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We have an insert this Sunday. The insert is on pages 5 & 6.

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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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23:**

8:30	Frank Chimento
10:00	Anna & Bobby Castaldo
10:00	SPANISH MASS – Lower Church
11:30	PURGATORIAL SOCIETY & Santo Vicenzino
11:30	Nicola Scalici & Giuseppe Caruso and Famiglia- ITALIAN
2 PM	Rigoberto Carrasco & Silia Monterosso, Wedding
6:00	Vittoria & Giuseppe Speziale

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24:

7:00	Nina Principe & Regina Principe Auz
9:00	Maria & Nicola Moreno and Carmela & Andrew Serao
NOVENA AFTER MASS	

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25:

7:00	Arcangelo, Carmela & Mary Longo
9:00	Salvatore Lafata

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26:

7:00	Rudy Amico
9:00	Pietro, Antonio, Gerolimina Ingravallo

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27:**NO 7:00 MASS TODAY**

9:00	PARISH THANKSGIVING MASS
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28:**NO 7:00 MASS TODAY**

9:00	Ettore Milani
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29:

9:00	John F. Gonoud
ROSARY FOR LIFE – AFTER MASS	
5:30	Nicholas Mazzola

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
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 & WINE FOR THE WEEK - *donated in loving memory of Anthony Rushford by John & Gloria Rushford.*

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

COLLECTION – 11/16/2003:	\$6,979.00
COLLECTION- 11/15/2002	\$7,356.00

AVG. WEEKLY EXPENSES \$10,500

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2004 were taken yesterday. Intentions for the Hosts, Wine & Candles were also taken. If you are still in need of an intention, please come to the rectory, Monday –Friday from 9a.m. to 8p.m. The **Italian Mass intentions** will be made available later on in the year.

SEASONAL MISSALETTE, TODAY'S MISAL MUSIC ISSUE & THE HERRITAGE MISSAL ARE AVAILABLE FOR MEMORIALIZATION FOR THE NEXT YEAR. New sets will be placed in church for the First Sunday in Advent, Nov. 30. Your intention will 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.

CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHTS, to the RIGHT 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 the gate in front of the tree. This tree will be lit on Sat. Dec. 13 & remain lit until Jan. 11, 2004. **A flyer will be placed in the bulletin to reserve your lights.**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

It was a great day at El Caribe celebrating our 90th Anniversary Dinner Dance. A special THANK YOU goes to all who made that day so special. A very special thanks goes to Ginger Bivona for coordinating the dinner dance. It was a spectacular day! Thanks Ginger! A deep note of appreciation goes to Michael DeLuca for putting all the pieces together & making our Jubilee Journal so wonderful. I deeply appreciate your dedication Michael. Jubilee Journals are available to all who took out an ad and did not attend the dinner dance. Just come to the rectory office. The raffle was well done! Eleanor & Mike Damiano, thanks for all the coordination in this raffle. Rose LaMicela, with her banking skills, kept all the books in good order! Thanks to all the committee for this wonderful celebration of Faith & Family. There were many hands during this Jubilee doing so much. I can not thank everyone for all the dedication n& hard work. **Msgr. David L. Cassato, Pastor.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUBILEE RAFFLE WINNERS

\$1,000- Sr. Barbara Dempsey, CSJ. \$500 Michael Calabrese, \$100 Sal Iacullo, \$100 Donald Canceicao, \$100 Sr. Antoinette Manuzza, CSJ.

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 recipe (3) Mail your recipe to the rectory (4) E-mail your recipes to StAPastoralMin@aol.com in the context of an e-mail (or in MS Word).

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR, sponsored by the Rosary Society, will be on Sunday Nov. 23. **STOP BY TODAY & START THAT HOLIDAY SHOPPING!**

OUR CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP INVITES ALL TO ITS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING HEALING MASS on Tuesday Nov. 25 with Msgr. David Cassato as the Celebrant. At 7:30p.m. the Rosary is prayed. At 7:45p.m. the Divine Mercy Painting will be explained and at 8p.m. Mass begins. All takes place in the **UPPER Church**.

