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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, November 16**

- 8:30 Rosary Society & Evelyn Romano
 10:00 Anna, Bobby Castaldo
 10:00 Spanish Mass (Lower Church)
 11:30 Purgatorial Society
 11:30 Italian Mass (Lower Church) Felice & Petronilla Santoroa, Giuseppe & Rachella DeMasi e tutti defunti della famiglia Santoro & DeMasi
 1:00pm Wedding Ceremony- Caterina DeSilvio & Phil Skalaski
 6:00pm Rocky & Ida Vezzuso, Gerladine Stankevitz, Salvatore & Fannie Riccobono

MONDAY, November 17, 2008

- 7:00 Polito Ayala
 9:00 Frank Bruno

TUESDAY, November 18, 2008

- 7:00 Kevin McFeely
 9:00 Bruno Speziale (Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, November 19, 2008

- 7:00 Aduato DeMarchi
 9:00 Bruno Speziale (Anniversary)

THURSDAY, November 20, 2008

- 7:00 Mary Talamo
 9:00 Francesco Gambino

FRIDAY, November 21, 2008

- 7:00 Leonard Cirincione
 9:00 Mr. & Mrs. James P. Sweeney

SATURDAY, November 22, 2008

- 9:00 GianVito, Nunzia Rotondi
 10:30 Memorial Mass- Rosa Rotondi (Italian)
 1:30pm Wedding Ceremony- Joseph LaMotta & Daniel Pucci
 1:30 (Lower Church) Wedding Mass (Spanish) Elicero Huerta & Petra Martinez
 5:30 Giovanna, Francesca Gentile, Jenny, Thomas Tanzi [60th Wedding Anniversary Blessing at Mass: Mr. & Mrs. Rocco and Grace Imbriale]

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 & Sunday 7a.m. to 7p.m.

SUNDAY, November 23

- 8:30 Deceased Memebrs of the BYA Club
 10:00 Antoinette Martino
 10:00 Spanish Mass (Lower Church)
 11:30 Purgatorial Society
 Installation of New Altar Servers
 11:30 Italian Mass (Lower Church) Vito Viterbo
 6:00pm Sarah Galati

WELCOME, we're glad you're here!

If this is the first time you have been to St. A's, welcome! We promise that if you keep your heart and mind open to God, you'll find what you're looking for. **Would you like to talk to someone?** We're here to listen and help if we can. Just call us at the Rectory when you're ready. In the meantime, remember that you are always prayed for and that it is our hope to pray with you each week.

HOSTS FOR THE WEEK- *donated in loving memory of Marchese & Ribauda Families requested by Mr. & Mrs. Ribauda.*

WINE FOR THE WEEK - *donated in loving memory of Barbara Foley requested by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pulice.*

ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK - *donated in loving memory of Thomas Martoci requested by Angela Delessio.*

SANCTUARY LAMPS *One sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of Josephine Fulco requested by Patricia & Joseph. The other sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of Theresa Lacalamita 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)

November 9, 2008 \$ 8,957

LAST YEAR \$ 8,319

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.

WE INVITE YOU TO REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER OF ST. A's & USE SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES You & your family can 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.



ADVENT GIVING TREE

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Brooklyn already has an exceptionally large request for new toys for children so this year our Giving Tree will benefit those needy families. **The Giving Tree will be next to the St. Joseph Altar on November 30, December 7 & 14. ALL GIFTS MUST BE PLACED NEXT TO THE TREE BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 14th.** Any NEW toy or NEW clothing for a child, newborn to 18, is needed. **Choose an angel ornament off of the tree and attach that angel to your UNWRAPPED GIFT with the intended age of the child.**

KEEP THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINING THROUGHOUT CHRISTMAS right here around our parish buildings! We are preparing for our 10th Annual Christmas Tree & Nativity Lighting Ceremony to be held on **SATURDAY DECEMBER 13th**, the Feast of Saint Lucy, at 6:30p.m. A flier is on page 8 has the details. **In order for us to have the program printed, all memorializations must be submitted by MONDAY DECEMBER 8th.**

THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL CHOIR WILL ONCE AGAIN BE HERE ON FRIDAY, DEC. 5TH TO PERFORM THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT. Due to the tremendous response and success of last year's Christmas Concert, the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will once again be performing their wonderfully entertaining Christmas Concert at St. Athanasius Church. For those who attended last year's concert, please encourage any family members, friends and neighbors who missed last year's performance to be here for this year's concert. Therefore, everyone mark your calendars and get into the Christmas spirit early this year by attending this wonderful and truly inspiring event at our Church – you will be glad you did! Monsignor wants to see a "full house" on the night of the performance!

