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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30:**

8:30	Grace Anderson
10:00	Orlando Pisaniello
11:30	PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
11:30	Concetta e Francesco Baronessa, Giuseppina e Corrado Candiano- ITALIAN
2PM	SPANISH MASS – CRISTO REY – Upper Church
6:00	Deceased of the Novarro & Scarpati Families

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1:**

7:00	William J. Finn
9:00	Annima Abandonate
NOVENA AFTER MASS	

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2:**

7:00	Anna Elizabeth Sarcona
9:00	Laura Neva

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3:**

7:00	James De Blase
9:00	Deceased of the Colavolpe, Buffa and Scianna Families

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4:**

7:00	Concetta Stella
9:00	Bridget & Michael Tuohy

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5:**

7:00	Barbara Richter
9:00	Stephen Michael Moore
8PM	Josephine Cracchiolo, ITALIAN

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6:**

9:00	Lorenza Nizzari
ROSARY FOR LIFE – AFTER MASS	
10:30	Rosa Porto, Memorial Mass
3PM	John Scully & Inna Kolesnikova, WEDDING
5:30	Rosemary Gentile

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7:**

8:30	Peter Ianniello
10:00	Francesco Costa
10:00	SPANISH MASS – Lower Church
11:30	PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
	JUBILEE YEAR CLOSING MASS
11:30	Vincenzino, Pitino Corrado, Pitino, Raffaella Pumillo- ITALIAN
6:00	Vito & Anna Vavallo

**PASTORAL CARE** Please don't forget to inform us if you are going to be hospitalized so one of our priests can visit. Provide us with your name, hospital, room number, phone number and, when possible, how long you will be hospitalized. If you are unable to attend Mass, due to poor health, illness or advanced age, please call so a Eucharistic Minister can bring Communion to you. Anointing of the Sick may be requested because of scheduled surgery or treatment for a life-threatening illness. Call us prior to your surgery or treatment. Directly inform one of our priests or leave this information on Ext.24

**WANT OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU?**

Send us an Email (StAPastoralMin@aol.com)

**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FROM 6a.m. until 3p.m., Monday through Saturday.** The MAIN DOOR on Bay Parkway will be open.

**HOSTS FOR THE WEEK** – *donated in loving memory of Aurelia Lozupone by Mr. & Mrs. Gaetano De Leonibus and Angela De Leonibus.*

**WINE FOR THE WEEK** – *donated in loving memory of Frances & Andrew Myszak by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Myszak*

**CANDLES FOR THE WEEK** – *donated by loving memory of Nicolina Bagnati by Mario & Jennie De Pinto.*

**SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE WEEK** – *donated in loving memory of Harry George by The Asreen Family.*

**ADVENT WREATH CANDLES**

For faith, love & peace- the greatest gifts of life, requested by Enza Messina.

In loving memory of MICHAEL CHIARINI. We love you & miss you. You will forever be in our hearts. Love Lisa, Matt & Brian Donlon.

In loving memory of FRANCESCA & LUIGI ZUCO from the Zuco Family.

For LOVE & PEACE and those Families who are affected by war. May God pour love & peace on the world. From the Religious Education Program's students.

**ADVENT PULPIT & PROCESSIONAL CANDLES**

In memory of RICHARD MICHAEL FELCETTO requested by Helen & Michael Felcetto.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES** Every parishioner is encouraged to use the Sunday collection envelopes. We invite you & your family to register at the rectory by stopping in, up until 8p.m., for a "Welcome Packet."

**As each has received a gift, employ it for one another as good stewards of God's grace." (1 Peter 4:10)**  
CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

BECAUSE OF THANKSGIVING, COLLECTION TOTALS WERE UNAVAILABLE THIS WEEK

**AVG. WEEKLY EXPENSES \$10,500**

**WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN RESTORATION, PAINTING & REMODELLING OF OUR CHURCH & SANCTUARY after the Christmas holidays.** A MEETING WITH MSGR. CASSATO, concerning what will be done, is being held on MONDAY DECEMBER 1 at 7:30p.m. in the UPPER CHURCH. All are encouraged to attend in order to be informed about these changes.

