

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

Sunday, February 14, 2010

Very Happy New Year!

To Our Chinese Parishioners!

We wish to take this opportunity to wish all our Chinese and Oriental Parishioners who are celebrating the beginning of a New Year, a very Happy New Year, one filled with the Blessings of God which brings us true happiness. They have every reason to be proud of their ancestry and the manner in which they foster respect for the elderly and bring up their children to respect others and value the better things of life.

Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. It is the beginning of Lent, a period of forty days during which the Church ask us to make sacrifices for our spiritual improvement in life.

We would heartily recommend that we keep Lent as a Positive Season during which we take advantage to practice good habits such as daily Mass and daily communion. Making that kind of Lenten resolution definitely brings us closer to God and His Son, Jesus Christ. At Most Precious Blood Church, we have Mass daily at 8 am and at 12:10 noon. Try to make that sacrifice during the forty days of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, Mass will be celebrated at 8 am and 12:10 pm. Blessed ashes will be imposed on the heads of our devoted Catholics after the Mass as well as in the evening at 7 pm in the Church. Once again, we ask you to enter the church by way of Mulberry Street rather than Baxter Street. The Baxter Street entrance will remained closed.

Also remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. NO MEAT IS ALLOWED. Also on Fridays of Lent, we may NOT eat meat. All those between the ages of 21 and 59 must fast as well. It's your chance to lose a couple of pounds and be a healthier person at the same time. Naturally, if you are ill, laws of fasting do not bind.

Special Collection Next Sunday

We recall how Pope Benedict inspired, encouraged and blessed our country last year during his apostolic journey to the USA. During his visit, he stated: "You may also be the first friend of the Poor, the homeless, the stranger, the sick and all who suffer. Act as beacons of hope, casting the light of Christ upon the world."

The Peter's Pence Collection, which will be taken up in our churches in New York next Sunday enables the Holy Father to provide emergency assistance to the most disadvantaged - those who suffer because of war, oppression, disease, and natural disasters. In the name of Christ as well as in the name of the Pope who depends on your generosity, we ask you to give as generously as possible in the Special Collection to be taken up in

1. Happy New Year ...

2. Ash Wednesday and Lent

3. Peter's Pence Collection

4. The Use Of Church Envelopes

5. The Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal

5. Parish Sick & Deceased

6. ..The Year 1909

all the Masses next Sunday in our Church. May

Use of Church Envelopes

If you have not as yet begun to use YOUR set of Church Envelopes, we ask you to come into the Rectory as soon as possible and get a set. Use them weekly, marking down the sum of your contribution and try NOT to use scotch tape to seal your envelope.

Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal

What was once called the "Cardinals Appeal" had now changed its name to the "Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal." And the Preliminary letters have already gone out to our parishioners. We ask you. The Appeal Goal for our Parish has been raised to \$6,500.00 We hope to attain that goal once again through the generosity of our parishioners, but PLEASE do not treat the mail as so called "junk" mail.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Please pray for the sick & Deceased of the Parish, especially your own relatives and friends who may be ill or who may have recently passed on. In particular we ask you to remember the family of Gennaro quintant, Andrea Glover, Mrs. Alma Fidani, and the mother of Paul Scanapieco.

The Year 1909

This just might boggle your mind. I know it did mine. What a difference a century makes. The following are statistics for that year:

1. *The average life expectancy was 47 years.*
2. *Fuel for cars was sold ONLY in drug stores.*
3. *Only 14% of the homes in the USA had a bathtub.*
4. *Only 8% of the homes had a telephone.*
5. *There were only 8,000 cars in all the USA and only 144 miles of paved roads.*
6. *Max speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.*

God Bless you.

7. *The tallest structure in the world was the EIFFEL Tower.*

8. *The average wage in that year was 22 cents per hour.*

9. *The Average worker mad between \$200.00 and \$400.00 per year.*

10. *A competent accountant commanded \$2000. per year.*

11. *A dentist might make up to \$2,500., a vet between \$1,500 and \$4,000.00 a year. A mechanical engineer might take in as much as \$5,000. A year.*

12. *More than 95% of all births took place right in the home (such as me - that's where I was born!)*

13. *90% of all doctors had NO COLLEGE degree. Instead, they attended Medical schools, many of which were condemned by the government as substandard.*

14. *Sugar cost 4 cents per pound.*

15. *Coffee cost 15 cents per pound*

16. *Egg cost 14 cents a dozen.*

17. *Most women washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.*

18. *Canada Passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering their country for any reason.*

19. *The five leading causes of death were: A) pneumonia; B) Tuberculosis; C) Diarrhea; D) Heart Disease; E) Stroke.*

20. *the American Flag had only 45 stars on it.*

21. *The population of Las Vegas was 30!!!*

22. *Crosswrd puzzles, canned beer, or iced tea were not yet invented.*

23. *There was no Mother's day or Father's Day.*

24. *Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter in your local drug store.*

25. *18% of all american households have a servant or maid.*

26. *There were about 230 murders reported in the entire USA.*

27. *95% of our present day tases were non-existent (that's what we meant when we said the phrase "good old days".*

Try to imagine what it will be like in 2109!!!

Smile

Little Tommy brought a present to the minister's house. "Thank you very much," said

the minister. I must call your mother and thank her for these 8 apples." "Please, sir would you mind thanking her for 10?"