

## 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, November 23 *Christ the King***

8:30 Deceased Memembrs 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

**MONDAY, November 24, 2008**

7:00 Patrick Aheran  
 9:00 Croce, Antonio Ferrante

**TUESDAY, November 25, 2008**

7:00 In Memory of My Beloved Realtives and Friends  
 9:00 Per Tutti I defunti Codispoti and Speziale Families  
 7:30pm Charismatic Healing Mass (Upper Church)

**WEDNESDAY, November 26, 2008**

7:00 Rose, John Frustrace, Pauline, Andrew Semenza  
 9:00 Napoli & Schiavone & Brannan Families  
 7:30pm Parish Mass for Thanksgiving- Helen Touloumis

**THURSDAY, November 27, 2008**

7:00 **NO 7 a.m. MASS TODAY**  
 9:00 Luigi Romeo & Bruno Codispoti, Maria Ranieri

**FRIDAY, November 28, 2008**

7:00 Joseph & Rose Sortino  
 9:00 Joel Onofre, Aduato Mascaro

**SATURDAY, November 29, 2008**

9:00 John F. Gonovd and Anne Needham  
 10:30 Memorial Mass- Silia Lieggi  
 1:00pm Wedding  
 3:00 Sweet 15: Katerine Rojas (Upper Church)  
 5:30 Anteniese, Tagarelli & Tanzi Family

**SUNDAY, November 30 *First Sunday in Advent***

8:30 Anna Francesca & Antonio Gradilone  
 10:00 Nicholas & Grace Capoodona  
 10:00 Spanish Mass (Lower Church)  
 11:30 Purgatorial Society  
 Acceptance into the Order of Catechumen  
 & Call to Continuing Conversion for those Baptized  
 11:30 Italian Mass (Lower Church) Don Bruno  
 6:00pm John Picariello

**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.

**"Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and you will see what miracles are." St. John Bosco**

**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 Elena Cuffari Families requested by Tina Giaquinta.*

**WINE FOR THE WEEK -** *donated in loving memory of Antoinette Martino requested Husband Frank & Children.*

**ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK –** *donated in loving memory of Giacomo J. Buscano requested by Connie Gentile.*

**SANCTUARY LAMPS** *One sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of John Scott Astarita requested by Mom & Dad. The other sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of Giuseppe & Carolina Caruso requested by Daughter Caterina Mannino & Family.*

**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)  
 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.

**THANK YOU TO MARIA PERNICIARO FROM G.I.S.A. -** Gruppo Italiano Sant'Atanasio, for the beautiful banner she made for the Italian Apostolate. The banner was used on Saturday, November 15, 2008 for the Catholic Migration Mass at Regin Pacis Church. Thanks Maria.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>.** 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 13<sup>th</sup>**, 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 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 Coppolivo,  
 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,  
 Eric Brandon Pinzon, Christine Remmer,  
 Mercedes Rivas (Fr. Gabriel's mother)  
 Hilda Rodriguez, Ida Russo,  
 Fortunato Salzano, Maria Sassano,  
 Ralph Satriano, Donna Schiavo,  
 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:

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** meets Mondays Dec. 1, 8 & 15 from 7:30-9p.m. in the Nazareth Institute. No topics are chosen prior to each meeting as participants direct discussions. Sr. Barbara Murtha, CSJ leads our group.

## 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 Dec. 2** 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](mailto: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 6<sup>TH</sup>** 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. 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!

**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!

### A BIG THANK YOU FROM MSGR. CASATO

Thank you to all who made our 95<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary

**ONE FAITH- ONE FAMILY**

**a marvelous celebration of our Parish Life!**

**I would like to thank:** Susan Gentile, Rose Lamicela, Pino- and all who helped in any to organize our Gala Celebration at El Caribe. **Congratulations to our Raffle winners:**

- 32" Flat Screen T.V.** - Marie Mallia
- Christ Redeemer Statue** (donated by Casa del Corado)  
Frank & Mary Papia
- Basket of Cheer**- Robert Cassato
- Jewelry** (donated by Pino) Cundari (Fr. Jamie's parish)  
Fr. Jamie, Frank Inga
- Pashmina Scarf**- Frank Gulino

**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 your experiences of finding Christ when you helped your needy brothers and sisters.**

