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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 leave this information on Ext.44

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY JANUARY 30 *Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time*

8:30	William J. Flynn
10:00	Gregorio Vecchio
10:00	SPANISH MASS (Lower Church)
11:30	Purgatorial Society
11:30	ITALIAN- Giovanni & Maria LiRossi
6:00	Franco & Pietro Palazzo and Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 31: *St. John Bosco*

7:00	May Protano
9:00	Salvatore Cangiarella
NOVENA AFTER MASS	

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

7:00	Mary Scire
9:00	Paul Salvio

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2: *Presentation of the Lord*

7:00	Peter Saguto
9:00	Oronzo Pietanza

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3: *St. Blaise*

7:00	Vito Calabrese
9:00	Antonio Calvi

Blessing of Throats at the 7a.m. & 9a.m. Mass only.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4: *St. Thomas Aquinas*

7:00	Rosa Guercio
9:00	Biagia & Antonio DiLorenzo
3:00	Wedding Ceremony: Mezzasalma & Donnarumma
8p.m.	ITALIAN- Fortunata & Giambati da Verna

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5:

9:00	Salvatore & Biaggia DePetro
10:30	MEMORIAL MASS: Biagio Scotto & Ida Scotto
5:30	Jennie & Thomas Tanzi, Giovanni & Francesco Gentile

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6: *Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time*

8:30	Ernst Ferrante III
10:00	Ida Scotto & Biago Scotto
10:00	SPANISH MASS (Lower Church)
11:30	Purgatorial Society
11:30	ITALIAN- Pasqua Maddalena, Maria Pietro, Saveria Antonucci & Giovanni & Margerita Lorusso
6:00	Francesca & Luigi Zuco

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE: Feb. 7 (Mon.), Feb. 9 (Wed.) Feb. 15 (Tues.) Donation \$15. **Intentions for the Lenten Mission, 7:30p.m. Mass in English,**

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., March 7, 8, 9 & 10 Donation \$25. Please come to the rectory to reserve your intention.

WANT OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU?

Send us an Email (StAPastoralMin@aol.com)

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."

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)

COLLECTION - 1/292005: \$3,124 (SNOW STORM)

COLLECTION- Last Year: \$7,592.00

AVG. WEEKLY EXPENSES \$12,500.00

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.

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

Ashes will be distributed during Mass & Services only.

Mass in English at 7a.m., 9a.m.

Service of the Word in English at 11a.m. & 3:30p.m.

Mass in English & Italian at 7:30p.m. (Upper Church)

Mass in Spanish at 7:30p.m. (Lower Church)

Mass in Korean at 9p.m. (Upper Church)

SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE WEEK - *donated in loving memory of Sebastian & Maria Vacirca requested by Tina Giaquinta & Family.*

SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE WEEK - *donated in loving memory of Giovanni Furio requested by Wife, Romana & kids.*

HOSTS FOR THE WEEK- *donated in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Giannettino requested by Peter & Jessie Giannettino.*

WINE FOR THE WEEK - *donated in loving memory of Giovanni & Crocifissa Giaquinta requested by Tina Giaquinta & Family.*

ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK- *donated in loving memory of Giovanni Lavara requested by wife, Anna & Children.*

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY WITH FR. RON. Any adult (18+) who wishes to receive Confirmation is invited to call Fr. Ron (ext. 13) at the rectory.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS ESTABLISHED AN OFFICE HERE IN ST. A'S RECTORY, Wednesdays, from 8:30-4:00p.m. You can enter through the SIDE DOOR of the rectory. The office is an extension of the Citizen's Action Center which assists people in elder abuse, domestic violence, drug activity, landlord-tenant abuses, fraud, harassment & sexual abuse.

DURING FLU SEASON please take the following precautions: Please *wash your hands well* before coming to Mass and make sure all children do the same. Refrain from drinking from the cup *when you have a cold*. Use good judgment when exchanging the sign of peace, *limiting contact with others if one is sick*. If a Catholic is sick, there is *no obligation to attend Mass*. Personal prayer and reflection of the scriptures is encouraged, as well as viewing the mass on television.

SAVE A LIFE! GIVE BLOOD. Our Winter Blood Drive will take place THIS Sunday Jan. 30, 2005 from 9a.m. to 2:30p.m. due to our winter storm last week. Donors must be at least 18 to 75 & a minimum of 110 pounds. Bring I.D. Free physicals & blood screening for donors. For more information call Sal Iacullo at 718.259.4608.

BISHOP DiMARZIO HAS ASSIGNED FR. GODOFREDO TO ST. ROBERT BELLAMINE PARISH IN BAYSIDE QUEENS. We will send him off with our good wishes and prayers this Sunday January 30th with the 11:30a.m. Mass and some fellowship in our Parish Auditorium after Mass. Please join us!

