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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. Directly inform one of our priests or leave this information on Ext.24

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28: HOLY FAMILY**

8:30	William J. Finn
10:00	John & Ann Maria Franco
10:00	SPANISH MASS – Lower Church
11:30	PURGATORIAL SOCIETY & Christmas Novena
11:30	Giovanni & Rosina DiGiacomo - ITALIAN
6:00	Joseph Cardella

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29:

7:00	Christmas Novena Intentions
9:00	Paolo Pesce & Family
NOVENA AFTER MASS	

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30:

7:00	Christmas Novena Intentions
9:00	Antoinette Comes, Rosa Grisanzio, Teresa Pasqualicchio & Filippo Comes

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31:

7:00	Christmas Novena Intentions
9:00	Ann Basile
5:30pm	
9pm	Korean Mass (Lower Church)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1:

8:30	
10:00	
11:30	
4pm	Korean Mass (Lower Church)
NO 6p.m. Mass tonight!	

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2:

7:00	Christmas Novena Intentions
9:00	For the remission of Carol Brooks-Fruner's cancer
8pm	First Friday Mass in Italian

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3:

9:00	Joseph Ristuccia
ROSARY FOR LIFE – AFTER MASS	
3:00	Wedding: Ruben Sibri & Maria Aucapiña (Lower Church- Mass in Spanish)
5:30	Rose Martino

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4: EPIPHANY

8:30	Judith Colombo & Angelina Nola
10:00	Adeline DiPaolo (Anniversary)
10:00	SPANISH MASS – Lower Church
11:30	PURGATORIAL SOCIETY & Christmas Novena
11:30	ITALIAN
6:00	Msgr. David Dougherty

WANT OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU?

Send us an Email (StAPastoralMin@aol.com)

HOSTS– *donated in loving memory of Antonio Sigona requested by wife Concetta & daughter Connie.*

ALTAR CANDLES– *donated in loving memory of Mario Varano requested by parents Nina & Henry Varano.*

WINE- *donated in loving memory of Marino DelRe requested by wife Grazia & daughter Catherine.*

OUR ADVENT WREATH'S 4 WHITE CANDLES

In memory of the deceased members of Gerrard & McGill Families requested by M. Gill Family

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FROM 6a.m. until 3p.m., Monday through Saturday. The MAIN DOOR on Bay Parkway will be open.

SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES Every parishioner is encouraged to use the Sunday collection envelopes. We invite you & your family to register at the rectory by stopping in, up until 8p.m., for a "Welcome Packet."

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

As each has received a gift, employ it for one another as good stewards of God's grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

Due to earlier printer deadlines because of the Holiday Season, the weekly collection was not available at the time of the preparation of our weekly bulletin.

AVG. WEEKLY EXPENSES \$10,500

MASS INTENTIONS STILL AVAILABLE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY

(Solemnity of the Blessed Mother & World Day of Peace)

Wed. Dec. 31 at 5:30p.m., Thurs. Jan. 1 at 8:30a.m., 10a.m. & 11:30a.m. The donation is \$25 for each mass. **Please come to the rectory to reserve a mass.**

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON UNTIL JAN. 11, THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, THE END OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. Did you know that the 12 days of Christmas refer to the 12 days AFTER Christmas, from Christmas Day until Epiphany? Especially in our neighborhood, what a tremendous WITNESS to our Christian faith, it will be if we leave our lights up & on! Passers by may then question us & this becomes a "teachable moment" & an opportunity for evangelization.

MASSES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY 2004 Wed. Dec. 31, 5:30p.m. (English)
Thursday Jan. 1, Masses at 8:30a.m. (English) 10a.m. (English & Spanish)
11:30a.m. (English & Italian) No 6p.m. Mass today!

TO THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES AT THE HOLIDAYS

We bid you welcome in the Name of Jesus. If you have a church home and are only an occasional worshipper with us, the welcome is just as cordial. If you have no church home and find our celebrations helpful, we invite you to make this church your home and continue to worship with us. Under any and all circumstances, please remember that to all our celebrations & activities you are welcome.

THIS FRIDAY (Jan. 2, 2004) IS FIRST FRIDAY. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Upper Church after the last morning mass (or funeral) until 7:30p.m. BENEDECTION at 7:30p.m. ITALIAN MASS at 8p.m.

CALLING ALL COOKS! Our **FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK** is **DESPERATELY** in need of your recipes. You can submit them in one of these ways: (1) Place your recipe in an envelope marked FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK, placing it in the Sunday collection (2) Drop off your recipe at the rectory (3) Mail your recipe to the rectory (4) E-mail your recipes to StAPastoralMin@aol.com in the context of an e-mail (or in MS Word). We only have 76 recipes & need a total of 300!!!

