

## COVER SHEET

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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. Anointing of the Sick at Mass may be celebrated before you go into the hospital. Directly inform one of our priests or call ext.24.(Pastoral Ministry)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**SUNDAY, October 5, 2008 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

8:30	Robert Theolen
10:00	Elaine Tursellino
10:00	Spanish Mass (Lower Church)
11:30	Purgatorial Society & Pietro Palescandalo
11:30	Italian Mass (Lower Church) Giuseppe, Maria & Gabriella D'Orsi & Armando Vigorito
6:00	Stanislawa Madej

**MONDAY, October 6, 2008**

7:00	Abeline LaPerutta
9:00	Joseph D'Antonio (Anniversary)

**TUESDAY, October 7, 2008**

7:00	Mary Carmela Petagna
9:00	Adele & William Hackett

**WEDNESDAY, October 8, 2008**

7:00	Cecilia, Vitantonio Giustino
9:00	Bruno Speziale

**THURSDAY, October 9, 2008**

7:00	Maria & Giovanni Mallozzi
9:00	Millie & Nick Pugliese

**FRIDAY, October 10, 2008**

7:00	Rosita Calbrese
9:00	Kevin T. McFeeley
6:30pm	Wedding: Thomas Zapata & Christina Peluso

**SATURDAY, October 11, 2008**

9:00	Vito & Josephine DeMola (Anniversary)
10:30	Columbus Day Parade beginning with Mass
1:30pm	Wedding Mass: Joe Pesce & Gabrielle Guida
5:30	Giovanna, Francesco, Gentile, Jenny, Thomas Tanzi

**SUNDAY, October 12, 2008 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

8:30	Kevin McFeeley
10:00	Holy Name
10:00	Spanish Mass (Lower Church)
11:30	Purgatorial Society & Pietro Palescandalo
11:30	Italian Mass (Lower Church)Filippo, Giuseppa Amato
12:30pm	Wedding Ceremony: Thomas Zapata & Christine Peluso
1:30	Wedding Ceremony: Joseph Onofrietti & Angela Bufalino
6:00	Paul J. DeRienzo

**MAKE A VISIT TO THE CHURCH AND PRAY IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Don't forget our Upper Church is open Monday-Friday from 6:30a.m. to 3p.m. Saturday 7a.m. to 7p.m. & Sundays 7a.m. to 7p.m. Please feel free to pray at the former communion rail next to the Altar of the Blessed Sacrament.

**HOSTS FOR THE WEEK-** *donated in loving memory of Mamie & John Domanico requested by Jo & John Domanico.*

**WINE FOR THE WEEK -** *donated in loving memory of Frances Merendino requested by Martha & Lisa D'Agostino.*

**ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK -** *donated for the continued recuperation of Ottavio & Mary Mannarino requested by Fracese & Tony Perricone.*

**SANCTUARY LAMPS** *One sanctuary lamp is donated in memory Frank Caria requested by wife, Adrianna Cara & children. The other sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of Nikki & Aldo Utarro requested by daughter, Anna and son-in-law Jimmy.*

**OUR CALL TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

**Loving God, we give in confidence, knowing the seeds we plant today will sprout and produce a harvest that will feed body, mind and soul and "as each has received a gift, we employ it for one another as good stewards of God's grace." (1 Peter 4:10)**

Last Year

Our weekly expenses reflects what is needed for salaries, insurances, utilities, bills as well as the costs of the many programs, ministries & services we offer here at St. A's.

**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."

**SISTERS IN FAITH - WED. OCT. 8 7:30-9PM.**

Please join us as we explore life situations as women of faith. We will also be discussing the future direction of this ministry. Come and bless us with your voice, opinions, and wisdom. We meet in the Nazareth Institute Library.

**WE HAVE TWO NEW CANDLE RACKS FOR OUR UPPER CHURCH'S SHRINE TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA** If you want to memorialize a rack (and we have two available), we are requesting a **\$5,000 donation per rack**. A plaque with your memorialization will be placed on the wall next to the rack you donate. Please speak to Msgr. Cassato.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008 - 7:00 PM - ITALIAN NIGHT WITH INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED TENOR AND GREAT ITALIAN SINGER AARON CARUSO IN HONOR OF OCTOBER ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH, SPONSORED BY G.I.S.A. GRUPPO ITALIANO SANT'ATANASIO** - Regional songs of Italy and the music of Mario Lanza, Andrea Bocelli, Jimmy Roselli, Lou Monte and others. Tickets are \$20.00. Parish Hall - refreshments at intermission. Tickets before and after 11:30am Italian Mass or **Maria Porcu' 718 - 627-0387, Maria Perniciaro 718 - 351-4764, Freddy Felletti 718- 614 - 9683**

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS**  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING** On Mon. Oct. 20 at 7:30p.m. in the Lower Church, there will be an important meeting for ALL PARENTS of children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion in the Spring of 2009. The meeting will be conducted by Msgr. Cassato, our Pastor, and Nicoletta Milo, our Director of Faith Formation.

