in the kitchen." Then she whispered to Johnny, "Remember the duck!". And of course, Johnny got right down to helping with the dishes.

And later that day, Grandpa asked if the children might want to go fishing, and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I really need Sally in the kitchen to help me make supper." But Sally just smiled and said, "Well, that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help you to make supper." And of course, there was the side whisper, "Remember the duck!" So Sally went fishing and Johnny help grandma.

After several days of Johnny getting stuck to do all the chores around the house while Sally was enjoying herself to the fullest, Johnny could not stand it any longer. He went to his grandma and confessed that he was the one who killed the duck.

Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug, and said: Johnny, sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing by the window and saw the whole thing, but because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would permit Sally to make a slave of you."

Thjat's a thought for today and every day hereafter.

Whatever is in your past, no matter what you have done in your life, and the devil keeps on throwing it up to your face (may it be sheating, lying, debt, ferar, a bad habit, hatred, bitterness, etc.) whatever it may be, you need to know that God was standing at the window looking out at you, and he saw the whole thing.

He has seen your whole life, and He wantes you to know that He loves you, and that he is always ready

to forgive you. He's just wondering how long you will allow that devil to make a fool of you and thus become his slave. The greatest thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, He not only forgives you, but he even forgets that you ever did anything wrong.

It's by God's grace and mercy that we are saved. You know that he came on this earth to save you and everyone else. During this period of Lent, make the

difference in YOUR life and tell God that you are sorry for all the wrong things you did in this life and ask him to help you to keep away from doing those wrong things in the future.

And then, if you really want to do something extra great, just ask all your friends and neighbors to do the very same thing. And it will be a Great, Great World!