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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, December 7, 2008 *Second Sunday in Advent***

8:30 Mary Tuohy DeMola
 10:00 Robert LaSala, Sr. & Annette LaSala
 10:00 Spanish Mass (Lower Church)
 11:30 Purgatorial Society & Carolyn D'Antonio (Anniversary)
 11:30 Italian Mass (Lower Church) Giovanni, Giovanna & Franklevia, Francesco, Maria e Giovanna Agosta
 6:00pm Vavallo Family

MONDAY, December 8, 2008 *Immaculate Conception*

7:00 Andrea & Ida Luisi
 9:00 Anthony & David D'Amico, Madeline & Thomas Greco
 11:00 Francesco Costa
 7:30pm (Italian & English) Raffaele Innamorato
 8:00 (Lower Church) Spanish Mass

TUESDAY, December 9, 2008

7:00 Nicola Lamorgese
 9:00 Vincent & Antoinette Raimondi & Family

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2008

7:00 Giovanni & Maria Mallozzi
 9:00 Josephine & Vito DeMola

THURSDAY, December 11, 2008

7:00 John Frank Rizzo
 9:00 Joyce Cecilia Harrington
 9:45pm (Upper Church) Rosary in Spanish
 10:15pm(Upper Church) Mass in Spanish

FRIDAY, December 12, 2008 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

7:00 Giuseppe LoCanda
 9:00 Placido Lauro
 6:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession & Mass

SATURDAY, December 13, 2008**SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF ST. LUCY WITH THE BLESSING OF THE EYES today at 9 a.m.**

9:00 Lucy Lorippo
 10:30 Memorial Mass- Frances Gaudio (Italian & English)
 5:30 Joseph Schicchi

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, December 14, 2008 *3rd Sunday in Advent*

8:30 Vincent, Giuseppe, Francesca, Doroteo, Grazia Minagro
 10:00 Holy Name
 10:00 Spanish Mass (Lower Church)
 11:30 Purgatorial Society
 11:30 Italian Mass (Lower Church) Nicola, Giuseppe & Caterina Brunetti
 6:00pm Ateniese & Tagarelli Family

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 Antonio Sigona requested by wife Concetta, & daughter Connie.*

WINE FOR THE WEEK - *donated in loving memory of Raffaele Inammorato requested by wife Isabella.*

ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK - *donated in loving memory of Sebastiano Marchese requested by sister Josephine Ribaud.*

SANCTUARY LAMPS *One sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of Placido Lauro requested by Teresa & Joseph Pesce. The other sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of Raffaele Inamorato requested by wife, Isabella.*

OUR CALL TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

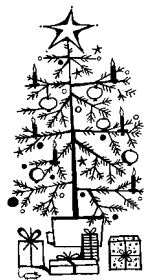
Our weekly expenses reflects what is needed for salaries, insurances, utilities, bills as well as the costs of the many programs, ministries & services we offer here at St. A's.

November 23, 2008 \$ 8,669 LAST YEAR 2007 \$8,414
November 30, 2008, \$ 8,439 LAST YEAR 2007 \$8,208

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN sponsored by the Holy Name Society will take place Sunday December 21 in the Parish Auditorium right after the 10:00a.m. Mass. We hear Santa will stop by too!

MONDAY DECEMBER 8th IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, a holy day of obligation, and all Catholics must attend Mass.

Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 7a.m., 9a.m. & 11a.m. in English, at 7:30p.m in English & Italian and at 8p.m. in the Lower Church in Spanish.



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 is next to the St. Joseph & St. Athanasius Altar. 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.**

IN ADDITION TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES, we have received a request to provide some developmentally delayed children in **The William O'Connor Midwood School** with gifts. The children are 3-5 years old and we need: Mega Blocks, Duplo Blocks, Candy Land Games, trouble Games, Hi-Ho Cherrio Games, Dora the Explorer Dolls & Barbie Dolls. **Please place WILLIAM O'CONNOR SCHOOL on the angel ornament and attach it to your UNWRAPPED Gift** so we know that these gifts go to these children.

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. 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 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,
Madelon Vitucci, 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. 8 & 15 from 7:30-9p.m. in the Nazareth Institute. 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. 16** 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.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CAMPAGNA FAMILY FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF 30 TURKEY'S TO THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY AND THE HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM. Their kindness helped make Thanksgiving a happy one for many families!!!



