

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, July 27, 2008

Feast of St. Mary of the Angels

Saturday ...

Is the feast of St. Mary of the Angels. To many of our people, perhaps this is the first time that we have heard of this Feast, but to the Franciscans of the world, it is a Feast of great meaning.

It was on this day, during the life of St. Francis that the Blessed Mother appeared to Francis of Assisi to whom Francis had placed the Order he founded under her special protection. Mary told Francis that she would grant him any favor he might ask for. Having a heart full of charity and love of neighbor, Francis immediately asked the Blessed Mother for the grace of complete remission of punishment due to sin for any sinner who would enter the little Chapel he built in honor of St. Mary of the Angels in Assisi, and recite therein seven Our Fathers, Seven Hail Mary and Seven Glory Be's for the intention of the HolyFather. This was called the special Indulgence of the Portiuncula, which was later extended by the Popes to every Franciscan Church in the world.

Thus, from sundown on Friday of this week until midnight on Saturday, as often as you visit a Franciscan Church and recite those requested prayers, you would gain a plenary indulgence - the first for yourself and then all others for the souls in purgatory.

Latin America Collection

Next Sunday, there will be a SPECIAL COLLECTION for Latin America and Home Missions. We hope that you will be as generous as possible in this collection as it is to be divided between the Missions of Latin America and our own Home Missions.

August Memorials

The Sanctuary Candle next month is in memory of Nerieda Vallejo and the deceased members of the Lamboglia Family. The altar Candles are in memory of Lawrence, Julia, Fred, and Michael Fabiani requested by Marie Fabiani. The Hosts and Wine are in memory of Philip Straniero requested by his wife Helen on the 30th Anniversary of his passing away.

Parish Fund-Raiser

We are still trying to sell our raffle tickets to as many people as possible. We ask you to please help the Church by purchasing as many tickets as you can to make this raffle a success.. To date, we have sold almost \$2,000.00 worth of tickets, but we have many, many more to go. We want to thank Anna Maniscalco

who took about 30 or 35 books and is asking as many people as she knows to help us by buying a ticket or even a whole book of tickets. But so far, she is the only one who is peddling the raffle books for us and we appreciate her every effort on our behalf. Others could do much the same, but just don't bother. If you can get rid of some tickets perhaps where you work,

Atlantic City Bus Ride

The next Bus ride to Atlantic City will be on Monday, August 18th. If anyone is interested in going, please get in touch with Mary Frattini at 212 - 241-0095 and she will be happy to give you additional particulars on the bus ride.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Please in your charity, remember to pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish especially your own relatives and friends. Also remember to pray for Frank Martini, who died and was buried from our Parish this past Tuesday; and for the deceased, Harriet Wong Marmo, wife of our Parishioner, Andy Marmo, who passed away in Las Vegas, NV where she was living for the past few years.. Eternal life grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen.

The Return of Noah

In the year, 2008, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in the USA, and said: "Once again, the earth has become so wicked and over-populated and I see the end of all flesh before me. I want you to build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the blueprints saying: "You have but six months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard with no sign of an Ark.

ask us for some books and we will gladly give them to you to sell in your work-place. Tickets are only \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00 and \$15.00 for the entire book of 10 tickets. Please help us out as much as you can. We still have well over two months to sell all of our tickets, and if we really get down to it, we can make it really successful. Tickets are also on sale at the Rectory.

"Noah", he roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed since the first time.

"I found out I needed a building permit. I've been arguing with the inspector about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbors claim that I've violated the neighborhood zoning laws by building the Ark in my yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Development Authority for a decision. Then the Department of Transportation demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move into the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.

"Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed wood to save the owls - but no go!

"When I started gathering the animals, an animal rights group sued me. They insisted that I was confining too many wild animals in a restricted place against their will and it was inhumane to put so many animals in such a confined space.

"Then the EPA ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood.. I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew. Immigration and Naturalization Departments are also checking the green-card status of most of the people who want to work. The trade Unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union Workers with Ark-Building experience.

"To make matters worse, the IRS seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species. So forgive me Lord, but it would take at least another 10 years for me to finish this Ark."

Suddenly. The skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in great wonder and asked: "You mean, Lord,. You are not going to destroy the world?"

"No," said the Lord, The government beat me to it."

Quote Of The Year!!!!

My friends, we live in the greatest nation in the history of the world. I hope that you'll consider joining with me as we try to change it."

..... Se. Barack Hussein

Obama

"Since Taxation WITH respresentation hasn't worked out too well, maybe we just ought to go back to no taxation without representation."

...Anon.