**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.

**NEED AN IDEA FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT?** Buy that special person a ticket or join Deacon Dante for a special night at the Marquis Theatre for **Irving Berlin's White Christmas**. Wednesday, December 17, 2008. Bus leaves St. Athanasius at 4:30pm. Donation \$160 includes transportation, dinner and show. **A second trip** will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 to go see the **Jersey Boys**. Bus, dinner & show - \$155. For Reservation call Deacon Dante 917- 602- 3793

**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!

**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.

**IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN WE BEGIN OUR PREPARATION FOR OUR CHRISTMAS** season and our wonderful decorations in St. Athanasius Church. In order to have a more parish family centered Christmas we are asking our family parishioners to bring in ornaments of balls, tear drops, angels or stars in colors **GOLD, or RED** in any style of glass, satin or velvet. The colors stand for GOLD-love-RED-warmth! Please leave your decorations by the Shrine of the Blessed Mother where our parish tree will be displayed.



**PLEASE HELP US DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS** Christmas decorations are being prepared, we have ordered our Christmas trees, poinsettia plants, wreaths, and garlands to decorate our church. If you are not on our mailing list, we invite you to take an envelope next to the bulletins and return it in the Sunday collection. We rely on your donations to purchase all our decorations each holiday season. Thank you for your continued generosity. It's so inspiring!

**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>)

**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](mailto: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](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.

**SPECIAL THANKSGIVING YOUTH MASS, Wed. Nov. 26 7:30p.m. at ST. DOMINIC'S** Join us as youth dress as Pilgrims and Indians. We celebrate on Thanksgiving Eve with a social and open gym after mass.

**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.

**ADVENT IS ALMOST HERE!**

**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. **Speak to Pastoral Administrators Marie Skroly, AnnaMarie Scuteri or Ann DeVito in our rectory.**

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

**KUNG FU PANDA**

**Come join the St. Athanasius Youth Program for a Friday Night Movie- Nov. 28 at 7p.m.**

Admission is \$3 PER CHILD. Children will receive a juice box, popcorn, & a raffle ticket for a Blockbuster Gift Card. Children must be accompanied by an adult who stays for the movie. For more info call Joe Orlando. (646.210.2919)

**FREE BASEBALL CLINIC for BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-10 on Wednesday nights December 3, 10 & 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. in St. Athanasius Gym.** Parents can come and observe & ask questions. Kids can stay in shape by going through various baseball drills, all while seeing how much fun baseball is. Participants need to wear sneakers, comfortable clothing, and bring a baseball glove if they have one. For more info call Joe Orlando, (646.210.2919) Mike Garthaffner (917.488.4-41) or visit [www.saintasports.org](http://www.saintasports.org)

**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.

**BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS** The Holy Name Blood Drive Committee of Jeff Lemon, Bill Finn, Bobby McKenna and Mike Garthaffner would like to thank the 84 parishioners who volunteered to donate blood during our 11/2/08 drive. St. A's was able to donate 68 pints of blood to the New York Blood Center, which far exceeded our goal! Thank you for your support. **The next Blood Drive will be on March 22, 2009. KEEP THAT DATE OPEN!**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN** sponsored by the Holy Name Society will take place Sunday December 14 in the Parish Auditorium right after the 11:30a.m. Mass. We hear Santa will stop by too!



**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  
COSA VOGLIONO OGGI I GIOVANI:

di essere valorizzati  
di relazioni  
di "talent scout" che sappiano trovare il bello, il talento, che c'è in ciascuno  
di fiducia  
di essere amati ed di amare a loro volta  
di rispetto  
di certezze  
le tre cose più importanti per molti sono:  
sicurezze,  
affetti-relazioni,  
sostegno:  
sostegno da parte della famiglia  
considerazione dei coetanei  
affetto da parte di coloro che gli stanno intorno e coloro di cui hanno grande fiducia  
e poi... sentirsi qualcuno (cioè speciali!) e non delle nullità (come spesso accade quando si è molto insicuri!).  
sostegno da parte della famiglia  
considerazione dei coetanei  
affetto da parte di coloro che gli stanno intorno e coloro di cui hanno grande fiducia  
e poi... sentirsi qualcuno (cioè speciali!) e non delle nullità (come spesso accade quando si è molto insicuri!).  
i giovani vogliono essere ascoltati  
i giovani vogliono essere valorizzati  
i giovani vogliono essere capiti  
i giovani vogliono essere giustificati  
i giovani vogliono essere accolti  
i giovani vogliono sentire Cristo negli adulti che li accompagnano  
i giovani non vogliono parcheggiarsi nei dopo-cresima ma vogliono esercitare quei doni e carismi confermati nella cresima  
i giovani vogliono sentirsi parte di un progetto.  
Porgete attentamente l'orecchio ogni qual volta che un giovane chiede di essere ascoltato.