**CALLING ALL COOKS!** Are you a great cook? Do your family & friends look forward to holidays at your house? Do you have that one recipe that they all ask for? If any of your answers is YES, we need you to submit a recipe for inclusion in our **FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK**. You can submit your recipes in one of these ways: (1) Place your recipe in an envelope marked FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK, placing it in the Sunday collection (2) Drop off your recipe at the rectory (3) Mail your recipe to the rectory (4) E-mail your recipes to [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com) in the context of an e-mail (or in MS Word).

**WE HAVE PURCHASED A LIFE SIZE NATIVITY TO BE PLACED AT THE CORNER OF 61<sup>ST</sup> & BAY PARKWAY & WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Bottles labeled PENNIES FROM HEAVEN have been placed at the doors of the church, so we can raise the money to pay for this set. Of course, we will accept all types of change and paper currency as well.

**CSJ RETREAT FOR WOMEN IN COLLEGE, GRADUATE SCHOOL, & 20 SOMETHING** Explore the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Jan 9-11 at St. Joseph's Renewal Center, Brentwood NY, Friday 7pm to Sunday Jan. 11 at 1p.m. Donation is \$125. College Students \$ 65. Scholarships available. Register with Sr. Mary Walsh by calling 516-536-0551 or e-mailing [vocationscsj@aol.com](mailto:vocationscsj@aol.com)

**MONTHLY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** meets this Wed. Dec. 3 at 7:30p.m. in the Nazareth Institute.

**CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHTS, to the LEFT of the RECTORY** is being added to our Holiday Decorations. You can purchase a light on this tree for that "difficult to shop for" someone. Gifts can be in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a marriage anniversary or engagement. We will provide you with a gift card and all intentions will be placed on a plaque next to the tree. This tree will be lit on Sat. Dec. 13 & remain lit until Jan. 11, 2004. **The TREE OF LIGHTS REQUEST FORM is included in this bulletin to reserve your lights. PLEASE RESERVE YOUR LIGHTS NO LATER THAN THURSDAY DEC. 11.** Any lights purchased after Dec. 11 will not appear on the plaque next to the tree.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE** We invite you to take an ornament off our Advent Giving Tree, next to St. Joseph's Altar this weekend and next weekend. Yellow tags are for infants & toddlers, green tags for boys & red tags for girls. These gifts are for the struggling families of our sister parish ST. JOHN CANTIUS in East New York. Please attach your ornament to an UNWRAPPED NEW GIFT & place it in front of St. Joseph's Altar, inside the altar rail. Gifts will be picked up by St. John's parish on Monday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> so all gifts are needed by Dec. 14. If you choose a gift that you find too expensive, you may share the cost with others or return the ornament & choose another.

**MONDAY DEC. 8 is the SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.** Masses in English will be celebrated at 7am, 9am, 11am & at 7:30p.m. Mass will be celebrated in English & Italian.

**BLESSING OF THE EYES & CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. LUCY** will take place on Saturday December 13 at the 9a.m. Mass. Blessing & anointing of the eyes, with the oil of St. Lucy, will take place during the mass.

**CLOSING MASS FOR OUR 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 7 at 11:30a.m.  
BISHOP RENE VALERO will be the celebrant.**

**In your kindness please pray for those who are sick...**

Grace Albano, Louise Antrinoro, Carole Fruner-Brooks, Steven Bruntetti, Rosa Calabrese, Cameron Calderon, Jose Camacho, Frank Cambria, Marie Carante, Carmine Cava, Erica Cavallieri, Bruce Dalton, Rachel DePinto, Giavonna Marie Darcy, Virginia Hansen, Rose Gaccicone, Olga Garbat, Michael Grieco, Thomas Hannafin, Julia Iachetta, Lawrence Klein, Rose Kirnard, Scott Liell, Camille Liberti, Rosemarie Liberti, Edgar & Diane Matos, Msgr. John McCullagh, Trudy McGranaghan, Beatrice McKenna, Lucia Montella, Marie Mucia, James Nolam, Cathy Petrik, Silvana Pintielli, John & Louise Picariello, Margaret "Rita" Pinckney, Oronzo Pistanza, Robert Prestia, Mary Re, Caterina Ruggeri, Frances Ryan, Anthony Savarese, Elisa Sciascia, Mildred Scimeca, Ryan Shaughnessy, Eileen Smyth, Guy Speranza, Francesco Sale, Rose Varano, Maria Verfenstein, Ana Williams