Date: Friday, December 5, 2008

Time: 7:00pm

Place: St. Athanasius Church (Upper Church)

Ticket Cost: \$10

Tickets can be purchased throughout the month of November in the back of the Church after all Sunday Masses, at the rectory, or at the door on the night of the concert.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL WILL BE HERE ON DECEMBER 6 AND 7 TO SELL THEIR EXCELLENT RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

The Daughters of St. Paul, Catholic Nuns dedicated to evangelization using the communications media, will be with us on the weekend of December 6 and 7 after all of the Sunday Masses, with a display of good Catholic books, music CDs, movies on DVD and VHS, and other religious articles. You are encouraged to select some good spiritual items for yourself, your family members and friends for Advent or as Christmas gifts. The sale will take place in the Upper Church Narthex. Items will be available in English, Italian and Spanish. If you want more information on the Daughters of St. Paul or are interested in seeing other available items, please visit Pauline Books & Media in Midtown Manhattan at: 150 East 52nd Street – New York, NY 10022 (between Lexington and 3rd Avenues), call them at: 212-754-1110 or go on-line to the Pauline Books & Media website: <http://www.pauline.org>.

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, Catherine Broderick,
Aidan Cassidy, Gianna Marie Carlson,
Judith Carminitte, Cynthia Carponetto,
Glenn Carr, Mark Cascio,
Michele Cassata, Ann Centorrino,
Arthur Chapnick, Sebastian Chiarello,
Carmela Colandrea, Vincenzo Coppelivo,
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, Melissa Grondal,
Ruth Hoffman, Diana Ingravallo,
Francesca Ingravallo, John Jadazeewski,
Neil Kelleher, Jean Kelly, Lawrence Klein,
Lawrence Klein, Jr. Stephen Kelleher,
Marie Liberti, Richard Liberti, John Liberti,
Jillian Lasinsky, Sandra Lazinsky
Ellen Mary MacDougall,
Ellen Mackey Fontana, Enise Maignan,
Paul Marchese, Eleanor Marando,
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, Ida Russo,
Fortunato Salzano, Maria Sassano,
Ralph Satriano, Donna Schiavoe,
Josephine Schiavo, Jada Sciacchitano,
Carol Sidoti, Fran Sidorksy,
Concetta Sottilaro, Dana Sottilaro,
Philip Sottilaro, Lauren Thurgood,
William Thurgood, Amalia Vazquez,
Rita Verde, 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:

A BLESSING FOR FAMILIES OF WOMEN & MEN SERVING IN THE MILITARY WITH BISHOP DiMARZIO Sunday Nov. 23 during Mass at St. James Cathedral. All are invited!

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 Nov. 18** 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 nyisibg@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.



CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHTS IN FRONT OF THE PARISH RECTORY All members of our parish are invited to purchase lights on the **TREE OF LIGHTS** as a special gift for family and friends or for that "difficult to shop for" someone. Gifts can be in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one or be in celebration of a Marriage anniversary or engagement. Lights can also be in Thanksgiving to God or a special Saint. **Lights may be purchased up until Friday Dec. 19, 2008 for your intentions to be posted on the plaque by our tree.** The Tree will be lit until January 11, 2009. Each light is \$7. **THE TREE OF LIGHTS IS LOCATED ON 61st STREET TO THE LEFT OF THE RECTORY BY OUR SAINT JUDE STATUE.**

ST. ATHANASIUS SPORTS-O-RAMA PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES 2ND TO 6TH every Wednesday Night 7p.m. to 8:30p.m. in St. A's Gym Registrations Fee \$15. For more info call Donna 718.331.8906.

G.I.S.A. GRUPPO ITALIANO SANT'ATANASIO monthly meeting – Sunday, November 23 at 4:30pm in Parish Hall. Everyone welcomed. Recitation of Holy Rosary. Coffee and refreshments at conclusion of meeting. Join us for a delightful afternoon.

THE ROSARY SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR Our annual Christmas Fair will be held on **SUNDAY Dec. 7th**. Anyone interested in reserving a table please call Eleanor Damiano at 718.331.0450 or Eleanor Mattia at 718.256.4321.

Ring in 2009!



DEACON DANTE INVITES YOU TO SAY: HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009! December 31, 2008 – New Year's Eve Party in our Parish Hall! 8p.m. to 2a.m. Dinner, Dancing & Lots of fun! Donation is \$65 per person but we only have space for 280 people! Call Deacon

Dante at 917.602.3793 to make your reservations now!