**ALBERI DI NATALE** intorno alla chiesa e scuola per memorializzare, 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 settimana cerimonia annuale per accendere gli alberi e il presepe avra' luogo sabato, 13 dicembre dopo la Messa delle 5:30pm. I bambini della nostra scuola apprezzano molto la vostra generosità.

**G.I.S.A. (GRUPPO ITALIANO S. ATANASIO) TERRA' LA PROSSIMA RIUNIONE GENERALE OGGI 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.

**DUE SPETTACOLI TEATRALI - BROADWAY SHOWS**  
**mercoledì, 17 dicembre – Irving Berlin's White Christmas.- \$160.** L'autobus parte da Sant'Atanasio.  
**mercoledì, 18 febbraio–Jersey Boys - \$155.** Cena prima dello spettacolo. Diacono Dante al 917-602-3793.

**MARTEDI' DI DICEMBRE** - per i martedì durante il mese di dicembre (dicembre 2 -9 -16 e -23) ci sarà 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 sarà 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, Maria Perniciaro 718 - 351-4764, Maria Porcu' 718 - 627-0387. Soltando 280 biglietti sono disponibili.**

**ALBERO DI NATALE NELLA NOSTRA CHIESA** – ogni anno la nostra chiesa viene decorata con bellissime decorazioni natalizie. Per l'albero nella chiesa superiore chiediamo di donare palline da appendere all'albero di colore rosso oppure dorato. Cortesemente lasciate le vostre decorazioni nella chiesa superiore. Grazie.

**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.



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

BOLETIN PARROQUIAL HISPANO

Noviembre 23-2008 DOMINGO XXXIV Del Tiempo Ordinario

✠ **JESUCRISTO REY DEL UNIVERSO** : (Ultimo domingo del Año Lit.)

“Yo mismo cuidaré mi ganado y le pasaré revista” (Ez 34,11) y por eso le decimos en la Antífona de entrada: Digno el Cordero que fue inmolado, de recibir el poder, la riqueza, la sabiduría, la fuerza y el honor. A El la gloria y el imperio por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

Jesús es el Rey porque comparte el destino de sufrimiento y muerte de los últimos de la humanidad. Su realeza nos introduce en la comunión divina. El encuentro con Cristo transforma a las personas. La verificación de que realmente ha habido encuentro con Cristo se manifiesta en el cambio e mentalidad que opera en las personas que han hecho de Jesús de Nazareth su ideal de vida. Pablo nos da un testimonio conmovedor de este proceso de revivificación interior.

Sea para nosotros una fiesta muy solemne en Acción de Gracias a Dios por tantos beneficios recibidos a lo largo de este 2008 y en todos los momentos de nuestra vida; sea la ocasión para tributar a nuestro Rey y Señor un homenaje en cada familia, proclamándolo una vez más como nuestro único y verdadero Dios. “Que reine Jesús por siempre, reine en su corazón, en nuestra patria y en nuestro suelo que es de María la Nación”...etc.

**Oración de reflexión:** Dios todopoderoso y eterno, que quisiste fundar todas las cosas en tu Hijo muy amado, Rey del Universo. Haz que toda criatura, liberada de la esclavitud, sirva a tu majestad y te alabe eternamente. Por Jesucristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.

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**Preguntas para meditar ahora:**

1. ¿ En qué aspectos mejoramos nuestra vida en relación con Dios, con nuestro prójimo y con nosotros mismos en este 2008 que estamos finalizando?
2. ¿ De qué medios o formas nos hemos fortalecido en nuestra Fe, en nuestra misión como Bautizados y Pueblo de Dios en el siglo XXI?
3. ¿Qué tareas para el mejoramiento de nuestro rol como familia de Dios, hemos de facilitar a partir del año que vamos a empezar?
4. ¿ De uno a 10 ¿Cuál sería tu calificación en este Año? Se SALVO?

**GRACIAS A TODOS LOS QUE NOS SIRVIERON EN ESTE AÑO**



**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 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. immediately following the 5:30p.m. Mass, on the corner of 61<sup>st</sup> Street and Bay Parkway. Lighted live Christmas trees will be placed around the Nativity and continue along Bay Parkway in front of St. Athanasius School to 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, as well as the opposite side in front of the church and convent. 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




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**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.

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

St. Athanasius Rectory 2154 61<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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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