

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

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St. Rocco Procession

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St. St. Rocco Society of Potenza announced that they will have their Annual Feast honoring St. Rocco today, and it will begin at St. Joseph's Church on Monroe Street and go through the Streets of Little Italy.

This is the 120th year that this Feast is being celebrated. It will start with a Solemn Mass at 12 Noon at St. Joseph's Church followed by the procession to the Streets of Little Italy. All proceeds will go to support the Church and School on Monroe Street. At 6:00 pm there will also be entertainment and refreshments on the Street.

Parish Fund Raiser

We want to thank the many parishioners who have already purchased tickets for our Fund Raiser Raffle. We know there are still many who have not dug deep into their hand-bags or pockets to help in this fund raiser. Tickets are only \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 or \$15.00 per book of ten tickets. We don't think it is too much to ask ALL our parishioners to help THEIR Church by buying at least one book of tickets over the course of these summer months when we are running this raffle. You have to be in it to win it, as the old saying goes. win the prize.

You might think that the prize is not worth spending the \$2.00 on, but that is precisely it. We are not telling you to spend the \$2.00 to win the prize, but to help the Church. That is the primary and main reason for your purchase. Of course, if you will the prize, then all the more power to you and enjoy it.

San Gennaro Feast

The San Gennaro Feast this year begins on September 10 and goes to September 20th The Feast itself falls on a Saturday. The Feast Day Mass will take place on the Saturday September 19th at 3 pm This is IT. The Mass, once again, is at 3:00 pm. As such it will NOT fulfill YOUR obligation of Sunday Mass. Had the Mass been celebrated at 6:00 pm or at the regular Parish Mass time of 5:30pm, that would have fulfilled your obligation of Sunday Mass.

There will be another Mass at 5:30 pm to make it easier to fulfill your obligation. We will continue to announce this weekly until the Feast begins and again, during the Feast so that there will be no misunderstanding.

Once again, we ask anyone who would like to give their time (not necessarily all 11 days of the feast, nor even 12 or 15 hours per day) but only what time they can afford to free give to their church to help us with the Church itself, the Shrine Statue of St. Gennaro as well as the sale of religious items. If you are interested, please get in touch with Fr. Fabian.

Banns of Marriage

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The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time between Sandor Hau of Andrew and Young Imm with Eleanore Kim of Hawn and Young Choi. Sandor and Eleanor will be married in our Church on September 5th.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Please remember in your charity to pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish, especially your own relatives and friends who may be in need of your prayers.

A Letter A Newspaper Refused To Publish

Every once in a while, a letter is written to the Editor of a Newspaper in reference to a subject which they deem may be politically incorrect or which does not agree with the philosophy that the particular newspaper is currently "pushing" on the public. The following letter was written to the Orange County Register in California.

Dear Editor:

So many letter writers have based their argument on how this land is made up of immigrant. Ernie Lujan for one, suggests we should tear down the Statue of Liberty because the people now in question aren't being treated the same as those who passed through Ellis Island and other ports of entry at the turn of the last century.

Maybe we should turn to our history books and point out to people like Mr. Lujan why today's American is not willing to accept this new kind of immigrant any longer. Back in the early 1900 when there was a rush from all areas of Europe to come to the United States, people had to get off a ship and stand in a long line in New York and be documented. Many would even get down on their hands and knees and kiss this ground which would become their new homeland. They made a pledge to uphold the laws and SUPPORT those laws of their new country in both good and bad times. They made ENGLISH a primary rule in their new American households and some even went so far as to change their names to blend in with their new home. They literally waved goodbye to their birthplace to give their children a new life and did everything in their power to help their children assimilate into one new culture - the American Culture. Nothing was handed to them. No free lunches. No such thing as welfare; no labor laws to protect them. All they had were the skills and craftsmanship they had brought with them to trade for a future of prosperity.

Most of their children came of age when World War II broke out. My father fought along side men whose parents had come straight from Germany, Italy, France, and Japan. None of these first generation Americans ever gave a thought about what country their parents had come from. They were

Americans, fighting Hitler and his way of life, Mussolini and the Emperor of Japan. They were defending THEIR United States of America as one people.

When we liberated France, no one in those village was looking for the French-American or the German-American or the Italo-American. These people only saw Americans. And we went there under one flag that represented one country. Not one of those immigrant sons would have ever thought about picking up another country's flag and waving it to represent who they were. To them it would have been a disgrace to their parents who had sacrificed so much to be here. These immigrants truly knew what it meant to be an American. They were the ones who stirred the melting pot into one red, white and blue bowl.

And here we are in 2009 with a new kind of immigrant who wants the same privileges and rights, openly they want to achieve it by playing with a different set of rules, one that includes the entitlement card and a guarantee of being faithful to THEIR MOTHER COUNTRY.

I'm sorry, but that's not what being an American is all about. I believe that the immigrants who landed on Ellis Island in the early 1900's deserve better than that for all the toil, hard work and sacrifice in raising future generations to create a land that has become a beacon for those legally searching for a Better Life. I think they would be appalled that they are being used as an example by those waving foreign country flags. Look at the various ethnic parades coming down Fifth Avenue and all those people waving flags of all different nations except the one that actually is providing them with a home!

And as for that suggesting to tear down that Statue that graces the waters of New York harbor, just remember that the Statue means an awful lot to the citizens who are voting on the immigration bill. I wouldn't start talking about dismantling the United States at this time.

(Signed) Rosemary LaBontte

Three Sisters

Three sisters, ages 92, 94, and 96 live in a house together. One night, the 96 year old draws a bath. She puts her foot in the tub and pauses. She yells to the other sister: "Was I getting in or out of the bath?" The 94 year old yells back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see."

She starts up the stairs and pauses, "Was I going up the stairs or down?" The 92 year old in the meantime is sitting in the kitchen having tea. "I hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood." Then she yells. "I'll come up and help the

both of you just as soon as I see who's knocking at the door. Wait a minute."

