

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, January 27, 2008

Blessing of Throats Next Sunday

Feast of St. Blaise

Next Sunday is the Feast of St. Blaise, who is well known for being the Patron Saint to intercede for protection against diseases of the Throat.

It might be well to note something about St. Blaise and thus give everyone an idea of his life and perhaps the reason why he is the Patron Saint of diseases of the throat.

St. Blaise lived in the early part of the 4th century and became a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia. During a point in his life, a woman brought a young boy to him who was choking and was at the point of death due to a fishbone that was stuck in his throat. St. Blaise was able to cure him and restored the young man to his family. The blessing of throats on the anniversary of his martyrdom was practiced from the early days of the church by bringing two candles together in the shape of a cross and placing them at the throat of the individual being blessed.

St. Blaise was martyred in Armenia shortly after the turn of the century.

Throats will be blessed in our Church on Saturday evening after the 5:30 Mass, and again on Sunday after the 9 am Mass and once again, after the 12 Noon Mass.

Papal Visit

Plans for the Papal Visit at this point are not as yet completely drawn up. We have been bombarded with requests for tickets to the Papal Mass in Yankee Stadium. At this time we have no tickets and will probably will not have any tickets until close to the end of March or the beginning of April. And even then, we probably will be very restricted in the amount of tickets available to us, as they are probably going to be based on the size of the Parish etc. Ours is one of the smaller Parishes and therefore we do not expect more than a very few tickets. When we get them we will have to begin to devise a system on how we will be able to distribute them. Please be assured that we will try to be as fair as we possibly can, and stretch them as far as we can. We will let you know just as soon as we get them.

Hosts & Wine Available

Hosts and Wine are still available for the month of March. So also are the Candles If you are interested in donated any of these for the month, they can be memorialized and the cost is \$40. for the Hosts or the Wine, and \$25.00 for the Altar Candles. Please give Angela a call at the Rectory Phone number during the week from 9am until 4 pm..

Cardinal's Appeal

Within the next week or two, you will be getting your mail on the Cardinal's Appeal for 2008. We ask you not

Names & Addresses???

If you are a new user of our Church Envelope System, we would appreciate it very much if you would please put your Name and Address on a few of the next envelopes that you use. Some of them we do not have and it is important for our records to have that information. We promise that it will not be given to anyone else without your permission.

Lent

The Season of Lent will be starting one week from this coming Wednesday with the advent of Ash Wednesday. We got a very nice little pamphlet for you that deals with making Lent just a little bit holier for you this year, and ways to make this period more meaningful to each and everyone of our people. We will distribute them during the Masses today, as well as next Sunday, thus insuring that all of our people will get them in time for Lent.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Please remember to pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish, especially your own relatives and friends who might be in need of your prayers.

How Do You Decide Who To Marry (according to kids) ...

You got to find somebody who like the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she would like it that you like

to confuse this mail with so called "junk" mail and throw it out, but instead keep it and try your best to make your pledge so that we will be able to get through this year's Appeal in record time. No doubt it will be brought to a close in the month of May.

sports, and she would keep the chips and dip coming. (Alan - age 10)

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all the way, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. (Kristen - age 12)

What is the right age to get married? Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person forever by then. (Camille - age 10)

How can a stanger tell if two people are married? You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. (Derrick - age 8)

What do you think your Mom and Dad have in common? Both don't want any more kids. (Lori - age 8)

What do most people do on a date? Dates are for have fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. (Lynette - age 8)

On the first date they tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. (Martin - age 10.)

What would you do on a first date that was turning sour? I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns. (Craig - Age 9)

When is it O.K.. To kiss someone? When they're rich. (Pam - Age 7)

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. (Curt - Age 7)

The rule goes like this: if you kiss someone then you have to marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. (Howard - age 8)

Is it better to be single or married?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them, (Anita - age 9 - bless you child!!!)

How would the world be different if people didn't get married?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain! Kelvin - age 8.

And how would you make a Marriage Work?
Tell your wife she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck. Ricky - Age 10)