**THE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM (Religious Education Program) NEEDS TEACHERS AND AIDS!** There are so many children & the laborers are few! It is vital that we give witness to the next generation so that they may grow in the Catholic Faith. Adults, young adults, college students, PLEASE volunteer your time to be a catechist (religion teacher.) If interested, please call Nicoletta Milo at 718.331.8811. God will reward you for your generosity. High School students, please volunteer as a catechist (teacher) aid! God Bless You!

**RETREAT AT ST. ALPHONSO** The Rosary Society will have its annual retreat at St. Alphonso's, on the Jersey shore, Tuesday Oct. 14, 2008. The offering is \$45 which includes bus fare, breakfast, and lunch. Please call Laura Taran 718.256.9862 for reservations. ALL WOMEN WELCOME!

**ROSARY SOCIETY COMMUNION BREAKFAST** Sunday Oct. 19, 2008 beginning with the 8:30a.m. Mass. Breakfast and meeting following in the Parish Auditorium. Offering is \$15. Our guest speaker is Sr. Ave Clarke, O.P. **ALL WELCOME!** Please call Ann Curtis 718.256.2803 or Syliva lordio 718.837.9727, chairladies, for reservations. We look forward to having you join us!

**DEALING WITH THE LOSS OF A RELATIVE, FRIEND OR ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT PERSON IN YOUR LIFE? OUR BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** continues each Monday at 7:30p.m. to 9p.m. in the Library of the Nazareth Institute with **Sr. Barabra Murtha, C.S.J.** until Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **95 Years of Faith & Family here at St. Athanasius**

**Celebrate with your fellow parishioners**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2008**

**At El Caribe Country Club**

**Cocktails at 2:00p.m.- Dinner to Follow. \$85 a ticket.**

**For tickets call SUSAN GENTILE 347-831-8108**

**or AnnaMarie Scuteri at 718.236.0124 Ext. 19 in the Rectory.**

### **GRATITUDE TO FR. GERALD AS HE RETURNS HOME TO NIGERIA**

After serving for about 18 months in St. A's, Fr. Gerald Umoren will return to his Pastoral Assignment in his home Diocese in Nigeria this month. In appreciation for Father's dedicated services to our Parish, Msgr. Cassato has highly recommended that we as a Parish support him in the purchase of an automobile for his pastoral ministry in Nigeria. We are invited to donate generously towards this cause. You can make a check payable to St. Athanasius Church with a

memo at the bottom: Fr. Gerald's car. For more information call Msgr. Cassato at 718.236.0124 Ext. 11 or Mr. Jim Sweeney 718.236.1668.

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

Kathy Adams, Catherine Arrighetta, Faith Arent, Kimberly Arent, Patricia Aurigemma, Theresa Beddingfield, Maria Bogdan, Ann Bricese, Douglas Brock, Anthony Crimini, Judith Carminite, Cynthia Carponetto, Mark Cascio, Michele Cassata, Ann Centorrino, Arthur Chapnick, Sebastian Chiarello, Carmela Colandrea, Bruce Dalton, Ralph DeBlasie, Celeste DeLeonardus, Joseph Delgado, Gene DelPrete, Al DeMarco, Jr., Al DeMarco III, Louis DeMarco, Joan DeMarco, Joan Demeyer, Mario DePinto, Rachel DePinto, Catalina Diaz, Barbara Doyle, Maria Esemplare, Frances Falzetta, Helen Felcetto, Anthony Felicito, Nicholas Fezza, Sunday Giuffanti, Theresa Giuffanti, Gina Giuffanti, Matthew Guadagno, Melissa Grondal, Marie Holland, Dolores Horgan, Ruth Hoffman, Diana Ingravallo, Francesca Ingravallo, John Jadazeewski, Neil Kelleher, Lawrence Klein, Lawrence Klein, Jr. Stephen Kelleher, Avdylla Kukic, Igballa Kukic, Marie Liberti, Richard Liberti, John Liberti, Jillian Lasinsky, Sandra Lazinsky, Ellen Mary MacDougall, Ellen Mackey Fontana, Enise Maignan, Eleanor Mirando, Grace Martino, Rosalie Mazzalla, Catherine Minerva, Lucia Montella, Julie Murray, Joe P., Grace Pecorella, Cathy Petrik, Nicholas Perfetto, Ben Porto, Eric Brandon Pinzon, Christine Remmer, Hilda Rodriguez, Everlyn Rossi, Fortunato Salzano, Maria Sassano, Ralph Satriano, Donna Schiavoe, Josephine Schiavo, Jada Sciacchatano, Carol Sidoti, Fran Sidorksy, Concetta Sottilaro, Dana Sottilaro, Philip Sottilaro, Lauren Thurgood, William Thurgood, Armando Vecchione, Carla Vitucci, Pasquale Visceglia, Catherine Vermericci, Angelina Vonelli, Leonard Walder, Lucy Wasieleski, Wanda Wilson.

