

## COVER SHEET

Church Name: St. Athanasius

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**Please remove Fr. Gerald Umoren's name on our staff list. He returned to Africa.**

**Thank you!**

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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 26, 2008 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

8:30 Concetta Ferrante  
 10:00 Mary Muzio  
 10:00 Spanish Mass (Lower Church)  
 11:30 Purgatorial Society  
 11:30 Italian Mass (Lower Church)Giovanni, Giuditta, Pasqualina, & Guido Moriano  
 6:00pm Maria Siciliano

#### **MONDAY, October 27, 2008**

7:00 Lucy Centorrino  
 9:00 Emmanuele, Felicia Accardi  
 7:30pm (Upper Church) First Communion Parent Meeting

#### **TUESDAY, October 28, 2008 St. Jude Thaddeus**

7:00 Gaetano Giglia  
 9:00 Mass in Honor of St. Jude Thaddeus  
 Giuseppina Sabattino & Rosa Sabattino & Frank Loiacono

#### **WEDNESDAY, October 29, 2008**

7:00 Stefania Rossi  
 9:00 Olga Salvino Bolla & Family

#### **THURSDAY, October 30, 2008**

7:00 Nany Fasulo, Cecilia Esposito & Fay Starace  
 9:00 Angela, Giuseppe DeGregorio

#### **FRIDAY, October 31, 2008**

7:00 Carmine & Anotinette Fellegrino  
 9:00 Principa, Gennarao DeGregorio & Family  
 7:30pm (Lower Church) Spanish- Mass for All Saints Day  
 7:30pm (Upper Church) English- Mass for All Saints Day  
 John Frank Rizzo

#### **SATURDAY, November 1, 2008 All Saints Day**

9:00 (English) Mass for All Saints Day-Peter Giannettino  
 11:00 (Italian) Mass for All Saints Day- Ciro Russo  
 5:30pm Kevin T. McFeeley

### 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.

#### **SUNDAY, November 2 All Souls Day**

8:30 Raymond J. Alessi  
 10:00 Nicholas & Antonnina Salvatore, Anna, Florence, Michael Langino, Linda & Tony Goetz, Salvatore Marchese  
 10:00 Spanish Mass (Lower Church)  
 11:30 For all those who were buried here at St. A's from Nov. 1, '07 to Oct. 31, '08  
 11:30 Italian Mass (Lower Church)Felice & Petronilla Senturo  
 6:00pm Nicole, Caterina & Giuseppe Barbaro

**HOSTS FOR THE WEEK-** *donated in loving memory of Lucy Centorrino requested Eleanor Damiano.*

**WINE FOR THE WEEK -** *donated in loving memory of Beverly Gaynor requested by Marie Liberti.*

**ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK –** *donated in loving memory of Rose Casulli requested by Phyllis Tubiolo & Family.*

**SANCTUARY LAMPS** *One sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of Anthony Alvaro requested by The Alvaro Family. The other sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of Fannie Scarabino requested by Diana Scarabino.*

### 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)

Oct. 12, 2008 \$ 8,924

LAST YEAR: Oct. 14, 2007 \$ 8,323

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."

**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.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS**  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING** On *Mon. Oct. 27 at 7:30p.m.* in the **Upper 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!

**HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR CHILDREN** sponsored by our Holy Name Society Sunday October 26 right here in our Auditorium 1-3pm. Party is open to all children of the Parish. Please come in costume! **A BLESSING OF HALLOWEEN COSTUMES** will take place at the 11:30a.m. Mass that Sunday. Come to mass wearing your costume! You can then go over to the Auditorium for the party.

### **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.**

### **A NOTE OF THANKS FROM PASTORAL LEADER CARMELA COLANDREA**

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I thank you all for your concern, good wishes, spiritual bouquets, and most especially your prayers during my recent hospitalization. I am so pleased and proud to be a member of such a special parish community! God bless you all! ***Carmela Colandrea***

**THANK YOU FATHER RON** For blessing our animals on Saturday October 4th. It was a great turn out with dogs, cats, turtles, birds, etc. Msgr. Cassato was on hand with Joel Cairo, a photographer from the Daily News. There was a picture in the Daily News the next day in front of the church with Father Ron and two of the Parish pets socializing during the ceremony. The larger dog (Sheba) had to be driven to the church because she could not walk very far. Sheba, an 11 year old American bulldog, with a very large and aggressive tumor on her stomach, was there for her special blessing. We were praying for her to spend as much time with us as she could without being in pain! Like most pet owners we did not want to put her down and we were hoping that she would be taken before we had to make that decision. On Friday night Oct. 10, Sheba took a turn for the worst and we made the decision to put her to sleep the next day. Saturday morning Sheba passed away in the comfort of our home. This story may not be a happy ending but for us, God heard and answered our prayers and once again the staff and parish of Saint Athanasius was there for us.

