

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, April 19, 2009

Most Precious Blood Nears Goal

For Cardinal's Appeal 2009

Within the last couple of weeks, with our letters going out to those who had not yet contributed to the 2009 Cardinals Appeal, we have inched closer to our goal of \$5,775.00

We believe that there was a glitch in the accounts at the Office on First Avenue, probably due to the change of "commanders in chief" that occurred there during the past week. Hopefully, the persons responsible will get it all straightened out and we will have our true balance available by the end of the week. But we are very happy at the last response that was made by our people inasmuch as most of them did respond generously, and we forwarded all the donations to the head office.

Once again, our Parish should be singled out for extraordinary cooperation in getting this Appeal under way and at the same time, getting more and more of

our people to cooperate on the parish endeavor. The Parish gets the credit, and therefore, the entire parish should do the contributing. As it is actually, only about one tenth of the Parish contributes to the Appeal. If the entire Parish got behind this, the results might just be a little astounding.

Initially, people think that we want them to contribute large sums of money - that is NOT the case; if each person who really can afford it, contributes a little, I am certain that we would well reach triple and quadruple the amount assigned to us.

Next year, God willing, we hope to get many more people to contribute - not a large sum, but at least a little of what they can afford, and see where it brings us. I am sure that the results will surprise most of us if not all of us. Basically, the best thing to do is try to fulfill your obligation and give help where it is needed. Then leave the rest in the hands of God.

Lent and What Follows

We have just completed forty days of Lenten Sacrifice and hopefully a little fasting or at least a little self-sacrifice by giving up something that we particular like to enjoy . If all of this did actually occur in YOUR life, then for certain, Easter had a much high and more spiritual significance for YOU. But if you were among those who "just let the other person do it" then you missed out on an excellent opportunity to obtain some tremendous inner spiritual grace and satisfaction. Let us strive now, during this Easter season to be particular attentive to our spiritual obligations, especially that of charity and love of our neighbor.

We live in Little Italy. And each of us can and probably do boast of our Italian Heritage, and what our parents and grandparents did for us. Our brothers and sisters today in the Province of Abruzzo in the area of Aquila suffered a very devastating earthquake; and most of them lost not only many of their relatives and friends in that earthquake but their entire families and all that they possessed. If we had suffered the same here, there is no doubt that we would want others to think of us and try their best to help us out so that we might be able to recover and get on our feet again. That is exactly what we must do. Next Sunday, the Second Collection will be taken up by us and sent directly to the Holy See for distribution to the most needy ones in Aquila. We promise you, that not one penny of it will be wasted on "so called Middle-men" - all of it will go to the victims themselves. We beg you to please be generous.

Parish Sick & Deceased

In your charity we ask you to remember always your friends, neighbors and especially your relatives who might have gone on to heir eternal reward. Especially remember those who lost their lives in the Abruzzo Earthquake. For them it truly came like a "thief in the night."

Microwaving Water!

Remember that Christ came down here for us. Let's strive to make that sacrifice realize its full fruits in our lives. Let's really try to see Christ in all our friends and neighbors, especially those for whom we might have a certain distaste. A good chance to practice this charity might be next Sunday - when we will take up a

Special Collection for Earthquake Victims

A 26 year old man decided to have a cup of coffee. He took a cup of water and put it into the microwave to heat it up (now, this is something that he had done numerous times before). I'm not sure how long he set the timer for, but he wanted to bring the water to a boil. When the timer shut the over off, he removed the cup from the oven. As he looked into the cup, he noted that the water was not boiling, but suddenly the water in the cup "blew up" into his face. The cup remained intact until he threw it out of his hand, but all the water had flown out into his face due to the build-up of energy.

His whole face had become blistered and he had 1st and 2nd degree burns to his face which may leave scarring. He also may have lost partial sight in his left eye.

While at the hospital, the doctor who was attending to him stated that this is a fairly common occurrence and water (alone) should never be heated in a microwave oven. If the water is heated in this manner, something should be placed in the cup to diffuse the energy such as a wooden stir stick, or a tea bag etc. nothing metal.

GENERAL ELECTRIC'S RESPONSE

Thanks for contacting us, I will be happy to assist you. The E-Mail that you received is correct. Microwaved water and other liquids do not always bubble when they reach the boiling point. They can actually get superheated and not bubble at all. The superheated liquid will bubble up out of the cup when

it is moved or when something like a spoon or tea bag is put into it.

To prevent this from happening and thereby causing injury, do not heat any liquid for more than two minutes per cup. After heating, let the cup stand in the microwave for thirty seconds before moving it or adding anything to it.

And here is what a local science teacher had to say on this matter.

"Thanks for the microwave warning. I have seen this happen before. It is caused by a phenomenon known as superheating. It can occur anytime water is heated and will particularly occur if the vessel that the water is heated in is new, or when heating a small amount of water (less than a half cup). As the bubble cannot form and release, some of the heat has built up, the liquid does not boil, and the liquid continues to heat up well past the boiling point. What then usually happens is that the liquid is bumped or jarred, which is just enough to shock the bubbles to rapidly form and

expel the hot liquid. The rapid formation of bubbles is also why a carbonated beverage spews when opened after have been shaken."

The best thing you can do is pass this information on to your friends and relatives and possibly save them from needless pain or suffering.

A Farmer's Tale!

The story is told by a farmer that he would visit his aged mother in a nursing home as often as he could and would take her some fresh delicacies from his farm. On the advice of a family doctor, he would always include a quart of milk into which he would inject a bit of brandy. The old lady enjoyed it & told her son not to ever sell that cow!