

Most Precious Blood Church

Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, April 12, 2009

Happy Easter To All!

Easter Sunday,

For the past three days, we have been commemorating the events in the life of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Savior, which culminated in his Passion and Death on Mt. Calvary. Just as Christ foretold his Passion and Death, he likewise foretold his triumphant Resurrection from the grave within three days, when he would rejoin his Apostles and begin the work of founding his Church here on earth.

The Resurrection of Christ was just as important to Christians as the Passion and death on Calvary. This was for the simple reason that the entire process was prophesied and He had to fulfill it to prove that he was indeed, the Messiah, the one who was sent by the Father to save mankind.

May the joys of the Resurrection of our Blessed Lord be a source of blessing to each and everyone of our families and may we all be one day reunited with Jesus our Savior and all our relatives and friends in the kingdom of heaven.

Cardinal Egan Retires

As An integral Parish in the Archdiocese of New York, we wish to acknowledge publicly that we wish Cardinal Edward Egan a much deserved rest as he retires from his work as Chief Shepherd for our

beloved Archdiocese. We thank him for all that he has done for New York and especially for the people of God who were committed to his care.

At the same time, we wish to give a warm welcome to Archbishop Timothy Dolan who will take over the reigns of the Archdiocese this coming Wednesday and pray that God will give him the strength to lead us well to the Kingdom of heaven.

Cardinal Appeal for 2009

We have sent letters out to the people of our beloved Parish for the final week of the Appeal so that we might reach our goal of \$5,775.00. We are most happy to say that as of now, we have raised a total of \$5,555.00 which has all been turned in to the Appeal Office of the Archdiocese. We have yet to raise the final \$205.00, and we feel that this will be done within the next few days anyway. We thank the Parishioners who have contributed to this Appeal. In as much as these times are difficult economically speaking, we know that sacrifices were made. And we pray that God will reward all our contributors a hundred times over for their generosity.

5th Tuesday of Novena

This coming Tuesday is the fifth of Thirteen Tuesdays in preparation for the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua. Services are at the 98 am Mass on Tuesday, after the 12:12pm Mass as well as in the Atlantic City Bus Ride

Anyone interested in taking a ride to Atlantic City for the day can call Mary Frattini for a seat on the bus which is leaving on April 20th. Her number is 212- 242 - 0195.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Remember to pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish, especially pray for your own relatives and friends. We ask you also to remember the soul of Margaret Noschese who passed away this week in Pittsburgh. Margaret was a volunteer worker for our own Fr. Fabian for many years. May she now rest in peace.

Potato Chips

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long way to where God lived so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six pack of root beer and began his journey.

When he had gone about 3 blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park, just staring at the pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her some chips. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating & smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he left he turned around and ran back to the woman and gave her a hug. She gave him the biggest smile ever.

evening after the 7:30pm Mass. The 12:10 pm and the 7:30pm Masses also have Fr. Francis Hanudel preaching a homily on the life and miracles of St. Anthony. Come and bring a friend.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him: "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman also radiant with joy, returned to her own home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before her son responded, she added: "And do you know, he is so much younger than I expected."

Too often, we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or even the smallest act of caring. All of these do have the potential to turn a life around. People come into and out of our lives for a reason, a season, or even a lifetime. Be prepared to embrace all equally, and to make a difference to the people YOU meet.

Have lunch with GOD.... bring chips! & a root beer!

Falling In Love

No one falls in love by choice – it is always by chance!

No one stays in love by chance, it is by work!

And no one falls out of love by chance, it is by CHOICE!

If you love this Man in the picture below, don't just say it, but show it that you really love HIM. He did something immeasurably great for you - he was lifted up on that cross for you and died for you.. But better yet, he arose from the dead and came back to life to make sure that YOU were saved.

That's what this past week was all about. And you know what he said while he lived here on earth?

He said to spread the word around about Him, and you'll be rewarded. "Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will acknowledge him before My Father, in heaven.