Praying for Vocations



A STUDY REVEALED THAT 75% OF CATHOLIC YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAD SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED RELIGIOUS LIFE FELT THEY WERE NEVER ENCOURAGED TO PURSUE THAT GOAL. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.

WHAT IS YOUR PATH? Let the **VISION Vocation Network** help you explore Catholic Vocations in Religious Life and Priesthood. Visit their website: [www.http://www.vocation-network.org](http://www.vocation-network.org) and take an online survey and they will suggest some communities or religious vocations that might appeal to you.

TO FOSTER VOCATIONS, FR. KEVIN ABELS, our assistant Diocesan Director of Vocations, will preach here at St. A's next Sunday, November 22-23.

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.

What gift haven't you developed as you wanted to? What can you still do?

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.

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.

**PARISH THANKSGIVING MASS Wednesday November 26 at 7:30p.m.**

Please join us to thank God for the many blessings God has given us. We will gather on WEDNESDAY evening at 7:30p.m. to celebrate the Eucharist. Come to mass as a family and bring your friends!

IT'S TIME FOR OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and our St. Vincent DePaul Society has already received so many requests for food baskets. Especially since the economy is not as good as it was last year, more families are struggling to put food on their tables. Please help us provide a great dinner for them. Nonperishable Thanksgiving foods are being collected until Friday November 21. **You can leave them in front of St. Joseph's Altar in the Upper Church.** If you are planning to donate a turkey, please inform Fr. Ron D'Antonio, our moderator of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. **Don't forget treats for the kids! Fruits, vegetables, pies, and breads can be donated on Friday November 21 but not before because food will spoil. Food Pantry clients will receive food Saturday November 22.**



PARISHIONER AND SCOUT ALEX ZHANG is working on one of his outreach projects for EAGLE SCOUT.

Alex, too, is collecting food for hungry families. He wants to provide Thanksgiving meals for needy St. A's parishioners as well. In order for him to know how much food was collected, he is collecting the same type of non-perishable food as our St. Vincent DePaul Society. **Please place his food donations at the Blessed Mother Altar.**

**UNDERNEATH THE GLITZ, OVERBOOKED SCHEDULES, AND OVER-STRETCHED BANK ACCOUNTS, THERE'S A TRUE MEANING TO CHRISTMAS HERE AT ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH!**

Families in celebration, glowing outdoor trees and our lit up life size Nativity highlight the season, welcoming you and all our neighbors to join us for our Advent and Christmas celebrations. Our wonderful lights on Bay Parkway just shout Christmas cheer! Why not rediscover the Christmas story? Find out how it can change your life – forever! Advent and Christmas, here at St. A's, can make the true meaning of the Christmas story fresh and real for you and your family! Come and see why we celebrate Christmas! Begin your holiday celebrations with our notably warm welcome from our St. A's Church Family.

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 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. A submission form is also on our website on the **BULLETIN** tab. (<http://StAthanasiusNY.tripod.com>)

CALLING ALL 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 In order to form a data base, we ask that you fill out this tear off and return it to the RECTORY. You may place it in the Sunday collection.



ST. A'S SCHOOL ALUMNI

Name: _____ Class of _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____
E-mail: _____



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. 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.

Bishop Kearney High School presents: "Into the Woods"

Performances are November 21st, and 22nd at 7:30p.m. and on November 16th at 3p.m. Tickets are on sale now at Bishop Kearney High School. Call 718.236.6363. **Support our neighbor & the students at Kearney!**

BISHOP McDONNELL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION On Sat. April 4, 2009, Bishop McDonnell Alumni will have their annual reunion. The school is celebrating special anniversary classes of the 1930s, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1964, and 1969. The reunion will take place at Bishop Loughlin High School from 12pm to 7p.m. For tickets & more info, call 718.857.2700 Ext. 2253 or email rmaloney@blmhs.org

WE STILL HAVE SOME MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2009. If interested, please come to the rectory to reserve these dates:

7a.m. Masses: January 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 & 30. **8:30a.m. Mass Sunday:** January 8:30a.m.

ADVENT IS ALMOST HERE!

Opportunities for an Advent Memorialization

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. 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.**

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD is celebrated every Sunday at the 10a.m. Mass.

Children listen the readings from a Children's Bible and hear & participate in a homily geared towards their level. They return to their family during the Prayer of the Faithful. Spread the Word!