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.

THE ROSARY SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR SUNDAY Dec. 7th. In our Parish Hall! Come see our great selection of goods. Great Christmas ideas!

Ringing 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!

ANIMALS OF THE NATIVITY

are coming to St. A's Parish Yard



Sunday, December 28 for the Feast of the Holy Family.

Come see & pet the LIVE animals that were in the manger with infant Jesus from 10a.m. to 1p.m.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY?

A society made up of men dedicating their efforts towards serving God, allegiance to our country, and protecting our families. We need men who can help us feed the hungry & homeless, coach in the Sports Programs, coordinate our blood drive, help with the Holy Name Society Halloween Party, Christmas Party and Dinner Dance, serve as an usher, maybe experience the parish Bible Sharing group, Scouting Program?

Call Ed DiGiacomo the Holy Name Society President to learn more! 718.836.7917

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.

With whom could you be more patient this week?

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.

G.I.S.A. Gruppo Italiano Sant'Atanasio – Christmas Party – Sunday, December 21 at 4:30pm in Parish Hall. Everyone welcomed. Coffee and refreshments. Join us for a delightful afternoon with a visit from Santa. Freddy Felletti, President - 718- 614 – 9683.

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!



INSTALLATION OF NEW MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND LECTORS The following will be installed as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Gianni Cracchiolo (8th Grade Teacher) - for St. Athanasius School on Friday, Dec.5th -9:00 am Mass. Bernadette Taranto , Madelon Vitucci, Jerry Mandaro, Anna Cali , Christopher Irizary, Lucy Pugliese, and Tiffany Kushner, Meghan Murphy (both from Bishop Kearney) -for St. Athanasius Parish on Sunday, Dec. 7th 11:30am Mass. The following will be installed as Lectors: Kelley Prescott, William Miller - for St. Athanasius Parish on Sunday, Dec. 7th -11:30am Mass. May God bless them in their new ministries.

WELCOME TO THE STAFF! WE HAVE A COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY HERE AT ST. A's WHO WILL WORK WITH OUR CLUSTER DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES. We welcome Mr. John Banker. John will work with Ken to coordinate activities here. His office will be in the rectory and his phone extension is 27.

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>)

SOCIETA' CULTURALE PUGLIESE FIGLI MARIA SANTISSIMA ADDOLORATA – annual Christmas Show Saturday, December 20 in Parish Hall at 7:00pm. Children dressed in their angel costumes are welcomed. Sandwiches, coffee and panettone will be served. Donation \$20 per person. Children free. Gifts from Santa to all. For information and reservation **Lucrezia Nardulli al 917-509-2803**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008 - SOCIETA' CULTURALE PUGLIESE FIGLI MARIA SANTISSIMA ADDOLORATA - Christmas Party in Parish Hall at 4:30pm. Dinner and music with DJ. Donation \$60. For information and reservation **Lucrezia Nardulli al 917-509-2803.**

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

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 DRAMA GROUP-THE PASSION PLAYERS 7-9PM at ST. FINBAR'S (Bay 20th and Bath Ave.) **EVERY OTHER MONDAY-** This drama group learns skills and performs mainly short plays throughout the year; new members are always welcome and needed. The next meeting is, Dec 15th, not meeting on December 29th and restarting in the new year, January 12th.

CHRISTMAS CARTOONS, CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFTS, SNACK, MUSIC AND GAMES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN 4-10 YEARS OLD (as long as potty trained) **SATURDAY DEC. 13 at ST. ATHANASIUS, 11a.m. – 2p.m.** Drop off and pick up. Do some Christmas shopping. **Why not do some service that Saturday from 10:30-2:30PM?** Come assist at the above program, get service hours, or just help out! Call or email Ken!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND YOUTH MASS- SAT. DEC. 13 at ST. DOMINIC'S Join us meeting at St. Dominic's as we sing in the neighborhood and visit a local nursing home starting at 3PM. Share Christmas Cheer and then come to St. Dominic's 5:30 Mass. Hot chocolate and cookies after Mass!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING- DECEMBER 14TH at ST. FRANCES CABRINI- 9a.m.-1:30PM, Come do some Christmas Shopping and help Youth Ministry through their Jewelry Sale. Buy a gift or two and help us raise some money for our youth programs.

