

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

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Christmas Blessings To All

Christmas....

Is here after four weeks of ardent preparation. We hopefully spent the last four weeks of Advent to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child. We pray that we are all better prepared than the Jews were on that first Christmas morning when Jesus was born of Mary in Bethelhem.

He came n earth that we might live, that we might live lives of perfection so that we one day will spend an eternity of happiness together with Him and His Father in Heaven.

As we celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass today, we recall Christ's act of sacrifice on Calvary and ask Him to bestow upon each of our parishioners the happiness and Peace which is long desired in the hearts of all Christian people.

May the New Year of 2009 bring a year of peace and Prosperity to each of our people and at the end of the year find us all closer to God.

Masses on our Church on Christmas Eve during the day are at 8 am and 12:10 pm. Then for the midnight Mass, the church doors will open at 11:15pm. All the parishioners will try to gather for the singing of Christmas Carols at 11:45pm; followed by Midnight Mass at 12 and the Procession with the Infant Jesus after the Mass, with the blessing of the Crib both in the Church and in the Courtyard.

On Christmas Day itself, Masses will be celebrated at 9 am and again at 12:00 Noon. We remind everyone that Christmas is a Holiday of obligation and as such it obliges each of us to attend Mass. We should also try to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Communion.

The Christmas Collection

The Second Collection on Christmas Day is the Christmas Collection. We ask you to be as generous as you can inasmuch it will go to help defray the many Christmas Expenses we incurred during this past Christmas season. Envelopes are available at the door of the church as well as in the Sacristy for this purpose.

Christmas Flowers

We hope that many of the Parishioners will also help us to defray the expenses of the Christmas Flowers. Flower envelopes are available at the door of the Church as well. Please put your offering in the envelope and drop it in one of the larger baskets at the front of the church or in a collection basket. We thank all those who have already offered to cover these expenses.

Banns Of Marriage

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the Third Time between Kevin Smith of Walter and Elaine Wachowicz and Joanna Lisi of Joseph and Ilog Parish Sick & Deceased

Pandur. Kevin and Elaine intend to enter marriage on December 27th, in our Church. We wish them many years of wedded happiness in their new life together.

Remember to pray for your sick or deceased parents and relatives, especially those we have lost in the last year. Many thought that they were going to be here this year and are not. How many of us may be gone next year? We will then be looking for those prayers.

The Funniest Joke Ever!!!

Does anyone remember the reason given for the establishment of the DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY during the Carter Administration? Does anyone at all? No? Didn't think so!

Bottom Line is that we have spent several hundred billion dollars in support of an agency the reason for which no one remembers the reason for its inception, creation, or present existence.

READY? It is very simple, and at the same time there is not a single person who thought it was inappropriate.

The Department of Energy was instituted on August 4, 1977 – that is 31 years ago, if we can count straight, ***TO LESSEN OUR DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL. PRETTY EFFICIENT, RIGHT?***

And here it is, the end of 2008, as we said, 31 years later, and the budget for this necessary department is at ***\$24 BILLION A YEAR.***

They presently have 16,000 federal employees and approximately 100,000 contract employees and look at the ***TREMENDOUS*** JOB THEY HAVE DONE!

This is where you slap yourself on the forehead and say "What was I thinking?"

Ah Yes, Good ole beurocracy. And now we want to turn over the banking system to them? God help us!