A NEW ADVENT PULPIT HANGING was donated
In Memory of Phyllis & John Crawford
Requested by Liliian Ristuccia

A MEMORIAL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 13 for those who lost a loved one during the current year and were buried at Scarpaci Funeral Home. For more info, please 718.331.8000.



**SABATO, 13 DICEMBRE 2008 SULLA BAY PARKWAY
ANNUALE CERIMONIA PER ACCENDERE LE LUCI SUGLI
ALBERI INTORNO ALLA NOSTRA CHIESA
ORARIO - DOPO LA MESSA DELLE 5:30PM**

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

PREGHIERA PER LA SERA PRIMA DEGLI ESAMI

Signore,
sono qui la sera prima dell'esame.
Se metto quello che ho fatto e quello che ho tralasciato,
come sempre davanti a Te non mi trovo.
Ho lavorato, come ho potuto,
forse da matricola inesperta,
forse ho perso tempo prezioso, ho dimenticato di dare spazio alla
conoscenza dell'uomo,
forse ho smarrito la serenità affannandomi dietro cose marginali,
forse ho valutato il mio studio per quello che mi fa essere davanti
agli altri e non davanti a Te. Ora, sfinito e un po' sfiduciato,
mi sento di non aver del tutto completato, di aver potuto far
meglio.
Eppure, in coscienza ho dato il massimo, ho dato quello che
potevo dare,
ho dato tutto per Te, per Te solo.
Ho dato tutto anche la mia inesperienza, la mia difficoltà nello
studio,
la mia scarsa volontà, ho capito che in futuro potrò dare di più,
ma stasera accogli il mio tutto di oggi.
E Tu, che sei fedele,
e doni in misura sovrabbondante e paghi l'operaio dell'ultima ora
per amore con la ricompensa della Tua grazia, non lasciarmi
mancare la luce e la forza del Tuo Spirito di sapienza, per
incoraggiarmi nelle mie incertezze e per illuminarmi nelle mie
mancanze.
Tu che sei il fine del mio studio,
siine anche la forza e la grazia. Amen.

ALBERI DI NATALE intorno alla chiesa e scuola per
memoralizzare, in memoria di un defunto oppure in onore
di un vostro familiare – L'offerta e' di \$300, \$500, oppure
\$1000. Per informazioni telefonare a Monsignor Cassato
al 718-236-0124. La settima cerimonia annuale per
accendere gli alberi e il presepe avra' luogo sabato, 13
dicembre dopo la Messa delle 5:30pm. davanti alla chiesa
su Bay Parkway. La vostra offerta per questi alberi va alla
nostra scuola. I bambini della nostra scuola apprezzano
molto la vostra generosità'.

IL LIBRO DELLE MESSE PER IL 2009 E' APERTO – Ci
recaatevi all'ufficio parrocchiale dalle 9:00am alle 8:00pm
dal lunedì' al venerdì' per chiedere una Messa per un
vostro defunto. L'offerta e' la stessa dell'anno scorso.

**G.I.S.A. (GRUPPO ITALIANO S. ATANASIO) TERRA' LA
PROSSIMA RIUNIONE GENERALE DOMENICA 23
NOVEMBRE ALE ORE 4:30 POMERIDIANE
NELL'AUDITORIO DELLA NOSTRA SCUOLA.** A Vi
preghiamo di venire numerosi. Come sempre la nostra
riunione finira' con caffè' e dolci. Siete tutti invitati soci e
non soci. Freddy Felletti, Presidente - 718- 614 – 9683.

GRAZIE a Maria Perniciaro per aver composto lo
stendardo per l'Apostolato Italiano della Diocesi di
Brooklyn usato per la Messa annuale del Catholic
Migration. Maria ha svolto un bellissimo lavoro con poco
tempo a disposizione. Di nuovo grazie.

MARTEDI' DI DICEMBRE - per i martedì durante il mese di
dicembre (dicembre 2 -9 -16 e -23) ci sara' un incontro di
preghiera in occasione dell'anno Paolino nel basement
della rettoria dalle 8 di sera alle 9pm. Venite numerosi.

**ALBERO DELLE LUCI DI NATALE ACCANTO
ALL'UFFICIO PARROCCHIALE** – tutti i membri della
nostra parrocchia sono invitati a comprare luci
SULL'ALBERO DELLE LUCI come regalo particolare per
qualche vostro familiare oppure in memoria di un vostro
defunto. Avete tempo fino al 19 dicembre. Per ogni luce
l'offerta e' di \$7. L'albero delle luci sara' posto sulla
61esima strada, a sinistra dell'ufficio parrocchiale, accanto
alla statua di San Giuda.