FREE BASEBALL CLINIC for BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-10 on Wednesday nights December 10 & 17th 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

ADVENT MEMORIALS**Our New Advent Pulpit Hanging**

was donated in Memory of Phyllis & John Crawford requested by Liliian Ristuccia.

The Advent Wreath Candles in the Upper Church were given as a gift from Theresa Romersa & Sons in memory of Joseph Romersa, Michael & Anna Mealli Anna Marie Porter & Theresa Teta.

The Advent Wreath Candles in the Lower Church were given as a gift from Genevieve & Josephine DePinto, also donated by Anna Metcalf in memory of Mario DelBianco & Michelina Lubrano, given as a gift from Gregory, Tara, and Danielle Rincones in memory of Don Petrik and Jack & Dorothy Rincones, and in memory of Helen Touloumis from the 8th Grade Class of St. Margaret Mary School.

SISTERS IN FAITH and **STARS BOOK CLUB** members are invited to share a meal together on Wednesday, December 10th at 7PM at Mamma Mia Pizzeria - 2307 65th Street. Cost \$15.00 (extra \$5 if you want wine). Please contact Christine 718-758-5788 if you will attend.



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 dicembre

CONVERSAZIONE INTERIORE - (seconda parte)

5) Anche Cristo in questa vita fu reietto dagli uomini, abbandonato nell'abbrogio da conoscenti e da amici proprio quando ne avrebbe avuto bisogno estremo. Cristo volle i patimenti e gli oltraggi, e tu osi mover lamento di qualcuno?. Cristo ebbe nemici e detrattori, e tu vorresti che tutti ti siano amici e benefattori? Come potrai ricevere corona la tua pazienza, se non avrai occasione di esercitarla? E come potrai essere amico di Cristo, se non vuoi sopportare contrarietà di sorta? Fatti forte in Cristo e per Cristo, se vuoi regnare con Cristo.

6) Una volta, una volta sola tu fossi penetrato nell'intimità di Gesù; poco poco tu avessi gustato del suo ardente amore, non ti preoccuperesti delle offese che ti si recano, perché l'amore per Gesù porta l'uomo al disprezzo di se stesso. Chi ama Gesù e la verità, chi si mantiene in raccoglimento interno e libero da ogni disordine affettivo, può volgersi a Dio senza inciampi, sopraelevarsi spiritualmente e trovar riposo.

7) Veramente saggio e ammaestrato più da Dio che dagli uomini è colui che sa dare il giusto valore alle cose senza badare a quello che ne dicono o ne giudicano gli altri. Chi batte le vie dello spirito e non dà molto peso alle esteriorità non ha bisogno di cercar luogo e di aspettar tempo per darsi alle pratiche di devozione, ma può tosto rientrare in se stesso, non essendosi mai interamente abbandonato al di fuori. Non gli è di ostacolo il lavoro materiale o un'occupazione momentaneamente necessaria, ma sa adattarsi al corso naturale delle cose. E se è ben disposto ed equilibrato spiritualmente, non bada certo a quello che ci può essere di strano o di perverso nella condotta degli altri. Invece è tanto più ostacolato e deviato quando più si lascia attirare da altre faccende.

8) Se tu avessi piena rettitudine e coscienza ben monda, tutto ti si volgerebbe in bene e in vantaggio; ma molti casi ti affliggono, molti ti turbano, perché non sei ancora morto interamente a te stesso né staccato dalle cure terrene; e niente macchia e lega il cuore dell'uomo quando l'affetto disordinato per le creature. Se invece rifiuti consolazioni dall'esterno, potrai avere visione del cielo ed esultarne nel tuo cuore. (da imitazione di Cristo libro secondo I)

DOMENICA 14 DICEMBRE, 2008 - SOCIETA' CULTURALE PUGLIESE FIGLI MARIA SANTISSIMA ADDOLORATA- festa di Natale nell'auditorium delle nostra scuola. Cena e musica con DJ. Offerta \$60. Per informazioni telefonare Lucrezia Nardulli al 917-509-2803.

G.I.S.A. Gruppo Italiano Sant'Atanasio - FESTA BABBO NATALE - La riunione generale G.I.S.A. Gruppo Italiano Sant'Atanasio si terrà domenica, 21 dicembre alle 4:30 pomeridiane nell'auditorium della nostra scuola. A questa

riunione avremo la visita di Babbo Natale che porterà i doni ai soci della G.I.S.A. Come sempre la riunione si concluderà con caffè e dolci. Sarà un piacevole pomeriggio. Venite numerosi. Freddy Felletti, Presidente - 718- 614 - 9683.