COMPUTER, WINDOWS & WORD FOR BEGINNERS, 6 evening sessions, tuition \$100, starting on Feb. 1, 2005 at **REGINA CENTER**. Register by phone with Sister Kathleen, 718.236.3000.

MARRIED COUPLES: Would you like to strengthen your marriage? Marriage Encounters are offered at the Immaculate Conception Center, in Douglaston Queens on Feb. 11-13. To register call 718.533.9483 or visit www.wmwebq.org **TODAY, BILL & LINDA KELLY will speak after Communion this weekend about Marriage Encounter.**

G.I.S.A. (Italian Society of St. Athanasius Parish) **FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF G.I.S.A.** will have a *Dinner-Dance* with hot food and beverages on each table, in honor of St. Joseph, Saturday, March 19, at 7:30p.m. in the Parish auditorium. Live music by "Nino & Angelo Ingrati's Band". Donation \$45 per person. Tickets available before and after the 11:30a.m. Italian Mass in the Lower Church. For information call Maria Porcu' 718.627.0387, Maria Perniciario 718.256.8122, Freddy Felletti 718.236.9855.

RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS Do you have memories of pictures with the bridal party in front of Church? Are you celebrating a special anniversary? For all who found love we invite you to a **RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS & A BLESSING OF ENGAGED COUPLES & ENGAGEMENT RINGS** on Sunday Feb.13th at the 11:30a.m. Mass. **BLESSING OF ENGAGED COUPLES & ENGAGEMENT RINGS** Has God called you to the vocation of marriage? Sharing your joy with us here at St. A's Church as you ask the community's blessing & support during your preparations. Let us bless your engagement rings. Join our married couples on Sunday Feb.13th at the 11:30a.m. Mass. **To register:** Call the Pastoral Ministry Office on ext. 44 (or call the Counseling Office 718.236.4973) providing us with your names, the date you were married, how many years you are married & your wedding date. If engaged, provide us with the date of your intended wedding. Please SPELL all names for us. We need to know names by Thursday Feb. 10. Renewing your vows & receiving an Engagement Blessing can be a meaningful, touching, revitalizing experience for you & your family.

PASCHAL CANDLE MEMORIALIZATIONS ARE AVAILABLE The Paschal Candle will be placed next to the Ambo during the Easter Season & then is returned to the Baptistry. We are collecting \$150 for each donation, which will be listed on a plaque next to the candle. If interested, please write your intention, including with it, the donation. Intentions will also be listed in the bulletin for the entire Easter Season.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEMINARIAN BOB MUCCI FOR ACHIEVING A 4.0 GPA DURING HIS FIRST SEMESTER AT ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY. Why not send him a card to show him our support? The Immaculate Conception Seminary Residence, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11362.

In your kindness please pray for those who are sick

Louise Antrinore, Guy Ateniese
Salvatore Bonsignore, Larry Brunson,
Carmine Cava, Peter Cianciotta, Giancarla
Ciaramtiaro, Maria Ciaramitaro,
Alexandra Cortes, Bruce Dalton,
Marie D'Atre, Josephine D'Auria,
Catherine D'Aroighetto, Patricia Deasey,
Paul DeFilippis, Eleanor DiLuise,
Philomena DiCurcio, Susan DiFabio,
Rachel DePinto, Roger Esposito,
Frank Englise, Debbie Ferrara,
Calogero Gambino, Filippo Gambino,
Rosemarie Liberti, John Henry Loria,
Gabriela Luciano, Paula LoBello-Raiola,
Adrienne Marciano, Catherine Marra,
Antoinette Martino, Trudy McGranaghan,
Beatrice McKenna, Jacob Merkouris,
Joseph Midolo, Lucia Montella,
Josephine Morrone, Winnie Moreno,
Edgard & Diana Matos, Robin Price,
Jaime Antonio Ovalles, Richie Pallarino,
Silvana Pintieili, Alberta Piscioti,
Connie Puzzo, Rosemary Rios,
Perry Roszczy, Mary Rollo,
Caterina Ruggeri, Jillian Ryan,
Armando Sariano, Rita Schettini,
Charles Seidenberg, Gerry Sullivan,
Maria Tardio, Ethel Thomas,
Rosemarie Valerio, Giovanna & Rocco
Vitacco

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

Maria Gonzalez

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

TO ADD A NAME, please call ext. 44 on Monday, spelling the name. **In order for us to keep our list up to date, we ask you to call each week or the name is removed.**