A sincere thank you! **The Faust Family**

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

Kathy Adams, Catherine Arrighetta, Faith Arent, Kimberly Arent, Patricia Aurigemma, Guy Ateniese, Maria Bogdan, Ann Bricese, Douglas Brock, Anthony Crimini, Aidan Cassidy, Judith Carminite, Cynthia Carponetto, Mark Cascio, Michele Cassata, Ann Centorrino, Arthur Chapnick, Sebastian Chiarello, Carmela Colandrea, Bruce Dalton, 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, Marie Ferlazzo, Carole Fruner, Ann M. Fruner, Sunday Giuffanti, Theresa Giuffanti, Gina Giuffanti, Corrine Hayes, Marie Holland, Ruth Hoffman, Diana Ingravallo, Francesca Ingravallo, John Jadazeewski, Neil Kelleher, Jean Kelly, Lawrence Klein, Lawrence Klein, Jr. Stephen Kelleher, Igballa Kukic, Marie Liberti, Richard Liberti, John Liberti, Jillian Lasinsky, Sandra Lazinsky, Ellen Mary MacDougall, Ellen Mackey Fontana, Enise Maignan, Paul Marchese, Eleanor Mirando, 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, Evelyn Rossi, Fortunato Salzano, Maria Sassano, Ralph Satriano, Donna Schiavo, Josephine Schiavo, Jada Schiachatano, Carol Sidoti, Fran Sidorksy, Concetta Sottilaro, Dana Sottilaro, Philip Sottilaro, Lauren Thurgood, William Thurgood, Amalia Vazquez, Rita Verdi, Carla Vitucci, Pasquale Visceglia, Catherine Vermericci, Angelina Vonelli, Leonard Walder, Lucy Wasieleski

**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.**

### **In your kindness, please pray for those who died:**

Antonio Cioffi, Jeannie Dijols, Nicholas Fezza, Igballa Kukic, Nicholas Sgamatto, John Buoncore

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

**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. 28** from 7:30-9p.m. Call AnnaMarie Scuteri at ext. 19 to get contact information of the Director of this support group.

**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.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** meets twice a month on Fridays from 7:30-9:30p.m. in the Nazareth Institute's Bethany Room. For more information, call Andre at 646.236.4813.

**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.

**PARISHIONER AVAILABLE TO BE HOME ATTENDANT** Dora Pellegrino. Call her at 718.837.0465.

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. GERALD AS HE RETURNS HOME TO NIGERIA

Dearly beloved in Christ,  
Greetings in Jesus' Name! As you all know, I will be returning to my diocesan assignment on Monday the 27th of this month and I want to use this opportunity to thank all of you – the clergy, religious and laity of St. A's - for the wonderful time I have shared with you these 18 months and for the untold love you have shown to me all along. I am particularly grateful to Msgr. Cassato for being a true father to all of us but more especially to me. Fathers Ron, Gabriel, and Deacon Dante have been very brotherly supportive. The Nuns in our parish have been very good to me. I have enjoyed the warm company of the parish staff individually and collectively and more significantly, I want to appreciate the love and concern I have enjoyed from all of you parishioners. I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to minister for you and among you. You have given St. A's the uniqueness it enjoys. God bless you! While it is true that I am excited to return home and re-unite with my people in Nigeria, there is no doubt that I will truly miss all of you in St. A's and all that you stand for in this parish that I can proudly call my second home. I have been assigned as Principal of one of our diocesan High Schools with effect from November 1, 2008. Besides, I will also teach Theology (Scripture), on part-time basis, in our Provincial Major Seminary in addition to helping out in a nearby parish during the weekends. There is no doubt that this is going to be engaging and challenging. I am very thankful, therefore, to those of you who, at Msgr.'s fatherly initiative, are helping me meet the transportation needs of my new assignment. Thank you! Whatever the challenges, I am confident that my experiences while serving in St. A's, together with your anticipated prayers, will help me immensely as I take up this task. Once again, thank you for everything you have been to me. God willing, I hope to be with you again during the summer months of next year. Until then, let us remember one another in our prayers.