SOCIETA' CULTURALE PUGLIESE FIGLI MARIA SANTISSIMA ADDOLORATA - terra' l'annuale recita di Natale, sabato, 20 dicembre alle ore 7:00pm nell'auditorium della nostra scuola. Portate i vostri bambini vestiti da angioletti. Panini, panettone e caffè. Offerta \$20 a persona. Per bambini entrata gratis. Babbo Natale porterà doni a tutti i bambini. Regalo di Natale per tutti. Per informazioni **Lucrezia Nardulli al 917 - 509 - 2803**

ALBERI DI NATALE intorno alla chiesa e scuola per memorializzare, in memoria di un defunto oppure in onore di un vostro familiare - L'offerta è di \$300, \$500, oppure \$1000. Monsignor Cassato al 718-236-0124. Cerimonia annuale per accendere gli alberi e il presepe - sabato, 13 dicembre dopo la Messa delle 5:30pm.

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 - (dicembre 2 -9 -16 e -23) incontro di preghiera in occasione dell'anno Paolino nel basement della rettoria dalle 8 di sera alle 9pm.

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.



**Parroquia de San Atanasio
Boletín Parroquial Hispano**

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

BOLETIN PARROQUIAL HISPANO

Diciembre 7 - 2008

‡ 2º Domingo Adviento: "Di a las ciudades de Judá <Aquí está tu Dios>...Venga a Nosotros tu Reino" (Is 40,9)

"Isaías de aliento a su pueblo diciéndoles que ya han satisfecho la pena estipulada por sus culpas, satisfacción lograda por medio de la esclavitud y los trabajos forzosos que han vivido en Babilonia. Ahora vendrá un mensajero, al que el escritor no le da nombre, proclamando que todo monte será rebajado, allanado, aplanado para hacer una senda a nuestro Dios que regresa triunfante a Jerusalén conduciendo a su pueblo:.

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

Oración de reflexión:

Te pedimos, Señor por todos los pueblos de la tierra, para que alrededor de tu cuna en Belén, aunemos esfuerzos por lograr la Paz en nuestro mundo y la reconciliación de todos los hermanos, Amén.

LUNES 8 DE DICIEMBRE: INMACULADA CONCEPCION DE MARIA

Les invito a todos ustedes, mi querida Comunidad de San Atanasio, para que vengamos mañana a las 7:30 pm para Celebrar la Fiesta a Nuestra Madre al inicio de este Adviento del 2008, pidiéndole a Dios por su Intercesión, por el bienestar de todas las Familias del Mundo, en especial por la Nuestra: Pues Ella es Madre de Dios y Nuestra.. Ella es la Patrona de todos los Inmigrantes que vivimos en USA y es también la Patrona de nuestra Diócesis de Brooklyn-Queens.

Y al terminar esta Fiesta nos preparamos para La **FIESTA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE** este Jueves 11 con las mañanitas a las 11 pm y Eucaristía en nuestro templo y al día siguiente su Gran Procesión, Santo Rosario y Misa de Acción de Gracias, el 12 de Dic. Iniciando a las 7:00 pm. Les Esperamos. Sean todos **B I E N V E N I D O S** ;

Avisos pendientes:

1. Agradezco a todos los hermanos que participaron del **Retiro de Adviento** que acabamos de Celebrar el pasado 5 y 6 de Diciembre en nuestra comunidad hispana, pidiendo a Dios nos conserve en su Amor, en su Paz y Alegría diaria.
2. Agradecemos al Señor **JOSE DEL VALLE** por su entrega y servicio como Presidente de nuestro **Comité Hispano** por estos años de servicio, de manera recta y con tanto Amor por todos; al mismo tiempo damos la **BIENVENIDA** a la Nueva Presidente, la Sra **LUZ DEL ALBA NUÑEZ**, que con tanto esmero viene sirviéndonos a todos, **Éxitos!**
3. **BAUTISMOS EN DICIEMBRE 27 (SABADO):** Ese mismo día será la Clase a la 1pm y la Ceremonia a las 2:00 pm. Favor registrar los niños con tiempo. Tendremos luego en día **31 de Enero y el 7 de Febrero** para todos los interesados, favor Registrarlos con tiempo.

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 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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