

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, March 1, 2009

Cardinal's Appeal Off To A Good Start

.All Letters Are Out

And in your hands by this date. We received a notice from the Appeal Office that all the letters from the Cardinal to the prospective donors have gone out and by now should have reached the hands of our Parishioners. Please do not discard these as "junk" mail. Actually it is YOUR invitation to partake in the drive to help the Archdiocese of New York reach its quota to steer it through the next 12 months of the year in the black column instead of in the red. Several families have already responded from our Parish to help realize our goal of \$5,775.00. Our goal has been increased this year from \$5,500.00 to \$5,775. Not too much of an increase, to be sure, but nevertheless, still an increase. Each of us should do our part and in so doing, we will be able to very easily reach our goal and even go over it. We ask you to be as generous as possible in making your pledge. It will be the final Appeal by His Eminence, Edward Egan before his retirement and a good welcome sign to His Excellency, Archbishop Timothy Dolan who has been named the new Archbishop of New York.

Peter's Pence Collection

We are going to take up the Peter's Pence Collection this Sunday at all the Masses, due to the fact that the Pastor was away for the last two weeks, and Fr. Anthony Gonzales forgot to mention it at the Masses last Sunday when the collection was supposed to have been taken up. Please be as generous as possible. It supports the charitable works of the Holy See and the Pope throughout the world. And it is most important that we give him that necessary support.

Monthly Calendar

The Monthly Calendar and with it, the Monthly Memorials, is issued with this week's Bulletin. Please keep a copy of this hand for the rest of the month at least for reference to monthly activities.

St. Theresa Prayer Group

Will meet on Wednesday evening, March 4th, at 7:30 pm in the Church for their half hour of prayer and hymns. This will be followed by

The St. Anne Society Meeting

And this will take place in the Rectory about 8 pm. All members should try to make an effort to attend this meeting.

In our Parish will be held on all the Fridays of Lent and this will be at 7:30pm. It is a period of communal prayer in which the group of those people assisting pray in common with the one who is making the Stations. Try to make it. Of course, it may be a little difficult to leave a nice warm home and go into the cold outside to get to the Church on Friday night at 7:30 pm, but aren't we supposed to be making a little sacrifice for Lent?

Weekly Envelopes

Once again, we stress the importance of using weekly envelopes for your system of contributing to your Church. And while we are at it, may we offer a note of advice: please mark your envelope with the amount you have contributed and REFRAIN from glueing the daylight on the closure. The same can be said for the use of scotch tape. It is not necessary and makes opening the envelope that much more burdensome. Thank you..

Parish Sick & Deceased

Always, always keep in mind the souls of the deceased of the Parish, especially those of your own families who might be in need of those prayers. And now that it is Lent, and we should be praying more, let's try to offer some extra prayers for the souls of those near and dear to us.

Montana State Trooper

In most of the United States, there is a policy of checking on any stalled vehicle on the state's highways, especially when temperatures drop into the single digits or below. About 3 am one morning,

Stations of the Cross

Montana State trooper Allen Nixon #658 responded to a call there was a car off the road outside of Great Falls Montana. He located the car stuck in deep snow and with the engine still running. Pulling in behind the car with his emergency lights on, the trooper walked to the driver's door to find an older man passed out behind the wheel with a nearly half bottle of vodka on the seat beside him. The driver became awake when the trooper tapped on the window. Seeing the rotating lights in his rear view mirror and the state trooper standing next to his car, the man panicked. He jerked the gearshift into the "drive" position and hit the gas.

The car's speedometer was showing 20-30-40 and then 50 MPH, but the car actually wasn't moving because it was stuck in snow with the wheels spinning. Trooper Nixon, having a sense of humor, began running in place next to the speeding (but stationary) car. The driver was totally freaked out thinking that the trooper was actually keeping up with him. This goes on for about 20 or 30 seconds and then the trooper yells "Pull Over!"

The man nodded turned his wheel and stopped the engine. Needless to say, the man from North Dakota was arrested and is probably still shaking his head over the state trooper in Montana who could run 50 miles per hour.

Who says troopers don't have a sense of humor?

A Wonderful Story!

They walked in tandem, of of the 92 students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns and the traditional caps, they lookjewd almost as grown up as they felt. Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely frushed away tears.

This class would NOT pray during and part of the commencements, not by choice but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it. The principal and several students were careful to stay within the

guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and most challenging speeches, but no one dared mention Divine Guidance and no one asked for Blessings on the graduates or their families. The speeches were all nice but they were routine until the final speech which received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then *it happened*.

All 92 students, every single one of them at once, SNEEZED!!!!

And the single student on stage who was to give the next speech simply looked at the audience, then turned around and looking at the graduating class and said: *GOD BLESS YOU*. And he walked off the stage.

Needless to say, the audience exploded into applause and gave the student a standing ovation. The graduating class had found a simple and unique way to invoke God's Blessing on their future with or without the approval of the Court!