*Rev. Fr. Gerald Emem Umoren*

### 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.

### 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.



### *Ring in 2009!*

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

**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.

**Share what it means to you, on a concrete level, to "love your neighbor as yourself."**

**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.

**THE 2009 MASS BOOK OPENED YESTERDAY, SATURDAY OCT. 25** Reservations for masses (English & Italian) can be made from 5-8pm Monday through Friday in the rectory, Mass offerings remain the same.

**THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ARE VISITING OUR PARISH TODAY**

Many of you know the Sisters in their ministry to the elderly and poor. The Sisters depend upon your generosity to help them provide a safe and comfortable home for the elderly at Queen of Peace Residence in Queens. There the residents All are surrounded with love, respect, peace, and security until their death. The Sisters will be at the doors of the church today to receive your donations. Please be as generous as possible.

**ST. A'S FOOD PANTRY IS STILL 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 at 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>)

**ST. JUDE THADDEUS,**

*pray for us and for all who invoke thy aid!*

**NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE**

Begins last Sunday. Novena prayers continue after the 9a.m. Mass, Monday through Saturday. Mass in honor of St. Jude will be celebrated on Tuesday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 9a.m. Anointing with St. Jude Oil and Veneration of St. Jude's Relic will take place as part of the Novena Prayers each day.

**MASS FOR ALL THOSE WHO WERE BURIED HERE AT ST. A'S from November 1, 2007 to Oct. 31, 2008 will be celebrated on Sunday November 2 at 11:30a.m. in the Upper Church.** A candle will be lit and placed within the sanctuary during that Mass. Candles may be obtained in the bench in front of our Shrine to St. Anthony, St. Francis, St. Padre Pio on November 2 only. **A family member brings up the UNLIT candle when the deceased person's name is called.** Please join us!

**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.

**ST. A's SCHOOL ALUMNI WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We want to form an Alumni Association that can help keep St. A's School going strong! Anyone who is interested in forming a committee to get this going is asked to contact Msgr. Cassato at 718.236.0124. Ext. 11 or email him at StAthanasiusNY@hotmail.com

## 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.

**YOUTH CENTER- ST. FRANCIS CABRINI (BAY 11TH AND 86TH ST/16TH AVE)** Every Tuesday 7-9PM, join us for food and fun, pick up games, video and board games, and much more. \$5.00 registration fee for all members.

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION- ST. DOMINIC'S-LIBUTTI CENTER (2011BAY RIDGE PKWY)** This group meets every other Wednesday Night to discuss life, to do activities that help you to understand life, God and faith. Faith and fun come together from 7-9PM. For those in 7th grade through high school. Next meeting is Oct 29th.

### OUR BISHOPS' REFLECTION TO THE CATHOLIC VOTER

"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States" singled out that abortion and euthanasia is intrinsically evil and must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned by Catholics. Similarly, direct threats to the sanctity and dignity of human life, such as human cloning and destructive research on human embryos, are also intrinsically evil. These must always be opposed. Catholics should ask political candidates how they plan to address the preeminent requirement to protect the weakest in our midst- innocent unborn children- by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children, through abortion. The U.S. bishops stress that it's wrong for Catholic voters to regard abortion as having the same moral weight as other issues when they are forming their consciences about how to vote. "The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life is always wrong and is not just one issue among many."

**Tom McFeely. "Bishops: Abortion Matters Most,"** National Catholic Register. May 18, 2008.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES

**Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School**, a coeducational school, Open House **Sunday Oct. 26** from 10a.m. to 1:30p.m. and Thurs. Nov. 6 from 6:30p.m. – 9p.m.

**St. Savior High School**, 588 Sixth Avenue in Park Slope Brooklyn, **Sunday Oct. 26** from 12p.m. – 2:30p.m. St. Savior's is an all girls High School.

**For info, Visit [www. Tachsinfo.com](http://www.Tachsinfo.com) .**

**Click on HANDBOOK .**

**BLOOD DRIVE - SPONSORED BY THE SAINT ATHANASIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY- SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND (9AM TILL 2:30PM) - PARISH AUDITORIUM:** Please help show the Saint Athanasius spirit by supporting this worthy effort to help the New York Blood Center. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. Any questions, please call Bill Finn at 718-236-6680.

