

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, November 9th, 2008

Welcome Fr. Anthony Gonzales

New Assistant at MPB

We wish to welcome Fr. Anthony Gonzales to Most Precious Blood Church. He comes here from the Philippines, and is related to Fr. Erno Diaz, the Pastor of St. Lorenzo Ruiz Chapel located on Broome Street.

We hope that Fr. Anthony will make his new home at Most Precious Blood a very pleasant place to remain both for himself and for us. He is a very pleasant priest and we know that our parish will take very dearly to him and embrace him as one of their very own..

We wish Fr. Anthony a long and fruitful stay here at Most Precious Blood. May God bless him with a fruitful harvest and many years of fruitful labor.

New Candle Stands

You may have noticed that in front of the Blessed Virgin Altar, on the right hand side of the Church as you face the altar, there are two new candle stands, which feature LED lights and are up to the present in beauty and operation. We hope to gradually phase out the old candle stands we had which today cannot be repaired because they were purchased from an individual who passed away and the business is now

closed. The parts to repair those candle stands are no longer available to us or anyone. And many of the candles or lights have been broken on them and cannot be repaired.

The lights on the new candles feature good timers which allow them to be lit for one day, two days, or one week. They can even be lit for the entire year so that we can make arrangements to memorialize them for a year at a time. The Red candle lights will continue to be lit for a year at a cost of \$52.00. Anyone wishing to memorialize a White Candle will be at \$75.00 per year. As usual, the candles will bear the names of the one memorialized as well as the donor. Anyone wishing to donate one or both stands can get in touch with the Pastor of Precious Blood at your convenience.

Flowers For the Church

Each year at this time, we have beautiful live flowers donated to us - several pots of beautiful Mums to beautify the main altar, as well as some of our side altars.

The donor of these flowers is none other than Mike Serrone, who purchases these plants in memory of his mother and father. We want to thank Mike for this sizeable donation, and at the same time, we want to thank him for the many hours of work he does for our church to keep it as an outstanding place to visit

for our friends who week after week come into our Church and remark how beautiful it is and how well kept it is. This credit is mainly due to Mike and his

There is not a week that goes by that these two men are idle, when it comes to working for our Church.. Even now, they are planning for the Christmas season when we leave the decorations for the Church and Rectory entirely in their hands, and they usually come up with a display that makes every visitor stop in open mouth adulation. They spend a lot of their free time right here to make Most Precious Blood the PLACE to visit during the holidays.

Tuesday, Veterans Day

This coming Tuesday is Veterans Day and as such is a Legal Federal Holiday in the United States. The Friary office will be closed on that day and there will be no Masses celebrated. The office will reopen on Wednesday morning, at 9 am.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Please pray for the sick and the deceased of the Parish, especially your own sick and deceased relatives and friends. This is the month of November - let it not pass by without a remembrance from you, their near and dear one.

Why Go To Church?

I am sure that you have heard this question asked over and over again and especially by those who least frequent any church, aside from our one, true Church, the Roman Catholic Church. If you just happen to be one of those individuals who are spiritually alive, you are going to appreciate this. But if you are spiritually dead, you might want to just put this down even before you start reading it; but if you happen to be spiritually curious, there might still be a flicker of hope!

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made NO SENSE

right hand helper, Mel. This they do always as a free contribution to our Church.

to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for some 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that space of time, I have heard something like 3000 sermons. But for the life of me, I cannot remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the Pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went one for weeks until some one wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for even one single one of those meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me, and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had NOT given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, If I had not gone to Church for my Spiritual Nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something. Faith see the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible. Thank God for our PHYSICAL and SPIRITUAL nourishment!

Remember that going to Church no more makes you a Christian than standing in a garage makes you a car. You have got to do something than just "be there."

A Thought Provoking Story

There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone except her boyfriend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend: "If I could only see the world, I would marry you."

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages were removed, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend. He asked her: "Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?" The girl looked at her boyfriend as saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her.

She had not expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse his marriage proposal.

Her boyfriend left in tears and days later wrote a note saying: "Take good care of your eyes, my dear one, for before they were yours, they were mine."

This is how the human brain often works when our status changes. Only a very few remember what life was like before, and who was always at their side in the most painful situations.

A Christmas Concert with Michael Amante

St. Michael's Church (4th Ave Brooklyn) will host a Christmas Gala Concert with Michael Amante on Dec. 7, 2008 at 3:30pm. Mr. Tony LoBianco, famous Actor, will host this concert.

Tickets for the concert are available for \$50.00 and may be had by calling (718) 768-6065 for reservations and possible further information.