**In your kindness please pray for those who have died...**

Josephine Fulco, Israel Sanchez, Jaques Changeat, Filomena Palumbo,  
**We send our prayers & condolences to the deceased's family.**

**WE ARE CALLED TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER.** Please keep in your prayers the sick, those who have died & those grieving. **If you wish someone to be added to the sick list,** leave their name on extension 24 of the rectory, spelling it slowly, no later than Monday of each week. **In order for us to keep our list up to date, we ask you to call each week with the name of the sick person.**

**DANNY RODRIGUEZ IN A CHRISTMAS CONCERT, SAT. DEC. 6 @ 7pm in Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish, Ave. M & East 56<sup>th</sup> Street.** Wine, cheese, cake & coffee served. Donation \$ 20. For tickets phone 763-2330.

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**AROUND ST. A's**

**Monday December 1** at 4 p.m.

Finance Committee meeting in the rectory with Msgr. Cassato.

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**CHRISTMAS FAIR** at ANGEL GUARDIAN HOME 6301 & 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dec. 6 10:30am to 4p.m. Handmaid gifts & holiday specialties.

**CLOSING MASS FOR OUR 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE CELEBRATION** will take place next Sunday **DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30a.m. with **Bishop Rene Valero**. Please attend and celebrate the diversity of **St. Athanasius Parish!**

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL BEEPERS, PAGERS & CELL PHONES IN ORDER TO BE IN PREPARATION FOR PRAYER & WORSHIP.**

**ROSARY FOR LIFE** is prayed every Saturday after the 9a.m. Mass for an end to abortion. **THIS WEEK'S INTENTION:** That those ordained and those called to preach the gospel never hesitate to speak up for the victims of abortion, infanticide & euthanasia, we pray to the Lord.

**THURSDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP** is held every Thursday after the 9a.m. Mass, in the Nazareth Institute.

**WE ARE BEGINNING A FAMILY MASS**, to be celebrated monthly at the 10a.m. Mass. We hope to provide an atmosphere in which families & children of all ages can worship together, acknowledging children's special needs in order to be engaged in prayer. We first begin by forming a team, inviting adults, teens, seniors & especially families to make this important ministry work. A meeting was held last week. If you missed the meeting and are still interested, call the Pastoral Ministry Office at ext. 24 to join the team. **WE STILL NEED MORE HELP.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** Training continues for presiders and assistants who will lead a Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10a.m. Mass. Both English & Spanish speaking presiders & assistants are needed. The next training session is on **Wed. Dec. 3** at 7:30p.m. in the Religious Ed. Office. **It is NOT too late to join the team.**

**PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS** We are all aware of the urgent need for vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, religious life, and lay ministry but sometimes we forget just how powerful praying for an increase in vocations can be. **THE ELIJAH CUP** provides a focal point as your family comes together in prayer for vocations. To participate, a family, individual, or couple is called forward at the end of Mass to receive the chalice. The following week that same family or single person returns the chalice and brings it to the altar with the gifts of bread and wine. To schedule your week, please call the Pastoral Ministry Office at extension 24 or email [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com).

**This week at the 10a.m. Mass CAROLINE ESPOSITO accepts the Elijah Cup.**

### **JUBILEE LIGHTS**

To end our year of JUBILEE, the front of our church will be lit up with large lights the week of Dec. 1 to Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Let music sound throughout the land and proclaim JUBILEE to all its inhabitants.**

**(Leviticus 25:9-10)**

**ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE AS A DEACON?** The Diocese will present the requirements & expectations of the educational & spiritual formation to all men who are interested in beginning the preparations in the Fall of 2004. If married, the wife of the man is to attend the meeting as well. **Dec. 4 at 7:30p.m.** in St. Thomas Aquinas in FLATBUSH Brooklyn, Jan. 13 at 7:30p.m. at Our Lady of the Angels in Bayridge Brooklyn. **If you are interested, please call & speak to Msgr. Cassato prior to attending the information meeting.**

**Why not consider DONATING A LEAF OR STONE ON OUR ST. ANTHONY-ST. JOSEPH TREE OF LIFE?** It's a wonderful way to maintain a family legacy for those individuals who mean so much to you. Memorials & tributes have been made to honoring friends & loved ones, both living and deceased. A gold leaf is available for a donation of \$1,800, a copper leaf for \$1,000 and small stones for \$10,000. All memorials can be paid on an installment plan.