### ADVENT IS ALMOST HERE!

*Opportunities for some Advent Memorializations*

**4 Advent Wreath Candles are available for memorialization** for a donation of \$50 each. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin for the 4 weeks of Advent. **A NEW Advent handmade Altar cloth from Belgium, in silk, cloth, and real gold thread, is available for memorialization** for a donation of \$500. Your intention will be sewn into the cloth on a memorial tag as well as printed in the bulletin for the 4 weeks of Advent. **A NEW matching Advent handmade Pulpit hanging, also from Belgium, in silk, cloth, and real gold thread, is also available for memorialization** for a donation of \$350. Your intention will be sewn into the cloth on a memorial tag as well as printed in the bulletin for the 4 weeks of Advent. **Speak to Pastoral Administrators Marie Skroly, AnnaMarie Scuteri or Ann DeVito in our rectory.**

### ST. FRANCIS CABRINI PARISH CELEBRATES ITS 45<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

with a Dinner Dance on Saturday Nov. 15 from 7 to 11p.m. at St. Francis Cabrini Hall. Music and dancing is provided to the music of **Generation Gap**. Hors d'oeuvres and wine, sit-down derved dinner including antipasto, prime rib with potatoe and mixed vegetables. Wine, soda, coffee, tea, and dessert. **tickets \$50. Call 718.236.9165**



Parrocchia Sant'Atanasio

Bollettino Settimanale

Messa in Italiano ogni Domenica alle 11:30am (Chiesa di giu') tempo ordinario

26 ottobre 2008

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**SABATO, 15 NOVEMBRE, 2008 - 3:00pm****MESSA DEGLI APOSTOLATI DELLA DIOCESI DI BROOKLYN  
CHIESA REGINA PACIS – 65 STRADE & 12 AVENUE****Dal nostro DIACONO DANTE COLANDREA****Riflessione del mese di ottobre****BEATITUDINI DEGLI EDUCATORI**

Beati gli educatori "poveri in spirito" che, per educare alla fede i ragazzi, tirano fuori e spendono tutto ciò che Dio ha dato loro: tempo, energie, fantasia...

Beati gli educatori "miti" che evitano la tentazione delle scorciatoie, delle minacce, dei ricatti e prediligono la convinzione, il dialogo, la pazienza.

Beati gli educatori "affamati e assetati di giustizia" che non si rifugiano nel passato ma lottano per un'educazione alla fede adeguata ai ragazzi di oggi.

Beati gli educatori "misericordiosi" che, comprendendo le difficoltà dei ragazzi e delle loro famiglie, non sentenziano ma ricercano soluzioni equilibrate.

Beati gli educatori "operatori di pace" di quella pace che nasce "dalla spada e dal fuoco" del Vangelo contro tutto ciò che può danneggiare il cammino dei ragazzi verso la fede.

Beati gli educatori "perseguitati" dal tempo che non basta mai; da quei bambini che "se non ci fossero" e invece ci sono; dalla tentazione di lasciare, ma che ricominciano sempre.

Beati gli educatori così!  
Avranno un posto bellissimo in cielo.  
E in più, la gioia di incontrare "lassù" qualcuno che sta lì perché anche grazie a loro ha imboccato la strada per arrivarci.

**SPETTACOLO TEATRALE - BROADWAY SHOWS****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.

**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.

**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.

**ARRIVEDERRCI PADRE GERALD** – oggi alle Messa delle 10am avremo l'opportunità di salutare Padre Gerald prima del suo ritorno a casa in Africa. Auguriamo a Padre Gerald un buon viaggio e che il Signore lo benisca sempre nel suo apostolato in Nigeria.

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

**DONAZIONE DI SANGUE- domenica 2 novembre** potete donare il vostro sangue qui nell'auditorium della nostra scuola **dalle 9 del mattino alle 2:30PM**. Questo è il modo ed il regalo perfetto per aiutare persone malate. Da tenere presente che per donare il sangue bisogna essere in buone condizioni di salute e presentare documenti di riconoscimento, ad esempio la patente di guida ed il proprio numero del Social Security. Per informazioni dettagliate telefonare a Bill Finn 718-236-6680.

**SABATO, 11 NOVEMBRE 2008 – 3:00pm** – si terrà la Messa annuale di tutti gli apostolati della Diocesi di Brooklyn e Queens. Padre Steven Aguggia, moderatore del nostro apostolato invita tutti gli italiani in modo particolare a tutti i giovani, a partecipare a questa Messa per far sì che la presenza dell'apostolato Italiano sia presente e viva. Regina Pacis – 12 Avenue e 65 Strade.

**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.

**Vi ricordiamo che L'ufficio del PM (PUBBLICO MINISTERO DI BROOKLYN)** ha stabilito un ufficio qui nell'ufficio parrocchiale di Sant'Atanasio il **Mercoledì' dalle 8:30 alle 4:00p.m.** Cortesemente entrare dalla porta laterale. L'ufficio è un'estensione del Centro dei pensionati per assistere pensionate e chiunque persona a qualsiasi abuso e violenza domestica, problemi di droga, problemi con i proprietari o inquilini di appartamenti, truffa, e qualsiasi altro problema di assistenza legale.