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

Evelyn Romano

**We send our prayers & condolences to the deceased's family.**

**TO ADD A NAME, (or keep a name)** please call ext. 24 on Monday, spelling the name. **If you wish the name to remain on the list you must call each week.**

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

**DO YOU NEED A MINISTER OF CARING?** Is someone in your family ill, homebound, hospitalized or in a care facility (assisted living or nursing home) & wishes a visit or a phone call from a **MINISTER OF CARING**, please call Bensonhurst Cluster Lay Minister Palma Parmese at 718. 837.1752.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HERE IN ST. A's RECTORY ON WEDNESDAYS from 9a.m. to 4p.m.** The Neighborhood Office is an extension of the District Attorney's Office's **Citizen Action Center**. You can discuss problems that concern you and our community with their staff members. **THE D.A.'s OFFICE IS LOCATED IN THE RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM.** You can call them at 718.234.8709.

### SUPPORT GROUPS HERE AT ST. A's

**DIVORCED & SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP** Are you separated? Thinking about Divorce? In the midst of a Divorce? Already Divorced? Ending a long term relationship? We will meet in the Nazareth Institute on **Tuesday Oct. 7** from 7:30-9p.m.

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS** is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from a gambling problem. **WE HAVE A GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS GROUP HERE AT ST. A's, meeting every Friday night at 7:30p.m. in the Nazareth Institute.**

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** Overeaters Anonymous members talk about their struggles with compulsive eating. **WE HAVE AN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS GROUP HERE AT ST. A's, meeting every Wednesday night at 8:00p.m. in the Nazareth Institute.**

**IS YOUR LIFE EFFECTED BY SOMEONE WHO IS DRINKING? To help them, you first must help yourself.** Al-Anon helps families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem drinking of a relative or friend. Our **AL-ANON GROUP** meets here at St. A's every Friday at 8-9:30p.m. & Saturday at 7:30-9:30p.m. in the Nazareth Institute.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** Our Lady of Angels Human Service Center, an affiliate of Catholic Charities, is beginning a Caregivers Support Group, every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 3:30 -5:30p.m. Questions? Call 718-680-6344.

*We can longer offer counseling here at St. A's so...*

**IF YOU NEED COUNSELING, THE ITALIAN BOARD OF GUARDIANS** offers counseling to adults, teens, seniors, children, couples, and families. Their services are offered in English and Italian. For more information & cost, call 718.232.4242 or E-mail [nvisibg@alo.com](mailto:nvisibg@alo.com).

**ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** through Catholic Charities The program provides counseling, support, & treatment for those seeking help. Call 1.800.659.1603.

**ST. A'S HOMELESS OUTREACH MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**, with cars, to help collect cooked food and serve meals in the Coney Island area on Saturday mornings, from nine to twelve. Call 718.236.0264.

### NEWS ABOUT OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We have received **\$1,053,000** in contributions towards our Capital Campaign. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



### THE THIRD ORDER OF MT. CARMEL

The Carmelite Religious Family is composed of a variety of men & women in different states of life devoted to live the charism of contemplation in prayer & devotion to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. For some, living this charism has called them to observe the vows of religious life in a monastic community. There are also men & women who are married or single, retain their regular work and wish to live the charism of prayer & devotion in the world. They can do so by joining Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapter of the Lay (Third) Order Carmelites which meets monthly in our rectory on the second Saturday of each month at 10a.m. In order to join the Third Order, one must be committed to follow an ongoing formation program, be willing to make promises that will be lived in ordinary daily life and agree to support other members of the Third Order through monthly ongoing formation meetings. For more information, call Mary Patten at 718.980.4919.

**WE ARE NO LONGER USING THE NAME YAHWEH IN WORSHIP Why?** Pope Benedict XVI is sensitive to ecumenical issues, especially with our Jewish sisters and brothers, and wants us to reverence the Name of God as do they. Any use of the Yahweh, the Jewish Name of God, in the bible, will not be used when we worship. At this point, the authors of such favorite hymns as You Are Near (#446 Music Issue), Sing A New Song (#566 Music Issue) and Yahweh (#435 Music Issue) have not yet offered us an alternate text. Once these songs have been revised, we will use them again.

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE YOUTH PROGRAM PRESENTS GROOVIN' SONGS OF THE 50s , 60s & 70s

Featuring the Rhapsody Players (who appeared here at St. A's!). They will appear at OLG on Sat. Oct. 18 at 8p.m. \$25 per person. Admission includes wine, soda, & light snacks. For reservations call 718.259.9566 or E-mail OLG YouthProgram@aol.com.

### FLU VACCINES RIGHT HERE AT ST. A's!

**St. Athanasius Golden Age Club has arranged for FREE FLU SHOTS** to be given out Wed. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> between 1-3p.m. in the Parish Auditorium. ALL ARE WELCOME. Call Marie Ferlazzo at 718.259.1218 for further information.

**IN HONOR OF ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz invites you to join the honorees at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Wed. Oct. 15 at 6p.m.**

One of the distinguished honorees is:

**Msgr. David Cassato**

Congratulations Msgr. Dave!

Call 718.802.4488 to make reservations to attend.

**FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

We encourage you to talk about the readings & reflection question in the car on the way home from Mass, at dinner on Sunday, or at parish meetings. Faith sharing opens the door for us to meet, know & walk with Christ in our everyday lives.

