

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, May 18th, 2008

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Feast is Celebrated Today

How often do we make the sign of the Cross? How often do we hear that famous doxology at the end of the official prayer of the church "We ask you this, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever, and ever. Amen"

These are our pledges of belief in the doctrine and dogma of the Church known as the Blessed Trinity, the make-up of the One True God.

We know that there is One God. We know also that in that One God, there are three persons, the Father, to Whom is relegated the work of Creation; the Son, Who was sent by the Father as an act of Love to redeem the human race; and finally, the Holy Spirit Who now permeates the life of the Church to sanctify its members.

How this is so, we do not know, and we will not know until that day when we can finally claim heaven as our own. Only then will that veil of mystery be lifted and perhaps given to us to see how this is all not only possible but definitely IS. It is the Mystery of the Trinity, the Mystery of God's essential make-up.

St. Anthony Novena

This is the 10th in the series of 14 Tuesdays in preparation for the Feast of St. Anthony, the great Wonder-Worker of Padua. Indeed it will not be too long in distant time that June 13th will be with us and we shall be celebrating once again the Feast of St. Anthony. Enter now into that proper spirit by attending our devotions to St. Anthony, asking him to grant to you and your families all the blessings and favors you might need. Devotions are held on Tuesdays at 8 am, at 12:10pm, and finally at 7:30pm.

Rosary In Honor Of Mary

This coming Wednesday evening at 7:30, the St. Anne's Society will recite the Rosary in the Church at 7:30pm. Everyone in the parish is invited to join them in this tribute to Mary during her special month. It should not take much longer than about a half hour at the most. Try your best to make it on Wednesday night for Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother.

Benefit Raffle

Most Precious Blood Church is sponsoring a Raffle of \$1500.00 cash which will be raffled off on the evening of the last night of the Feast which falls on September 21st. Tickets are only \$2.00 each or 3

tickets for \$5.00. Anyone wishing to take books of tickets from us to sell should contact Fr. Fabian or Angela. Tickets will also be available after all the Masses from now until September. Please help the Church out by purchasing tickets. All proceeds will go to the Building Fund so as to complete the funds

St. Anthony Feast

The St. Anthony Feast will begin on Thursday evening, May 22nd, and will run until Sunday June 1st when the Society of St. Anthony of Padova will convene at Most Precious Blood Church to celebrate a Solemn Mass at 11:am, followed by a procession through the streets of Little Italy. There will be marching bands, and music each night of the Feast.

Try to patronize the Feast this year. The members are all working very hard to make sure that they have a very successful Feast. They need the support of all of us.

Bethany Spirituality Retreat

of Highland Mills offers June retreats "Justice through the Window of God's Word, with Fr. Mark Hellman; or "Forgiving Love: in the Word, In the World", with Sr. Janice Farnham and Sr. Rosemary Mangan; and "Twelve Steps to Inner Freedom" with Sr. Carolyn Kopkowski.

If interested, call 845-460-3061.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Pray for all the sick and deceased of the Parish especially your own relatives and parents who may just be in need of YOUR prayers.

What's A Billion Between Friends

The next time you hear a politician use the word "Billion in a casual manner, think about whether you want that "politician" spending YOUR tax dollar. A

needed to renovate the church interior, install air-conditioning as well as correct some serious structural matters in the Church Building that call for immediate attention. We hope to have to cooperation of all our Parishioners and friends.

Billion is a difficult number to actually comprehend, but ne advertising agency did do an excellent job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases.

> A Billion seconds ago, it was 1959.

> A Billion minutes ago, Jesus was still alive.

> A Billion hours ago, our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.

> A Billion Days ago no one walked on the earth on two feet.

> A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 30 minutes , at the rate our government is spending it.

> And while this thought is still fresh in our brains, let's take a look at New Orleans. It's amazing what you can learn with some simple division. Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu is presently asking Congress for \$250 BILLION to rebuild New Orleans. Interesting number! What does it mean?

A. Well if you are one of the 484,674 residents of New Orleans (every man, woman, and child is included in that number) each of you would get \$516,528.00

B. Or, if you have one of the 188,251 homes in New Orleans, YOUR household would get \$1,329,787.00.

C. Or If you happen to be a family of four, YOUR family would get \$2,066,012.00

HELLO WASHINGTON, D.C. Are all your calculators broken?

Do you want to know SOME of the taxes that are now in vogue? Inheritance Tax! Building Permit Tax! CDL License Tax! Cigarette Tax! Corporate Income Tax! Dog License Tax! Food License Tax! Fuel Permit Tax! Federal Income Tax! Federal Unemployment Tax! Fishing License Tax! Hunting License Tax! Fuel Permit Tax! Inventory Tax! Liquor Tax! IRS Interest Charges (that's tax on top of tax)! IRS Penalties (Also Tax on top of Tax!) Luxury Tax! Marriage License Tax! Property Tax! Medicare Tax! Social Security Tax! Road Usage Tax! Sales Taxes! Recreational Vehicle Tax! State Income Tax! State Unemployment Tax! Telephone Federal Excise Tax!

Federal Universal Service Fee Tax! Telephone
Federal, State and Local Surcharge Tax! Telephone
Minimum Usage Tax! Utility Taxes! Vehicle
Registration Tax! Vehicle Sales Tax! Watercraft
Registration Tax! Well Permit Tax! Workers
Compensation Tax!

And if you think all of the above is a joke, let it sink
in that one hundred years ago, not one of these taxes

existed, and OUR NATION WAS ONE OF THE MOST
PROSPEROUS NATIONS IN THE WORLD.

We had NO NATIONAL DEBT!

And we had the LARGEST MIDDLE CLASS IN
THE WORLD.

And MOM stayed at home to raise the kids, while
Dad went out and earned the bread and butter.

What Happened! Spell POLITICIANS!