**NEW MINISTRIES ARE BEING ORGANIZED:** **Wedding Rehearsal Coordinators** to conduct wedding rehearsals, **Outreach to Homebound Parishioners**, either by visiting or phoning & **Ministers of Welcome**, helping newcomers & visitors feel more welcome in our parish. **INTERESTED?** Call our Pastoral Ministry Office at Ext. 24 in the rectory.

**ADVENT THURSDAY EVENING SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP** *Looking to do something for Advent?* These 3 gatherings will be a time of faith sharing, rather than lecture, bible study, or debate. Our goal is to hear from each other. In turn we hear how each person understands next Sunday's Scriptures & how we recognize what God is saying to us. There are no wrong answers. Because we are all different, we can look forward to hearing a variety of ideas and insights. The **ADVENT THURSDAY EVENING SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP** meets from 7:30p.m.-9:00p.m., in the Nazareth Institute, ending with Compline. (Night Prayer) on December 4, 11 & 18.

**VATICAN II GETTING A BAD RAP LATELY? WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT VATICAN II? JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT MONDAY MORNING VIDEO SERIES ENTITLED: VATICAN II: A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE** beginning with Morning Prayer at 8:45am, followed by Mass at 9am. After mass we meet in the Nazareth Institute on December 1, 8, 15 & 22 for a viewing of a video & a short discussion until about 11a.m. Videos include Vatican II in History, Liturgy, The Role of the Laity, & After the Council: The Period of Changes.

**SEASONAL MISSALETTE, TODAY'S MISAL MUSIC ISSUE & THE HERRITAGE MISSAL ARE AVAILABLE FOR MEMORIALIZATION.** New sets have been placed in church today for the First Sunday in Advent. Intentions can still be placed on all three worship books, for the period of one year, for a donation of \$25. Memorialization forms are located next to the bulletins. We hope to memorialize as many as possible to defray the cost. Please consider helping us out.

**90 YEARS OF FAITH & FAMILY**

**FIFTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NATIVITY**

**Help keep CHRIST in Christmas  
at Saint Athanasius Church**



Dear Friend,

Please join us in celebrating our Fifth Annual Nativity and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday evening December 13, 2003 at 6:30p.m. immediately following the 5:30p.m. Mass, on the corner of 61<sup>st</sup> Street and Bay Parkway. Lighted live Christmas trees will be placed around our new LIFE SIZE NATIVITY and continue along Bay Parkway in front of St. Athanasius School to 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, as well as the opposite side in front of the church and convent.

We look forward to welcoming you to what has become an annual community event. I would like to personally invite you to participate in this community endeavor by sponsoring a Christmas tree. Your donation of either \$300, \$500 or \$1,000 in the name of your family, business or in memory of a loved one, will be deeply appreciated. Two or three families may joint together in sponsoring a tree. The children of our school will benefit greatly from your generosity.

We look forward to sharing this special season with you.

Sincerely and gratefully,

The Rev. Msgr. David L. Cassato  
Pastor

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**SPONSOR FORM**

For additional information please call the rectory at 718-236-0124 or Tricia Long at 718-837-9594.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor/Greeting/ or in memory of (how you would like the sign to read.) Please PRINT or TYPE clearly:

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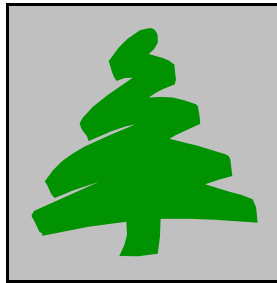
*Please return this form with a check payable to St. Athanasius Church.  
2154 61<sup>st</sup> Street, Brooklyn, New York 11204. Attn: TREE LIGHTING*

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# TREE OF LIGHTS

In honor of  
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Please enclose \$5 per light. Make checks payable to St. Athanasius Church and return this to the rectory either by mail, in person or through the collection at Mass.

**I would like \_\_\_\_\_ gift cards.**

Cards can be mailed or picked up.

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