**How would you handle the situation if you found out that someone you trusted was taking money or other goods from you?**

**THURSDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE REFLECTION & FAITH SHARING GROUP** meets every Thursday, after the 9a.m. Mass, in the Nazareth Institute to discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scriptures. Join Lay Pastoral Leader Joe Barbieri for spirited discussions on next Sunday's Bible readings.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP EACH WEEK WITH YOUR SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

When enclosing a check in your weekly envelopes, please print your PARISH NUMBER on your check. We also ask that you not tape the envelope. It takes us so long to open all those envelopes. Finally, while we appreciate every cent, when at all possible, please do not include change in your envelope.

**ITALIAN SPEAKING WOMAN from our parish available for work in your home.** Daria cooks, cleans, and can do whatever household chores you want. She speaks just Italian. 718.282.1892.

**PARISHIONER IS IN NEED OF SOMEONE TO CARE FOR HER PARENTS** Call Marie Patanio at 917.306.2799 to find out the specifics of her needs.

**FREE GED, COMPUTER, & SAT PREPARATION CLASSES** offered by the Federation of Italian American Organizations. Classes will be offered at Seth Low I.S. 96 School, Ave. P & West 11<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information call 718.232.2266.

**WHY NOT CONSIDER DONATING A LEAF OR STONE ON OUR ST. ANTHONY-ST. JOSEPH TREE OF LIFE? 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. Please come in to the rectory and speak to Marie Skroly, AnnaMarie Scuteri or Msgr. Cassato to reserve your Tree of Life memorial.

**THE 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BROOKLYN COLUMBUS DAY PARADE**

The Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn will sponsor the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Brooklyn Columbus Day Parade on Saturday Oct. 11 at 1p.m. **The celebration begins with Mass HERE AT ST. A's at 10:30a.m.** Come celebrate the rich contributions brought to society by Italian Americans. The line of march will begin at 61<sup>st</sup> Street & continue along 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue until 84<sup>th</sup> Street at the New Utrecht Reformed Church. For more information, call 718.259.2828.

**THE 2009 MASS BOOK OPENS SATURDAY OCT. 25 from 9am to 2pm in the Parish Auditorium. After that Saturday, reservations for masses (English & Italian) can be made from 5-8pm Monday through Friday in the rectory, Mass offerings remain the same.**

**ST. A's FOOD PANTRY IS DESPERATELY LOW. WE NEED YOUR HELP!** When coming to mass each Sunday, we ask you to please help us feed the hungry here in our parish. We are in need of nonperishable food. The food can be placed in front of St. Joseph's Altar. Presently, all we have to offer people is pasta, pasta, pasta, pasta!

**To better provide more balanced supplemental meals, we are inviting you to use the first initial of your last name or the first initial of your first name to give you an idea of what we need.** Substitutions are always accepted!

A) Vegetables B) Beef Stew C) Cereal D) Canned Fruit E) Juice boxes F) Jelly G) Meatballs and spaghetti (cans) H) Corned beef hash I) Canned ravioli J) Rice K) Tomato Sauce L) Canned potatoes M) Macaroni & Cheese N) Canned Juice O) Peanut butter P) Pork & Beans Q) Powdered Milk R) Cookies S) Chunky Soup T) Tuna U) Rice Mixes V) Canned Fruit W) Instant Coffee or Tea X) Powdered Juice Mixes Y) Cans of Spam Z) Bread.

**IN ORDER FOR ONE OF OUR DESIGNATED PARISH MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS TO RESERVE ONE OF OUR ROOMS HERE AT ST. A'S**

we require you to fill out our **PARISH CALENDAR & ROOM REQUEST FORM**. THE ROOM REQUEST FORM is available in the rectory or can be downloaded from our website & there you have the option of e-mailing your request. Otherwise, you can e-mail Joann Rubino at [JRubino215@hotmail.com](mailto:JRubino215@hotmail.com) To check for available space, our parish calendar is online. Visit our parish website (<http://StAthanasiusNY.tripod.com>), The same parish calendar is also in the Rectory Office. **This is the ONLY way to reserve a room here at St. A's. Whatever group is listed on the parish calendar is the group that has the right to use that space. If you are not a designated ministry of our parish,** permission must be granted from our Pastor, Msgr. Cassato, a rental fee is paid, & a lease agreement completed in order to use space.

**SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES** The Sunday Bulletin must be e-mailed to our printer by 5p.m. Monday. **All announcements must be submitted in WRITTEN form only** (handwritten, typed, computer, fax, e-mailed, etc) **by 12 noon Monday.**

Announcements received after the deadline will be published the following week. **No one on the parish staff will assume the responsibility for your ministry's articles.** Include your bulletin articles in your advance planning for your event. **ALL FLIERS NEED TO BE APPROVED BY A STAFF MEMBER, and MUST BE SUBMITTED ON DISC or E-mailed ONLY** to [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com). A submission form is also on our website on the **BULLETIN** tab. (<http://StAthanasiusNY.tripod.com>)

**AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS TO WITNESS THE MARRIAGE OF CHRISTINA PELUSO TO THOMAS ZAPATA**, Grandson of Anne Alessi and the late Raymond Alessi, on October 12, 2008 @ 12:30 PM.