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

**Octubre 26-2008**

**“También Ustedes fueron Extranjeros en Egipto” ( Ex.22,20)**

***Domingo XXX del Tiempo Ordinario:***

El código de la alianza hacía énfasis, no sólo en las rúbricas litúrgicas o en las orientaciones religiosas, sino en la protección de los sectores más vulnerables de la sociedad: Forasteros, viudas, huérfanos, jornaleros y pobres en general. Los forasteros porque, en la mayoría de los casos, eran exiliados de la guerra que habían sufrido el desplazamiento forzado y llegaban a las tierras de Israel sin otro recurso que sus propias manos”.

Pregunta para la Reflexión. ¿Alguna vez te has sentido forastero en tu propia tierra? Por qué? Y ¿Qué hiciste en ese momento? ¿Cuál sería tu respuesta ante la situación de los desplazados e inmigrantes que viven a nuestro lado?...

**PREGUNTA PARA LA REFLEXIÓN.** ¿Alguna vez te han acusado de algo? Por qué? Y ¿Qué hiciste en ese momento?. ¿Cuál sería tu respuesta ante la pregunta que con malas intenciones le hicieron a Jesús?... Consideras que algunas veces en tu vida has dado malas respuestas a las preguntas que le han formulado? Pongamos, pues mucho cuidado al contestar lo que se nos pregunta, no sea que por no saber contestar o por contestar mal nos lleven a la cárcel.....

**ORACION: “Señor Jesús, ayúdanos a seguirte siempre y vivir a su lado, para que nuestra vida, trabajos y apostolados te sean agradables, y en tu dulce compañía caminemos juntos hacia la casa del padre, por los siglos de los siglos”, amén.**

**INSCRIPCIÓN PARROQUIAL** Bienvenidos a nuestra parroquia. Si usted es nuevo y quiere que le lleguen los sobres, esto es posible solo en Inglés, por lo tanto debe inscribirse en la Casa cural, pero si no habla Inglés, solo basta registrarse con el Apellido de su Familia y de su esposa al llegar a la Misa Dominical y depositar la ofrenda en el sobre que le entregarán.

**CATECISMO PARA ADULTOS RICA** Ya ha empezado el programa y solo nos quedan unos cuantos cupos para el día domingo a las 11::15pm. Interesados, deben ser mayores de 14 años. Hablar con el Padre.

**NOVIEMBRE MES DE LOS DIFUNTOS**

Desde hoy debes traer los sobres con la donación y la lista de los Fieles Difuntos de su Familia y allegados, para orar por su Eterno Descanso durante las Misas que Celebraré en el Mes de Noviembre. Seamos agradecidos con Dios!

**SOBRE BAUTISMOS:** Hay bautismos el próximo 25 de Octubre, el 29 de Noviembre y el 27 de Diciembre. Interesados traer el certificado de Nacimiento y nombre de los padrinos a mi oficina durante los días jueves o viernes o el domingo en la Iglesia.

**CONFESIONES:** Todos los Domingos antes de la Misa en Español en la iglesia.

**MONAGUILLOS** Si su hijo (a) hizo la Primera comunión y le gustaría servir en el altar deben hablar con el padre y registrarse para el curso de preparación. Bienvenidos!

**INTENCIONES DE MISAS** Todos los Domingos cuando lleguen a la Iglesia, tienen el tiempo antes de las 10 am para que con una donación voluntaria inscriban sus intenciones para tener en cuenta en la Misa Comunitaria. Pues es quizá el mejor regalo que podamos dar por diversos motivos y muerte de seres queridos.

**RESPECTO A LOS JOVENES** Invitemos a los jóvenes para que participen de los eventos programados para ellos en la pastoral juvenil. Interesados deben buscar información adicional en los volantes que encuentran a la salida de la Misa.

**REUNIONES CON GRUPOS PASTORALES** Los Coordinadores de grupo deben pedir cita en cuanto antes, para organizar la agenda de Reuniones con cada grupo. Favor llamar al Padre Gabriel cuanto antes.

**CLASE DE RELIGIÓN CCD** su hijo (a) hizo la Primera comunión, debe continuar el programa de Catequesis hasta que haga la Confirmación; recuerden que en las Escuelas Públicas no enseñan Religión. Bienvenidos!

**FIESTA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS**

Viernes 31 de Octubre a las 7:30 pm iniciando con el Sto Rosario en a Iglesia de abajo. Misa de precepto.

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