

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, February 21, 2010

Peter's Pence Collection Today

Special Collection!

Today, we recall the Apostolic Journey of Benedict XVI to the United States this past year and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. Today, let us show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters throughout the world through our support of this week's Special Collection. Last year, almost one third of the worldwide proceeds of the Peter's Pence Collection came from the United States. Pope Benedict needs our generosity once again to carry out his works of charity. Please help ensure its success by giving generously and thereby guaranteeing the charities of the Pope for the coming year. In the name of Pope Benedict, we thank you for your sacrificial gift.

Lent

This past week, we recalled our annual Lenten pilgrimage to our church to receive ashes on our foreheads. Just like our brothers and sister in years gone by, we received our ashes as signs acknowledging our sinfulness, and our mortality.

In some places at this time of year, farmers burn the stubble of last year's crop that remain on the field and

then the ashes are plowed into the earth to serve as a powerful fertilizer for the new crops of this year,.

We draw on this similitude to let this Lent be a planting season for each of us, for our bodies as well as our spirits, a time for the Word of God to take root in our lives, a growing season for our hearts and spirits to be transformed from barrenness to harvest, from despair to hope, from death to life.

Let this Lent become for each of us a time of true repentance for our misgivings, and a time for grace so that the spirit of self denial and sacrifice will; become a source of true spiritual life for each of us.

Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal

By this time, we would think that most of our Parish should have received their letters from the Archdiocese of New York' Stewardship Appeal. We ask you to try to have your donations set up as soon as possible and if the Church number is not on the letter that you receive, please write it in there - MO 21 - it is important for us so that your donation will be credited to our Parish. The sooner we get the checks in, the sooner we will have reached our goal, and gotten this totally behind us.

Remember, our goal is \$6,500.00 and the only way to reach it is through the cooperation of everyone. In the Parish.

Church Contribution Envelopes

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Have YOU gotten your Contribution Envelopes
Parish Sick & Deceased

Remember to keep the sick and deceased of the Parish in your prayers, especially if they are your friends or relatives. Also keep you your prayers, the family of Gennaro Quintana; Andrea Glover; Mrs. Alma Fidani; and the mother of Paul Scannapieco.

Italian Traditions

If you are not Italian, some of these things may seem a little strange; but if you are , this is a wonderful reflection back to the way things used to be

1. You have to have at least one relative who maintained the custom of wearing black every day for a year after a funeral.
2. You were convinced that your family dog understood Italian.
3. Every Sunday afternoon of your childhood was spent visiting your grandparents and extended family.
4. You had to have experienced the phenomena of 150 people fitting into 50 square feet of yard during a family cookout.
5. You were surprised to discover that the FDA recommends you eat three meals a day - not seven.
6. You thought killing a pig each year and having salami, capocollo, pancetta, and prosciutto hanging out to dry from your shed ceiling was absolutely normal.
7. You ate pasta for dinner at least 3 times a week and every Sunday.
8. You grew up thinking that no fruit or vegetable had a fixed price and that the price of everything was negotiable through haggling.
9. You were as tall as your grandmother at the age of seven.
10. You thought that everyone's last name ended in a vowel.
12. Your Mom's main hobby was house-cleaning.
13. You were surprised to find out that wine could be bought in stores.
14. You thought that everyone made their own tomato sauce.

Yet??? They are waiting for you in the Church Friary. Call and get box./ You'll be glad you did..

15. You never ate meat on Christmas Eve or any Friday, for that matter.
16. You always ate your salad AFTER the main course.
17. You thought that Catholic was the only religion in the world.
18. You were beaten at least once with a wooden spoon.
- 19 You thought every meals had to be eaten with a hunk of bread in your hand.
20. You can understand Italian but you can't speak it.
21. All of your uncles fought in a World War.
22. You had at least one relative who came here in a boat.
23. You have at least six male relatives named Tony, Frank, Joe or Louie .
24. You have relatives who aren't really your relatives.
25. You have relatives you don't speak to.
26. You drank wine before you were a teenager.
27. You relate on some level, admit it, to the Godfather and the Sopranos.
28. You grew up in a yard that didn't have one patch of dirt that didn't have a flower or a vegetable growing out of it.
29. Your grandparents furniture as comfortable as sitting on plastic. Wait, you WERE sitting on plastic!
30. You thought that talking loud was normal.
- 31 You thought that sugared almonds and Tarantella were common at all weddings.
32. You thought everyone got pinched on the cheeks and money stuffed in your pockets by relatives
33. Your mother is overly protective of the males in the family, no matter what their age./ This is still true today!
34. There was a crucifix in every room of the house
35. Wakes would be held in your living room.
36. You couldn't date a boy without getting the approval from your father (OH, and he had to be Italian).
37. You always called your pasta "Macaroni".
38. Going out for a cup of coffee usually meant going over to "Zia's" (Auntie's) for coffee.

39. Every condition, ailment, misfortune, memory loss and accident was attributed to the fact that you didn't eat anything.

40. Enjoy life like the Italians, if you are not Italian.

The trouble with learning from experience is that you never graduate!!!