## REFLECTIONS ON HOW WE WORSHIP

### HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

There are two ways in which the Eucharist (Communion) can be received: on the tongue or in the hand. The following steps might be helpful, always remembering that the first rule is reverence. To receive Communion on the tongue: Fold your hands in a prayerful manner. (This is the sign you will receive on your tongue.) After the priest, deacon, or minister says "The Body of Christ, bow your head. Then, raise your head,

say "Amen," open your mouth, stick out your tongue and the priest, deacon, or minister will place the Host on your tongue.

**REVERENCE AND RESPECT OF THE EUCHARIST** We as Catholics believe Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. He is present in the Tabernacle (that gold box behind our altar). Here at St. A's, there are always two candles burning on each side of the Tabernacle as a reminder of Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist. We show respect for this Presence by genuflecting, (kneeling on one-knee and then standing) before going into our bench and when passing in front of the Tabernacle.

## WONDER AND AWE IN GOD'S PRESENCE



As we try to offer a refuge from the business and confusion of the world, we ask all our parishioners to **PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES BEFORE ENTERING CHURCH**. Likewise, we ask all to please refrain from **TEXT MESSAGING** anyone, especially those who are already here in St. Athanasius Church! Finally, **GUM CHEWING** is not acceptable at Mass or in church, even when it is removed just before Communion. The Church requires us to fast for one hour before receiving Communion (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1387), and we are to refrain from eating before we receive Communion. Gum chewing shows a lack of respect for the celebration of the Eucharist. **WE DO NOT BRING COFFEE, OTHER DRINKS, & FOOD *into* church.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Our Cluster Youth Ministry Office has a website.

Visit <http://brooklynym.tripod.com>

To contact *The Bensonhurst Cluster Youth Ministry Office* email [KenWodz@optonline.net](mailto:KenWodz@optonline.net). By phone call 718-234-0614. In person visit The Libutti Center at 2001 Bay Ridge Pkwy, next to St. Dominic's Rectory.

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME; YOUTH MINISTRY OUTING TO SEE THE METS** Get to Shea for possibly the last time, on Wednesday, Sept 24th, against the Chicago Cubs. Game time is 7:10PM, and included in the ticket is a bus leaving from St. Athanasius at 5:30PM, leave the driving, tolls and gas to us. Youth tickets are \$10 each and adult tickets are \$20 each, we have a limited amount, so call 718-234-0614 to reserve your tickets. Free raffle and giveaways to all in attendance.



St. Francis

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI** St. Francis' feast day is **Saturday October 4**. We will celebrate our annual BLESSING OF ANIMALS Saturday Oct. 4 at 11a.m. in the parking lot of the parish. In the event of rain, it will be moved indoors. **ALL CREATURES, GREAT AND SMALL,**

**AND THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS ARE INVITED.** Feel free to pass the word about this celebration to people in our neighborhood. Catholic and non-Catholic pets are welcome to participate! **Fr. Ron is bringing Rusty!**

## THE ROSARY SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our annual Christmas Fair will be held on **SUNDAY Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone interested in reserving a table please call Eleanor Damiano at 718.331.0450 or Eleanor Mattia at 718.256.4321.

**CONGRATULATIONS DEACON CANDIDATE BILL KELLY** Bill has taken another step in his Diaconal preparations. On Wed. Sept. 24th, Bill was installed as Reader. We congratulate his wife Linda along with his sons as they continue to support and encourage him in his journey. This is Bill's third year in formation. We look forward to the day of his ordination about 2 years from now.

**FEDERATION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS** is sponsoring a **BRUNCH on Sunday Oct. 5 at Siricos** located at 8015 13th Avenue at 12p.m. The Brunch honors Grand Marshals and outstanding individuals whose achievements and contributions exemplify traits we all value. For information call 718.259.2828.

**ARE YOU DIVORCED OR SEPARATED?** Do you want to know more about the annulment process? Do you want to know more about Church law and annulment and divorce? Come to an Information Night on **Wed. Oct. 8 at 7:30p.m.** at **St. Francis Cabrini Parish Hall**, 16th Ave & 86th Street to hear Fr. Steven Aguggia, Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Ana Puente, Coordinator of Marriage & Family Ministries of the Diocese of Brooklyn. For more information, call 718.236.9166.

## OUR FALL WEEK OF PRAYER begins

**Monday October 20 and concludes with Thursday October 23**

**MONDAY Oct. 20: 9am Mass-** How Christians See Reality. **7:30pm Vespers-** People of the Book : Entering into the Story. **TUESDAY Oct. 21: 9am Mass-** Encountering God in Unexpected Places **7:30pm Penance Service-** God's Forgiveness: Closing the Gates of the Past. **WEDNESDAY Oct. 22: 9am Mass-** Prayer: Being Attentive to God **7:30pm Prayer Service:** Living the Mystery of the Eucharist. **THURSDAY Oct. 23: 9am Mass-** Eye Opening Experiences. **7:30pm Service of Healing-** If I Could Only Touch His Garment: God's Healing Love.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES

**Bishop Kearney High School** will host its annual Open House on **Sunday Oct. 5** from 1-4p.m. and again on **Tues. Oct. 21** at 6:30p.m. All sixth, seventh, and eighth graders and their parents are invited.

