

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, July 13, 2008

Wednesday is Feast of O.L. of Mt. Carmel

One Of Our Lady's Best Titles

July 16th, this coming Wednesday, is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, perhaps one of the best known Titles of Our Lady, and recalls her apparition to St. Simon Stock and giving him the famous "Brown Scapular" which even today is worn by millions of people throughout the Catholic World.

It is believed by tradition that anyone wearing this "brown scapular" with devotion to the Blessed Mother under this title, will not die without the services of a Catholic Priest. And even today, we sell many scapulars to Catholic people who might be walking in our Mall as well as even some non-Catholics who are also devoted to the Blessed Mother.

And naturally, if you are one of the more fortunate who are wearing the Brown Scapular it stands to reason that you would want to honor the Blessed Mother by attending Mass on this, her special Feast day. Masses are celebrated at 8 am and at 12:10 pm.

Monday, is also the feast of St. Bonaventure, and it marks the 62nd anniversary of religious life for Fr. Fabian, our Pastor. He received the Franciscan habit on this day, July 14, 1946., and one year plus one day later, he took his temporary vows in the Franciscan Order, on July 15, 1947. He made his solemn profession of vows three years later also on the same day, July 15, 1950, and thus he marks his 58th

anniversary of solemn religious profession on Wednesday, July 15, 2008.

We ask you today to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, and more especially to the Franciscan Priesthood and brotherhood so that more young men will enter and dedicate their lives to the services of the church. Today, more than ever, we need young dedicated priests who will sacrifice themselves for the glory of God, and the spread of His holy gospel.

Our Fund-Raising Raffle

To date, we have sold some seven hundred and fifty books of raffle tickets for our Fund Raiser and we hope that with the cooperation of all our people, we will be able to sell many more. The cause is indeed a most worthy one and that is to offset the expenses of radically correcting some of the defects in our Church Structure which demands action within the next year or so. If you have not purchased any tickets, please do so at your earliest convenience and try to help out the Parish as much as you can. We are trying to raise the needed funds without directly operating a campaign among our own. Buying a Raffle Book of tickets is hardly going to hurt any one at this stage of the game, but if everyone does fulfill their duty and buy a book or two, we will have a terrific response to this fund raiser and the church will benefit tremendously. So we ask everyone to try to help us

out and we are also going to send some books out in the mail to help our cause.

Fr. Tom McNamara, a Capuchin Franciscan, is leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land departing New York on January 11, 2009. Fr. McNamara is stationed at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in East Patchogue, New York. During this pilgrimage they will visit Galilee, the Jordan River, Masada, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and many other points of interest. Anyone interested in going on this pilgrimage should contact Mike Milano at M and M Travel at 1-800-773-2660.

Sanctuary Candle For August

The Sanctuary Candle is available to be memorialized for the month of August. If you are interested, please call Angela on Monday morning and she will be happy to take care of it for you.

Parish Sick & Deceased

If you have anyone sick or deceased on the family you can and should remember to pray for them daily, but especially occasionally have a Mass celebrated for the repose of their soul. Masses are available during this current year of 2008. Come in and have a Mass offered for the repose of their souls.

George Carlin

George Carlin recently lost his wife and two weeks ago, he passed on as a result of a heart attack.

He was great known for his special brand of comedy, much of it off-color, so you just might be surprised to read the following which he authored so eloquently and so appropriately

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more but have

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less, we seem to buy more but enjoy less. We have bigger houses but smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too much, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, get up too tired, read too little watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a life but not hour to live a life. We've added many years to life but we haven't added life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but we have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done bigger things but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our own prejudices. We seem to write more but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

We live in times of fast foods and show digestion, big men and small character, steep profits, but shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorces, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are the days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer to kill. We live in times when technology can bring you a letter in a split second, and yet it cannot figure out a cure for heart disease or cancer.

And so we ask you always to REMEMBER: to say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that someone will soon grow up and leave your side forever.

REMEMBER to give a warm hug to the one you love because it is the only treasure that you can give with your whole heart that will NOT cost you a cent.

REMEMBER to say: "I Love You" to your partner or your loved ones, but most of all, MEAN it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from the deep inside of you!

REMEMBER to hold hands and cherish the moment for some day, the person that you really love

might not be there any more! And then you will have regrets.

And ALWAYS REMEMBER life is not measured by the number of breaths you take but by the moments that take our breaths away!

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share those precious thoughts in your mind.

George Carlin