THANKSGIVING FAMILY MASS, Thursday Nov. 27 at 9a.m. All children are invited to dress as Pilgrims & Native Americans. Children will sit with parents/guardians and participate in a blessing & discussion after Communion. A separate **Children's Liturgy of the Word** will be celebrated at that mass. **WE INVITE ALL PARISHIONERS TO BRING SOME OF THE FOOD THEY WILL USE DURING THEIR MEAL TO BE BLESSED.** After Communion the priests will bless the food & provide all with a Thanksgiving Table Blessing Prayer. **OUR COLLECTION TODAY GOES TO THE ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY TO HELP THE NEEDY. Please be generous.**

WE HAVE PURCHASED A LIFE SIZE NATIVITY TO BE PLACED AT THE CORNER OF 61st & 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 Walh by calling 516-536-0551 or e-mailing vocationscsj@aol.com

THE HOMELESS OUTREACH MINISTRY THANKS Patricia & Keith Lenehan & Gregory Cebulski, Jr. for their generous contribution of food from Exclusive Catering-Brooklyn Biscotti Bakery, 1408 Neptune Ave.

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 Presstia, 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 56th Street. Wine, cheese, cake & coffee served. Donation \$ 20. For tickets phone 763-2330.

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AROUND ST. A's

Monday November 24 at 7:30pm
Pro-Life Ministry Meeting- Rectory
Please note new date!

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

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 who are pregnant but afraid of their motherhood, may, with the help of the church, find the courage & strength they need, for the child to be born, 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.

This week at the 10a.m. Mass CAMILLE LoBIONDO accepts the Elijah Cup.

ST. ATHANASIUS CONVENT IS IN NEED OF ONE NEW ALTAR LINEN for a donation of \$250 each. If interested, please leave a message on extension 24 of the rectory.

ADVENT IS NEXT SUNDAY (Can you believe it?) 3 weeks of Purple Pulpit candles are STILL available each Sunday for a \$25 donation for each week. Interested? Call the Pastoral Ministry Office (extension 24) at the rectory.

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.

FR. JIM McAULEY, a Maryknoll priest, will speak at all our Masses THIS WEEKEND. Maryknollers share the Gospel in practical & concrete ways by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving shelter to homeless, comforting the oppressed.

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.

HELP FOR LOW-INCOME HOME OWNERS WITH HEATING COSTS Applications & information is available from Assemblyman William Colton's office at 211 Kings Highway. 718-236-1598.

THANK YOU FOR JUBILEE DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH St. A's Rosary Society \$2,000, Golden Age Club \$2,000 and Forex Capital Markets \$4,000. **See how blest we are here!**

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 61st 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 62nd 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

SPONSOR FORM

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

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

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

You are invited to take an ornament from the GIVING TREE next to the St. Joseph Altar before or after the masses the weekend of:

Nov. 29 & 30

Dec. 6 & 7

Dec. 13 & 14

YELLOW tags– infants and toddlers

GREEN tags– boys

RED tags– girls

THESE GIFTS ARE FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES
FROM OUR SISTER PARISH
ST. JOHN CANTIUS IN EAST NEW YORK.

St. Athanasius Church
2154 61st Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11204
(718) 236-0124 Extension 24
E-mail: StAPastoralMin@aol.com

Advent Giving Tree

Please attach your ornament to your UN-WRAPPED GIFT & place it under the GIVING TREE . Gifts will be picked up on Mon. Dec. 15 by members of St. John Cantius parish.

If you choose a gift that you find too expensive, you may either share the cost with others or simply return the ornament to the tree & choose another. If you and your family cannot purchase a gift, we need wrapping paper, Scotch tape, gift tags, ribbons & bows.