**Regis High School**, 55 East 84<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan, invites 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys to an Open House with their parents on **Mon. Oct. 13** from 1-4p.m. For more information, call Mr. DiMichele at 212.288.1100 or email [edimiche@regis-nyc.org](mailto:edimiche@regis-nyc.org) Regis is a full scholarship school. Boys must pass Regis' entrance exam.

**Xavier High School** (30 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan) will be hosting an Open House **Saturday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>** from 1p.m. to 4p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys are invited to attend. For more information call 212.924.7900 Ext. 1442. **If you don't want to travel into Manhattan for the Open House there will be a BROOKLYN INFORMATION NIGHT at St. Savior Elementary School** (701 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Brooklyn) on **Thurs. Oct. 16** at 7p.m.

**Saint Edmund Prep High School**, a coeducational school, invites all to its Open House, **Saturday Oct. 18** from 11:30a.m. to 1p.m. For more information, call Deacon Ron Rizzuto at 718.743.6100. [www.stedmundprep.org](http://www.stedmundprep.org)

**St. John's Preparatory School** will hold an Open House on **Sunday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** from 11a.m. to 2:30p.m. St. John's is co-ed and is located at 21-21 Crescent Street in Astoria Queens. For information call 718.721.7200

**Fontbonne Hall Academy** invites 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls & their families to an Open House on **Sunday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** from 12:30-3:30p.m. Presentations will be made at 1p.m. & 2:15p.m. Tours of the school will be offered. They are located at 9901 Shore Road in Brooklyn. Call 718.784.224 for more information.

**Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School**, a coeducational school, will have an Open House on **Sunday Oct. 26** from 10a.m. to 1:30p.m. and Thurs. Nov. 6 from 6:30p.m. – 9p.m. The Franciscan Brothers of

Brooklyn along with a lay faculty, staff the school. The website is [www.bishopfordhs.org](http://www.bishopfordhs.org).

**St. Savior High School** is having an Open House, **Sunday Oct. 26** from 12p.m. – 2:30p.m. St. Savior's is an all girls High School located at 588 Sixth Avenue in Brooklyn. For more info call 718.768.4406.

### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SERVING GOD AND OTHERS AS A PRIEST?

**FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** The Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Vocation Offices are sponsored a High School Vocation Retreat from **Friday, November 14 through Sunday, November 16** at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. This retreat is designed to offer young men (high school aged or older) time for prayer and socializing, along with open discussions about the priesthood. How one knows God is calling him to be a priest, what the real life of a priest is like, and how a person becomes a priest, will be just some of the topics covered. The Cathedral Seminary Residence is home to the college-aged men of our dioceses who are studying for the priesthood. There is no registration fee to attend this weekend, but pre-registration is required.

**FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:** The Cathedral Seminary Residence is hosting an Open House of their **College Seminary** (in Douglaston) on **Thursday, November 6**, from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The Open House is an opportunity for young men (and their families) to "come and see" our diocesan seminary, talk with college age men who are currently attending the seminary, meet the rector and faculty, share a meal and participate in liturgy with the seminary community. **If you would like to be included in these two experiences, please contact The Vocations Office at 718-827-2454 or [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org). no later than Monday, November 3.**

### Ring in 2009!

**SAVE THE DATE!** December 31, 2008 – New Eve Party in our Parish Hall. Celebrate the new year with your St. A's family and friends. More information soon!





**DOMENICA 19 OTTOBRE, 2008 - 7:00pm**  
**TENORE AARON CARUSO IN CONCERTO**  
**PER BIGLIETTI FREDDY FELLETI 718- 614-9683**

**Dal nostro DIACONO DANTE COLANDREA**  
**Riflessione del mese di ottobre**

**OTTO COSE CHE DIO VI CHIEDERA` IN QUEL GIORNO**

1. Dio non chiederà che genere di automobile hai guidato. Chiederà quante persone hai guidato e che non avevano guida.
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3. Dio non chiederà notizie sui vestiti che avete avuto nel vostro armadio. Chiederà quante persone avete contribuito a vestire.
4. Dio non chiederà quanto alto era il vostro stipendio. Chiederà se siete scesi a compromessi per ottenerlo.
5. Dio non chiederà quale era il vostro titolo di studio. Chiederà se avete fatto il vostro lavoro al meglio delle vostre capacità.
6. Dio non chiederà quanti amici avete avuto. Chiederà per quante persone siete stato un amico.
7. Dio non chiederà con quale vicinato avete vissuto. Lui chiederà quale cura avete avuto per i vostri vicini.
8. Dio non chiederà quale era il colore della vostra pelle. Chiederà notizie sui vostri sentimenti e del vostro carattere. Dio vi porterà amorevolmente alla vostra casa in Paradiso e non alle porte dell'inferno.

**DUE SPETTACOLI TEATRALI - BROADWAY SHOWS**  
**mercoledì, 8 ottobre – A TALE OF 2 CITIES - \$150.**  
**mercoledì, 5 novembre – YOUNG FRANKSTAIN - \$155.**  
L'autobus parte da Sant'Atanasio. Cena in ristorante prima dello spettacolo. Per informazioni dettagliate telefonare a Diacono Dante al 917-602-3793.