ATTENZIONE CUOCHI E CUOCHE! Siete dei bravi cuochi? Parenti e amici accettano con piacere il vostro invito al pranzo natalizio? Avete una ricetta particolare? Se la risposta e' "si", siete pregati di darci la vostra ricetta preferita per il libro di cucina che la nostra parrocchia sta' preparando "FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK". Potete fare ricapitarci la vostra ricetta in uno di questi modi: (1) in una busta con scritto sopra "libro di cucina" e metterla nel cestino delle offerte la Domenica. (2) spedirla in rettoria (3) venendo in rettoria (4) via posta elettronica al seguente indirizzo: StAPastoralMin@aol.com (possibilmente scritta con il programma MS Word).

ENTERTAINMENT 2004 BOOKS ARE BEING OFFERED BY SR. CHARLOTTE TO ASSIST IN THE CARE OF THE ELDERLY SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH IN BRENTWOOD. The books are only \$20 & are packed with 50% off & two-for-one offers. Call Sr. Charlotte at 718-236-2800 to order a book for a friend or yourself. **This is a way we can thank the Sisters for all the years of service!**

ENGLISH CLASSES will be offered here at St. A's from 7-9:30p.m. on Tuesday & Thursdays beginning January 27, 2004. **Registration** takes place at the rectory on Jan. 5-9 from 7-8:30p.m. Tuition is \$65 cash or money order. For information call the Catholic Migration Office at 718.236.3000.

ISNT THAT OUR ADVENT WREATH? We light the four white candles during of our Advent Wreath during the Christmas season to celebrate the presence of our new born King, Jesus!

BLESS YOUR DOOR & HOUSE ON EPIPHANY (Next Sunday, Jan. 4) The gospel tells us that the Magi found Christ "upon entering the house." The door to your home is your holy threshold. We encourage you to bless those who come in & go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the following: **20+C+M+B+04**. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchop & Balthasar. This also has come to mean: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, or **May Christ bless this dwelling**. We bless our doors in January because January means "door" and the first month is our door to the new year. **After inscribing your door, bless the door with incense & Holy Water:** God of Bethlehem & Cana, God of Jordan's leaping waters, in baptism you bring us into your family. you wed us and embrace us as your beloved. May we fill this place with kindness to one another, with hospitality to guests and with abundant care for every stranger. By the gentle light of the star, guide home all who seek you on paths of faith, hope and love. Then we will join the angels in proclaiming your praise: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Sing "We Three Kings." **Want your chalk blessed?** Ask one of our priests to bless it.

Did you loose a loved one & need to talk to others who have walked the same road? Come to "a refuge & a place of safety in times of trouble."(Ps. 9:9) **MONTHLY BEREAVEMENT GROUP** meets Wed. Jan. 7 at 7:30p.m. in the Nazareth Institute.

In your kindness please pray for those who are sick

Grace Albano, Louise Antrino, Carmela Atanasio, Carol Brooks-Fruner, Steven Bruntetti, Rosa Calabrese, Cameron Calderon, Jose Camacho, Herbert Calderon, Frank Cambria, Marie Carante, Carmine Cava, Erica Cavallieri, Thomas Chicchetti, Peter Cianciotta, Judy Cuda, Bruce Dalton, Giavonna Marie Darcy, Rachel DePinto, Mary Dowgiallo, Doreen Ganley, Rose Gaccicone, Olga Garbat, Michael Grieco, Julia Iachetta, Marie Jensen, Jean Kelly, Lawrence Klein, Rose Kirnard, Scott Liell, Matthew Liberti, Rosemarie Liberti, John Henry Loria, Mary Ellen O'Keefe, Rev. John McCullough, Trudy McGranaghan, Beatrice McKenna, Lucia Montella, James Nolam, Cathy Petrik, Silvana Pintielli, Margaret "Rita" Pinckney, Oronzo Pistanza, Robert Presstia, Mary Re, Caterina Ruggeri, Frances Ryan, Elisa Sciascia, Mildred Scimeca, Ryan Shaughnessy, Eileen Smyth, Francesco Sale, Rose Varano, Maria Verfenstein, Ana Williams

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

Amelita Crivellone, Francesca Sale, Mariano Merlini, Mary Engle

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

WE ARE CALLED TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER. Please keep in your prayers the sick, those who have died & those grieving. **If you wish someone to be added to the sick list**, leave their name on extension 24 of the rectory, spelling it slowly, no later than Monday of each week. **In order for us to keep our list up to date, we ask you to call each week with the name of the sick person.**

DID YOU SEE OUR OUTSIDE NEW LIFE SIZE NATIVITY? Bottles labeled PENNIES FROM HEAVEN have been placed at the doors of the church, so we can raise the money to pay for this set. Of course, we will accept all types of change and paper currency as well.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL BEEPERS, PAGERS & CELL PHONES IN ORDER TO BE IN PREPARATION FOR PRAYER & WORSHIP.

