

Most Precious BloodChurch Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

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Collection For Human Redevelopment

Please Be Generous

In 2006 nearly 37 million American were living below the poverty line and more than one third of those were children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development that year went directly to those 37 million people to help them get over that poverty line by funding programs that focused on addressing the root causes of that poverty in those cases and it help many of them re-establish themselves in better working conditions creating well-paying jobs for them. Of those 37 million people, 45% work full time but do not make enough money to feed a family of four. These are the ones that need the help in their skills to rise above that poverty line. The Campaign for Human Development tries to build a better and more just community where these do not exist. And it is ONLY YOU that can make that difference.

Each year we ask them to join our mission through a generous and prayerful donation to help others just as we helped them. It was YOUR help in the past that put them ABOVE the poverty line, and we have to work as much as possible to get as many as possible out of that rut of difficult living.

Once again, we ask for your help to help us help others. Please be as generous as you can with the gifts God freely gave us. Please consider a sizeable donation to the Campaign for Human Development this year in the second collection today.

Each year after the collection the Catholic Charities Office always writes us a beautiful letter of thanks for the generosity of our Parishioners towards God's poor. Let us help them with all our heart this year as well.

Mass For Parish Deceased

This coming Saturday, the 12 Noon Mass will be celebrated for all the deceased of the Parish but most especially for those who passed on to their eternal reward during the past year. Their names will be announced during the Prayer of the Faithful and a member of each of the families of the Deceased will come to the main altar to light a candle for their deceased member as a Parish Memorial. We ask as many parishioners as possible to attend the Mass and pray for their deceased family members.

Rosary Sale

If anyone is thinking of purchasing a gift for some relative or friend, perhaps you might consider a gift of a beautiful Rosary.

We have several beautiful rosaries that we are putting on sale that are being discounted at least 50 to 75% below their regular cost. They are on display at the table at the rear of the church. And they will be

there for this week-end and next week-end Masses. There is nothing absolutely wrong with them except that they are the end of the particular line and our suppliers are not making them any longer. We make

This year, for the Christmas season, perhaps a nice Rosary will be more appropriate a gift for your loved ones. If these don't meet your fancy, then by all means come into the Rectory and make a selection from our wide inventory. We have literally thousands of Rosaries to select from, and every one of them is a good price and just about 98% of them are from Italy. They make a beautiful gift for any man woman or child.

Weekly Envelopes

Next Week, we shall begin putting out the 2009 Weekly Envelopes. We would appreciate it very much if many more of our Parishioners and contributors would begin to use these envelopes for their Sunday Offerings.

When you consider the cost of everything shooting sky high, try to imagine what it is when you are taking care of bills on a much larger scale, like us.

At the present time, our offertory collection does not cover even the cost of our electricity, fuel and salaries. If it were not for the supplementary income that we make with the sale of our religious items, we definitely could not make ends meet.. While it might exaggerate a little by saying that we should donate 10% of our income, most of our donors are still contributing the same dollar or quarter that they were contributing back in the 40's and 50's. During the week, we collect over \$40.00 in quarters, dimes, nickels and yes, even pennies. And in today's economy, we just cannot begin to support any church on those donations. During the coming year, try to do better by YOUR Church. What you give stays right here and Supports YOUR Church. We have only three people on Salary here: The Secretary, the Organist as well as Your Priests.

"Tater" People

room now for new rosaries that will be coming in gradually between now and when the Mall re-opens in 2009. One of our volunteers will be happy to help you select which rosaries you might like.

Some People never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called: "Spec Taters"

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters"

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to sol their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters"

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour, too sweet. They are called "Agie Taters"

Then there are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called "Hezzie Taters"

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Emma Taters"

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They are the ones who bring real sunshine into the lives of everyone about them. They are called "Sweet Taters"

Thanksgiving is coming along this week, let's all try to be "Sweet Taters"

When Your Hut's on Fire

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help that might be on their way to rescue him, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build himself a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions.

One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived back to his little hut to find it in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had now happened, and everything henow had was lost. He

was stunned with disbelief, grief and anger. He cried out "God! How could you do this to me?"

Early the next morning he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the shore. It had come to rescue him! "How did you find out I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers.

"We saw your smoke signal." they replied.

The Moral of the Story.:

Don't get discouraged when things are going bad. It may be just that God might be at work in our lives in the midst of our pain and suffering. Remember that the next time your "little hut" seems to be burning to the ground and you feel abandoned by all, even God. It may just be sending a smoke signal to God.