**CONGRATULAZIONI MONSIGNORE! MERCOLEDI', 15 OTTOBRE 2008** alle 6:00pm al Brooklyn Borough Hall Courthouse e Grand Rotunda di 209 Jerolamon Street, in occasione di Ottobre Mese Della Cultura Italiana, il Brooklyn Borough President Marty Makwowitz onorerà Monsignor David L. Cassato per il suo grande lavoro per la comunità italiana di Brooklyn.

**DOMENICA, 19 OTTOBRE 7:00PM– DATA DA RICORDARE - G.I.S.A. Gruppo Italiano Sant'Atanasio** in occasione di –ottobre mese della cultura Italiana- presenta spettacolo di musica e canzoni italiane con il famoso tenore Aaron Caruso noto tenore in Canada e USA presso l'auditorium Sant'Atansio - 62 Street e Bay Parkway, Brooklyn. Giorno – domenica 19 ottobre 2008. Costo

biglietto - \$20 a persona. Rinfreschi durante l'intervallo. Biglietti prima e dopo la Messa Italiana – chiesa sottopiano oppure chiamare **Maria Perniciaro 718 - 351-4764, Maria Porcu' 718 - 627-0387, Freddy Felletti 718- 614 – 9683.**

**INZIANDO DA SABATO, 25 OTTOBRE, 2008 SI APRE IL LIBRO DELLE MESSE PER IL 2009** dalle 9:00am alle 2:00pm nell'auditorium della scuola. Dopo il 25 ottobre, si prega di recarvi nell'ufficio parrocchiale per Messe (in Italiano oppure in Inglese) dalle 5:00pm alle 8:00pm dal lunedì al venerdì. L'offerta è la stessa dell'anno scorso.

**SABATO, 11 OTTOBRE 2008** – annuale festa di Columbus Day organizzata da F.I.A.O. Santa Messa nella nostra chiesa di San Atanasio alle ore 10am seguita da rinfreschi nella sala riunione della nostra scuola. Seguirà la sfilata sulle strade di 18th Avenue. Per informazioni telefonare al 718-256-2828.

**LUNEDI', MARTEDI', MERRCOLEDI' E GIOVEDI' 20, 21, 22, e 23 OTTOBRE** alle 7:30pm si terrà la missione annuale della nostra parrocchia. Venite numerosi.

**DOMENICA, 16 NOVEMBRE 2:00pm** - grande festa al El Caribe Country Club per il 95esimo anniversario della nostra parrocchia. \$85 a biglietto. Per biglietti Maria Porcu' 718 - 627-0387 oppure Susan Gentile 347-831-8108.

**31 DICEMBRE, 2008 VEGLIONE DI CAPODANNO A SAN ATANASIO-** Diacono Dante -917- 602-3793 - ha iniziato i preparativi per il veglione di capodanno. Dinner Dance con inizio alle ore 7:00pm. Cibo caldo e musica. Brindisi di champagne a mezzanotte. \$65 a persona. Per informazioni e prenotazioni telefonare al Diacono Dante 917- 602 - 3793.

**CONOSCETE UNA PERSONA ADULTA CHE VUOLE DIVENTARE CATTOLICO CRISTIANO?** Le classi, ogni domenica dalle 11:30 alle 2:00pm stanno per iniziare. Telefonare a Padre Ron D'Antonio al 718-236-0124 int. 13.

**GRAZIE PADRE FLAVIAN** per aver celebrato la Santa Messa con noi per ben due mesi. Padre Flavian ritorna ai suoi studi a Roma. Un buon viaggio e ci auguriamo che ritorni tra di noi la prossima estate.

**LE PROVVISTE di CIBO** per i poveri stanno diminuendo. Per cortesia se avete cibo in scatole da donare portatelo all'ufficio parrocchiale oppure domenica in chiesa.

**GRAZIE** a tutti quelli che hanno partecipato alla Santa Messa e processione in onore di Padre Pio. Che tutte le benedizioni di Padre Pio discendono su di voi.



Parroquia de San Atanasio  
Boletín Parroquial Hispano

Misa en Español cada Domingo en la Iglesia de Abajo a las 10 de la mañana

Domingo XXVII del Tiempo Ordinario:

**Octubre 5-2008**

**“HARE DE ELIA UN DESIERTO” (Is. 5,6)**

La liturgia de la Misa nos habla del amor de Dios a su pueblo y de la falta de correspondencia de éste. En la primera lectura

Isaías no duda en utilizar una vieja canción romántica para comunicar efectivamente sus mensajes. No teme que lo tilden de coplero de amoríos o que la gente piense que sus recursos didácticos no están a la altura de los profetas. Para Isaías lo importante es hacer captar al decadente reino de Judá los peligros eminentes de una política interna ejercida mediante el autoritarismo, la represión y el inmedatismo... El mismo Señor, como se lee en el Evangelio, se refiere al texto de Isaías, y nos revela la paciencia de Dios, que manda uno tras uno a su viña en busca de frutos: Los primeros fueron los profetas del Antiguo Testamento, para terminar enviando a su Propio Hijo, Jesucristo, al que matarían los viñadores. Meditemos hoy junto al señor, si encuentra frutos abundantes en nuestra vida; pues es mucho lo que se nos ha dado: Frutos de caridad, del trabajo bien hecho, del apostolado bien ejecutado, de nuestras buenas relaciones con amigos y familiares, actos de amor a Dios y de desagravio a lo largo del día.