ROSARY FOR LIFE is prayed every Saturday after the 9a.m. Mass for an end to abortion. **THIS WEEK'S INTENTION:** That the joy of Christians at the birth of Christ may be reflected in our willingness to welcome very child, born & unborn, even in difficult circumstances, we pray to the Lord.

THURSDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP resumes Thursday Jan. 8, 2004 after the 9a.m. Mass, in the Nazareth Institute.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS THE ELIJAH CUP: Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. A vocation is a call from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer. When we pray for vocations, we lift up those women and men whom God is calling. We hope that those who bring the Elijah Cup home will continue to pray for vocations daily. To schedule your week, please call the Pastoral Ministry Office at 718-236-0124, Ext. 24 or email StAPastoralMin@aol.com.

This week THOMAS DALTON accepts the Cup.

CSJ RETREAT FOR WOMEN IN COLLEGE, GRADUATE SCHOOL, & 20 SOMETHING Explore the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Jan 9-11 at St. Joseph's Renewal Center, Brentwood NY, Friday 7pm to Sunday Jan. 11 at 1p.m. Donation is \$125. College Students \$ 65. Scholarships available. Register with Sr. Mary Walsh by calling 516-536-0551 or e-mailing vocationscsj@aol.com

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE AS A DEACON? The Diocese will present the requirements & expectations of the educational & spiritual formation to all men who are interested in beginning the preparations in the Fall of 2004. **If you are interested, please speak to Msgr. Cassato.**

Why not consider DONATING A LEAF OR STONE ON OUR ST. ANTHONY-ST. JOSEPH TREE OF LIFE? It's a wonderful way to maintain a family legacy for those individuals who mean so much to you. Memorials & tributes have been made to honoring friends & loved ones, both living and deceased. 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.

The following leaves were recently placed on our TREE OF LIFE

In memory of the Belcore Family
In memory of the Aggimenti Family
In memory of the Battista Family

SEASONAL MISSALETTE, TODAY'S MISSAL MUSIC ISSUE & THE HERRITAGE MISSAL ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR MEMORIALIZATION. Intentions can still be placed on all three worship books, for the period of one year, for a donation of \$25. Memorialization forms are located next to the bulletins.

HAPPY HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

WELCOME VISITORS TO ST. A's!

To all who join us in prayer,
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!
If you are looking for a church home,
we hope you'll consider St. A's.

BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS will be celebrated with all who were baptized here at St. A's this year on Sunday Jan. 4, 2004 at the 11:30a.m. Mass. If interested in participating, please leave the family name & the child's name with your phone # on Ext. 24 of the rectory.

THE NAZARETH INSTITUTE

THE GOSPEL OF MARK This 5 session Thursday evening class meets from 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. in the Nazareth Institute and introduces participants to the Gospel of Mark. Attention is given to the writer's literary style, theology, pastoral purpose and message for the church and the world. Classes meet on **January 22, February 5, 12, 19, 26.** Fr. Godofredo Felicitas will teach this course. Fr. Godofredo has a Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Religious Education & a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL), majoring in Scripture.

SPRING BOOK DISCUSSION: "HOW CAN I FIND GOD? The famous and not so famous consider the quintessential question." This book is a selection of reflections from people of many religious traditions. From the scholarly educator to the prisoner jailed for substance abuse, all share their own very personal views on how they managed to find God, or how God found them. We will read in our homes & discuss the book on 4 Thursday night sessions from 7:30-9p.m., May 6, 13, 20 & 27 in the Nazareth Institute. Books can be ordered in the rectory for \$15 but all orders must be submitted by Sunday Feb. 15, 2004. Books will be distributed by March 1.

PLEASE HELP US DEFRAY THE COST OF DECORATING OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS. Flower donation envelopes were included in the Advent mailing of weekly envelopes. If you are not on our mailing list, please consider taking an envelope from next to the bulletins to help defray the cost of our holiday decorations.

MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE PARISH envelopes were included in the Advent mailing of weekly envelopes. If you haven't made your Christmas donation to the parish or are not on our mailing list, we ask you to please consider the many financial needs of the parish.

THE THIRD VOLUME OF THE WEEKDAY LECTIONARY TO BE USED IN OUR CONVENT WAS DONATED

In memory of Filomena Palumbo

Tony Vigilante's "IL PRESEPIO" is set up in our Lower Church to provide us with prayer and inspiration.

THANK YOU FOR CLEANING OUR CHURCH FLOOR TERRAZO Josephine & Andrew Carazo, Carmine J. Somma, Peter Foti, Andrew Foti, Chris Buoncore, Joe Buoncore & Mike Santulli. *Doesn't it shine?*