

# Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, February 1, 2009

## Blessing of Throats on Feast of St. Blaise

### Patron Saint

Of Diseases of the Throat, St. Blaise whose Feast we celebrate on Tuesday, will protect you from any and all diseases of the Throat if you should need such protection during this coming year. We will bless throats after the 8 am Mass, again after the 12:10 pm Mass, and at 7:30pm.

### The Purification of the BVM

Monday is the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We shall bless candles immediately before Mass and we will be using the blessed candles to bless the throats of our people on Tuesday.

### Wednesday Meeting Night

On Wednesday evening the St. Theresa Prayer Group meets at 7:30 pm in the Church for their half hours of prayer and meditation, and this is followed by a meeting of the St. Anne Society in the Rectory about 8 pm or immediately after the Prayer Meeting in the Church. The St. Anne Members are exhorted to attend the meeting if possible.

### First Friday & Saturday

This Friday is the First Friday of the month, and Saturday is also the First Saturday of the month. Try to make your devotions to the Sacred Heart on Friday and on Saturday, the devotions to Padre Pio as well as Our Lady of Fatima.

### Lunar New Year.

This week, the Chinese and Oriental Communities are celebrating their New Year of the Ox. We wish all of them a very happy New Year and all the blessings of God during this coming year, especially Peace and Good Health.

### Church Envelope System

Again we ask all our people to use the Church Envelope System to make their donations to the Church. If you are looking for a letter or any other thing from our Parish, we are going to ask you first about your method of contributing to your Church. If you have envelopes we will be only too happy to help you; but if you do not, we are going to refuse you on

the same grounds. We have been advising you to do this over the past several years and if you do not heed our advice, then so be it.

We have several openings for Masses during this current year. If anyone would like to have Masses said, please give Angela or Fr. Fabian a call. This is almost the first time is over a decade that we are now beginning to say Masses for an "unknown donor" rather than for a specific intention. Mass stipends or offerings are set by the Archdiocese of New York at \$15.00 per Mass.

## Parish Sick & Deceased

Pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish, and especially for your own relatives and friends who might be in need of those prayers. And in the meantime, keep in your prayers some special intentions of

## 57cents

A little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was too crowded. "I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the Pastor as he waked by.

Seeing her shabby unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday school class. And the child was happy beyond words, and she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, the child lay dead in one of the poor tenement houses. Her parents called the kind hearted pastor to handle the final arrangements. As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled red purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside was found 57 cents and a note scribbled in childish handwriting, "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School.. For two years, she had saved for this offering of love.

## Masses for 2009

When the Pastor tearfully read the note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of his unselfish love and devotion., He challenged his people to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building. But the story doesn't end there ....

A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a wealthy realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands. When told that the Church could not pay so much., he offered to sell it to the church for 57 cents.

Church members made large donations. Checks came from far and wide. Within five years, the little girl's gift had increased to well over \$250,000. – a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividends indeed..

This is a true story. If you are ever in the city of Philadelphia, look up "Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300. And be sure to visit Temple University, where thousands of students are educated annually. And have a good look at Good Samaritan Hospital, and at the Sunday School Building which houses hundreds of beautiful children, built so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday School time.

In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history!

And right alongside of this picture is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russell H Conwell, author of the book, "Acres of Diamonds."

This all goes to show you how much good and how far a little girl can effect the lives of so many others with just 57 cents.

## Some Very Useful Info!!!

If you are ever in the circumstances where you find yourself being forced by a robber to withdraw money from an ATM machine, you can notify the police by entering your "pin" number in reverse.

For example, if your pin number is 1 2 3 4, you would enter your card and punch out 4 3 2 1.

The ATM would recognize your card and the fact that you entered your pin number in reverse, and thus still dispense you whatever money you asked for, but at the same time would know that you are in the process of being robbed, and the police would be immediately dispatched to your location to help you.

## So You Think You Are Smart?

I am going to give you seven words. All have ONE thing in common. What is it? And don't turn the page upside down = try to figure it out for yourself

1. Banana
2. Dresser
- 3.

Grammar

4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven

7. Assess

If you take the 1<sup>st</sup> letter and place it at the end and spell it backwards, what do you get?