**ORACION:** : “Señor Dios, hoy venimos como obreros de tu viña a plantar en el alma de nuestros hermanos las semillas de tu Reino. Ayúdanos por tu infinita misericordia a dar frutos de abundancia en el amor, en la caridad y en el deseo de salvación para todos, especialmente para los que aún no te conocen y no te aman”, amén.

**Avisos importantes:**

1. Esta es la agenda del Padre Gabriel para el Mes de Octubre:
  - Tendremos Clases de RICA ó sea para la preparación sacramental de adultos los domingos 5 y 12 a las 11 am en el Instituto Nazareth, y el Sábado 18 a las 7 pm para el grupo de cada Mes.
  - Clase Nro 2 Cursillo prematrimonial ayer, 4 de Octubre de 7 a 9 pm.
  - Lección Divina todos los Miércoles a las 7:30 pm en la Iglesia de abajo
  - Grupo de Oración: Los Viernes 7:30pm en la Iglesia de abajo.
  - Clase para Bautismos el día 23 del

*Un poco de Amor:*

*En esta mañana que despierto  
Alegre, dame, Señor un poco  
De Amor para poderte amar  
En aquellos que me rodean,  
para poderte amar en el anciano  
A quien ya nadie saluda,  
Para amar a los niños que no  
Tienen pan ni familia;  
Para poder amar al enfermo  
A quien ya nadie visita;  
Para amar a los presos  
Que ya no tienen consuelo.*

**AFIRMACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN**

Nosotros, la Parroquia de San Atanasio, somos una comunidad Católica, llena de fé que alaba, que reconoce a Jesucristo como Señor y Salvador en nuestro camino y lo hace presente por medio de nuestra alegre celebración de los sacramentos, nuestra proclamación y nuestra vida en el Evangelio, nuestra buena disposición y servicio, en especial a aquellos que más lo necesitan. Reconocemos la necesidad de la gracia de Dios en nuestras vidas incompletas. Reconocemos que somos incompletos y comprometemos nuestras vidas con fé a trabajar para formar una comunidad donde la igualdad del pueblo de Dios que fluye desde el Bautismo sea celebrada con esperanza y pasión. Nos comprometemos completamente a la creación de una comunidad donde los que tienen preguntas y buscan respuestas sean bienvenidos, donde los olvidados y los marginalizados sean reconocidos, y donde el pueblo de Dios sea refrescado, reconciliado y renovado.



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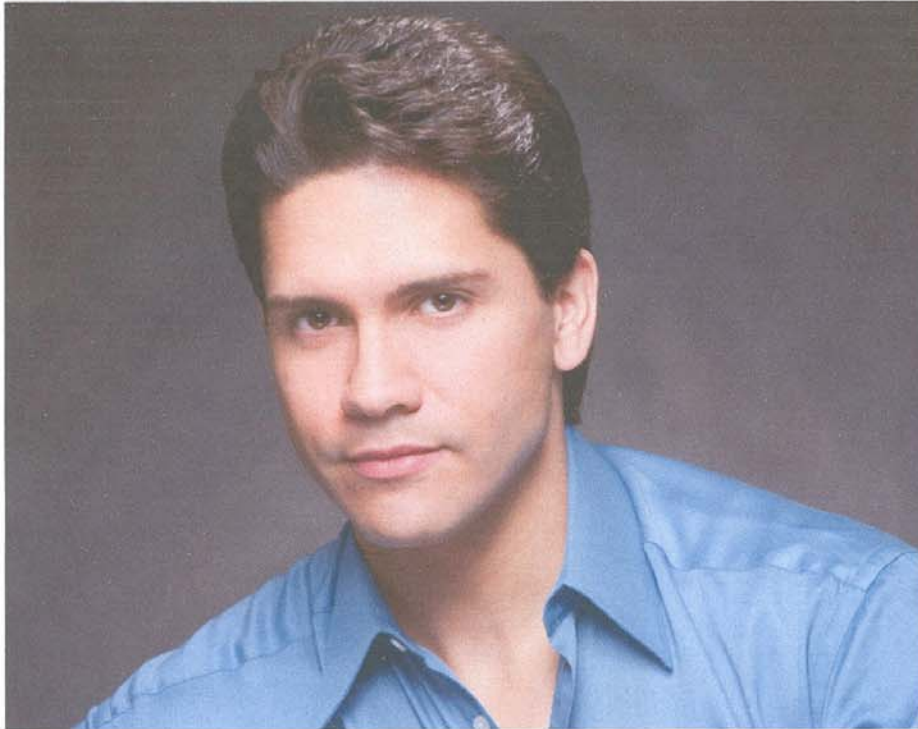
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