

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, October 5, 2008

Sts. Cosmas & Damian Mass Today

Requested by Devotees

There will be a special Mass today in honor of Sts. Cosmas and Damian at 10:30 am requested by devotees.

Many Italians as well as those of Italian origin are very devoted to Sts Cosmas and Damian. They were twins who lived in the early Church and took up the study of medicine. They used their studies to help the poor people who could not afford to see medical doctors, and they used their talents to help the poor and thus bring souls to Christ.

They ended their lives by suffering a martyr's death. Their Feast day is usually celebrated on September 27th and together with St. Luke the Apostle, they are honored as Patron Saints of doctors and physicians.

If you ever have the opportunity to visit the eternal city of Rome, just a short walk from the Roman Coliseum you will find one of the venerated Shrines of Italy, the Basilica of Sts. Cosmas and Damiano with its extraordinary architecture and a world famous replica of the Christmas Presepio which is open all year. It is truly a sight worth seeing.

San Gennaro Feast

The Feast has come and gone. We feel that we have an obligation to publicly give thanks to God and San Gennaro for a very successful Feast. We first and foremost are most thankful to our very hard working volunteers who sacrificed their time and energy to help the church financially. They realized that this was an opportunity for us to raise necessary funds during these

eleven days and work hard now so that we might be able to provide for the winter months.

Let us get one thing straight in our beloved Parish which seems to thrive on gossip: NOT ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS IS PAID FOR THEIR TIME OR EFFORT; NOT ONE OF THEM IS REMUNERATED IN ANY WAY. If anyone is of the opinion or has knowledge of anything contrary to this statement, please do not speak behind our backs. Come forth and tell us to our face that we are LYING. But first and foremost, have proof of YOUR statement as well. We have some of our workers who spent hours upon hours and at the end of the eleven days, they were doggone tired of this work, but nevertheless, satisfied that they accomplished something for their Church.

We had volunteers who came here from out of state, and from the outer boros as well just to make sure that Most Precious Blood would not be in need during the fiscal year of 2008/2009. We salute these men and women who were really dedicated and worked at anything we asked them to do to make sure that Most Precious Blood stayed on the map. And yet, we heard so many ugly rumors, rumors that had no foundation in truth. Each and everyone of them will, I am certain, will be rewarded greatly by our heavenly Father Who sees and knows all.

So that all may know that we are on the up and up, we annually have and pay for an appreciation dinner for all our workers – this is in no way to repay them. We would never be able to do this in any just and honest way. It is a mere way of saying "Thank you" for a job well done for our church that doesn't seem to be able to support itself by ordinary means. Without the Feast, without the Mall, let's just face it, the Church would be bankrupt in three months.

We wish to thank Jamie Gagliardotto and Focolare Restaurant for taking over of the Cape of money donated to San Gennaro during the procession on the day of the Feast. This donation is deeply appreciated.

And to ALL our workers - we say a very hearty "Thank You" and you could not have done a better job. May God

Raffle

The raffle held on the last night of the Feast in the presence of about 100 guests produced the winner in the person of Mr. Frank Paterno of New Jersey. He has not, as of this writing, come in to claim his prize of \$1,500.00 but we do expect to see him in a few days. Congratulations, Frank. May you win many more.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Please remember to pray for your sick and deceased relatives and friends who are always in need of your prayers. And more especially, keep in your prayers the intentions of all the sick commended to us and ask for our Prayers as well. You never know when YOU might be in their shoes.

5th Grade Assignment

This is awesome! A 5th grade teacher in a Christian School asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use some of them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

God is like BAYER ASPIRIN, He works miracles!

God is like a FORD - He's got better ideas!

God is like a COKE - He's the real thing!

God is like HALLMARK Cards - He cares enough to send the very best!

God is like TIDE - He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like GENERAL ELECTRIC - He brings good things to life!

God is like SEARS - He has everything!

God is like ALKA-SELTZER - Try Him, you'll like Him!!

God is like SCOTCH TAPE - You can't see Him but you know He's there.

God is like DELTA - He's ready when you are!

God is like ALL STATE - You're in good hands when you are with Him!!

God is like HAIRSPRAY - He holds through all kinds of weather!!

bless you and San Gennaro protect you and yours. You deserve every accolade that may be coming to you. And in your own minds, you know that you worked for God and San Gennaro. In the long run, who cares what anybody thinks or says as long as God knows the truth!

God is like DIAL SOAP - aren't you glad you have Him. Don't you wish everybody did? (One of our favorites)

God is the U.S. POSTAL SYSTEM - Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed rounds.

God is like the CHEVROLET - He's the heart beat of America!!

God is like MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE - Good to the very last drop!

God is like BOUNTY - He's the quicker picker upper - He can handle the tough jobs, and he'll never fall apart on you.

The Wall Street Bailout

I'm against the \$85,000,000,000.00 bailout of AIG. Instead, I'm in favor of GIVING every Bona Fide US Citizen who is 16 years of age or over the money. Let's make the math simple. There are about 200,000,000 such citizens; our populations right now numbers about 301,000,000 counting every man woman and child. We might say that a fair stab at how many are actually over 18 might be about 200,000,000; so divide 200,000,000 into 85 billion and that equals \$425,000.00 per man woman over the age of 18. Give it to them as a "We Deserve It Dividend". Of course, that amount would be taxable and as such every individual recipient would repay the government \$127,500.00 in taxes. That sends 25,500,000,000 right back to Uncle Sam.

But it means that at this moment every adult has some new found \$297,500.00 and every husband and wife team has \$595,000.00 in their common fund. What can you do with that kind of money???

1. Pay off your mortgage instantly. - housing crisis solved instantly.
2. Repay your college loans - what a great boost to new grads.
3. Put money away for college - it will always be there and even pay you a little interest on the side.
4. Save money in a bank - creates money to loan for entrepreneurs.
5. Buy a new car - creates jobs.
6. Invest in the stock market - capital drives growth.
7. Pay for your parent's medical insurance - health care automatically improves.
8. Enable deadbeat Dads to come clean - or else ...

Remember this is for every adult US citizen 18 yrs of age and over - even for our soldiers.

As for AIG - what to do with it? Liquidate it!

Sell off its parts. Let American General go back to being American General.

Sell off the Real Estate

And let the private sector bargain hunters cut it up and clean it up.

My rationale is we deserve it and AIG certainly has proven that it does not. My fellow Americans know how to use the \$85,000,000,000 - What a coast to coast block party.