**31 DICEMBRE, 2008 VEGLIONE DI CAPODANNO A
SAN ATANASIO** – i biglietti per il veglione di capodanno
sono in vendita. Dinner Dance con inizio alle ore 7:00pm.
Cibo caldo e musica con DJ. 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.

TEMPO NATALIZIO - Vi ricordiamo di essere generosi
durante questo periodo con chi e' meno fortunato di noi
questo periodo natalizio. Grazie per la vostra generosità'.



Parroquia de San Atanasio
Boletín Parroquial Hispano
Misa en Español cada Domingo en la Iglesia de Abajo a las 10 de la mañana

BOLETÍN PARROQUIAL HISPANO

Noviembre 16-2008 DOMINGO XXXIII Del Tiempo Ordinario

✠ “Una mujer perfecta ¿Quién la encontrará” (Prv 31,10)

La mujer ideal vale más que las piedras preciosas. El modelo que propone la lectura de hoy es la eficaz administración de una pequeña finca rural, que desarrolla eficientemente sus funciones y competencias. Es una mujer que adquiere lana, lino y teje; trae provisiones, se levanta temprano para dar sustento a la familia, ayuda al necesitado y al pobre, confecciona sus mantas y, sobre todo, es una mujer que respeta a Dios.

Oración de reflexión: Al igual que la mujer, como símbolo de la Iglesia, venimos hoy, Señor a tus pies a darte gracias, adorarte y a pedir que en María Stma, tengamos siempre la suerte de ser buenos hijos. Bendice nuestros hogares y libranos de todo mal. Amén.

Noviembre: Mes de los fieles DIFUNTOS. Nunca los olvidemos, por el contrario ofrezcamos oraciones por su Eterno Descanso, para que si en algo quedaron manchadas sus almas, puedan un día gozar de la Eterna presencia de Dios en el Cielo. Por eso cada domingo al llegar a la Iglesia, deben entregar el sobre con los nombres por quienes estamos celebrando todas las Misas del Mes. No seamos Ingratos, sino agradecidos por aquellos que un día nos dieron tanto y de quienes estamos recibiendo tantos beneficios... “Concédeles Señor el descanso eterno, y que brille para ellos la luz perpetua, que descansen en Paz, amén.

FIESTA EN HONOR A SAN MARTIN DE TOURS

- FELICITAMOS AL COMITÉ DE SAN MARTIN Y A TODOS LOS QUE HICIERON POSIBLE ESTA LINDA CELEBRACION QUE ACABAMOS DE CELEBRAR LA NOCHE ANTERIOR. DIOS LOS BENDIGA Y VUESTRO PATRON OS SIGA ACOMPAÑANDO DESDE EL CIELO.

La Paz de los Ancianos: Entré a un asilo a ver ancianos y lo que había eran estrellas. Había un concierto de paz inmensa y Dios estaba con todos ellos. Unos jugaban como los niños, otros reían y eran muy tiernos.

Hablé con ellos y se contaron historias viejas, historias bellas, que ellos amaron y ellos quisieron, que fueron libres como los vientos, sembrando siempre semillas buenas y que por eso nunca a los años tuvieron miedo... En este asilo no había relojes, no existía el tiempo... Allí no habían pobres, no habían ricos, no habían blancos, allí no habían negros y todos tenían el mismo nombre, eran ancianos, eran muy tiernos, y hablaban todos el mismo idioma, “el del amor que da la paz que como el aire no deja huellas”.



**Help Keep Christ in Christmas
at St. Athanasius R.C. Church
Tenth Annual Christmas Nativity**

Dear Friend,

Please join us in celebrating our Tenth Annual Nativity and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday evening December 13th 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 the 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. In these dark times of the year we can all join together in lighting up each other's lives.

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 \$1000 in the name of your family, business or in memory of a loved one, will be deeply appreciated. Two or three families may join 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,

Msgr David L Cassato

Rev. Msgr. David L. Cassato
Pastor



SPONSOR FORM

For additional information, please call the rectory at 718-236-0124

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ Amount: \$ _____

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

Please return this form with check payable to **St. Athanasius Church** to:

St. Athanasius Rectory 2154 61st Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11204 Attn: Tree Lighting.

Please return this form in order to allow us time to prepare signs for trees. All greetings, sponsors, and memorializations must be submitted by December 8 to be printed in our December 13th program.



TREE OF LIGHTS

Request for Lights Form



Please PRINT all information clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____



Please enclose \$7 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.

I will pick up my gift cards at St. Athanasius Rectory.

Please mail me my gift card

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