NEWS FROM SAINT ATHANASIUS SCHOOL Catholic Schools week will begin at Saint Athanasius School on Sunday, February 6th at 10:00 Mass followed by light refreshments in the School Auditorium. Saint Athanasius School will be holding its Open House on Tuesday, February 8th and Thursday, February, 10th, between the hours of 9-11am and 1-2pm. Please come and see us in action. You may visit classes and see everyone at work. We would be delighted to answer any questions you may have about our school. Registration for September, 2005 will take place the week of March 7th as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday-9-11am and 1-2pm; Wednesday- 9-11am **Registration will be for all Grades**, Nursery through Seventh Grade. Please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate, Immunization Data and if applicable, last June's report card. The fee for School Registration is \$100.00 per child, this is due at the time you register. No cash will be accepted, checks and money orders only. We look forward to seeing you at St. Athanasius School.

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE The Sunday Bulletin is e-mailed to our printer at 5p.m. Monday. All announcements must be submitted in WRITTEN form (handwritten, typed, computer, fax, etc) by 12 noon Monday. Announcements received after the deadline will be published the following week.

THE ELIJAH CUP is a chalice presented to a family, individual, or couple each Sunday to take home and use as a focal point while praying for an increase in vocations. To schedule your week, please call the Pastoral Ministry Office at 718-236-0124, Ext. 24 or email StAPastoralMin@aol.com.

ROSARY FOR LIFE is prayed every Saturday after the 9a.m. Mass for an end to abortion.

START LENT OFF WITH GOOD CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL READING Alba House Books will once again be with us on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 9th, providing us books, in our Upper Church's Narthex. Please take advantage of their **LENTEN BOOK FAIR**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is celebrated three Sundays a month at the 10a.m. Mass.

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 ext. 44 in the rectory

COOKBOOKS ARE STILL ON SALE! We have 51 copies left, so get your while supplies last! You can purchase a cookbook for \$15 at the rectory.

LENTEN BOOK CLUB: What on Earth am I here for? The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. A 40 day Lenten journey that helps us reflect on the purpose of our life and how all pieces of our life fit together. Having a new perspective will help us reduce stress, simplify our decisions, and increase our satisfaction. Read a chapter a day and then participate in a group discussion after the 11:30a.m. Mass until 2:00p.m., Sundays **February 13, 20, March 6, 13.** in the Rectory Conference Room. You can purchase your own book from Amazon.com, BN.com or from OverStock.com for about \$12. **If you want to order a book through us, please drop off \$15 at the rectory.** When the books arrive we will call you.

FROM OUR CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY
Called to "do justice, love, act in kindness & walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)

DO YOU HAVE A COMPUTER THAT WORKS BUT YOU JUST DON'T USE? A parishioner is desperately job searching & is in need of computer that can handle MS Office. Call Frances at 718.256.8148 after 5p.m.
PARISHIONER AVAILABLE AS A PAINTER, HANDYMAN, BASIC PLUMBING & ELECTRIC, FURNITURE ASSEMBLED, LIGHT CARPENTRY He has done work for us here at St. A's. Call 718.837.2743 or 917.874.8061.
SEASONAL JOBS AVAILABLE beginning Jan. 30- April 15 as receptionist or clerical positions, Mondays-Fridays, 9a.m. to 5p.m., Saturday & evening hours available as well. \$8 per hour. Experience preferred but not necessary. Call 718.837.7818.

DO YOU HAVE PALM FROM LAST YEAR? Drop it off at the rectory and we will use it to make out ashes this year. We need all palm by Sunday January 30.

FAREWELL TO THE ALLELUIA AND BURNING OF THE PALM, in preparation for Ash Wednesday, will be celebrated at the 10a.m. Family Mass, Sunday February 6th. Everyone is reminded to bring their *Alleluia Banners* to mass that day so we can bury them until Easter Sunday. **MAKE AN ALLELUIA BANNER FOR OUR "FAREWELL TO THE ALLELUIA & BURNING OF THE PALM" FAMILY MASS, SUNDAY FEB. 6th.** During Lent we don't sing or say "Alleluia," reserving it to express our joy at Jesus' Resurrection. Take time to make a banner that says "Alleluia". It can be simple or elaborate as your time allows. After we bury our "alleluias" we are going to try not say the "a" word until Easter Day!

LENTEN VIDEOS WITH FR. RON: The Gospel of Matthew. The scriptures come alive in this word for word presentation of the Visual Bible's production of Matthew. Bruce Marchiano portrays a Jesus you have never imagined before: smiling, compassionate, a man of great joy! **Matthew** will be presented on 4 Lenten Tuesdays, Feb. 15, 22, March 1, & 8 at **9:30a.m. & 7:30p.m.** in the Nazareth Institute.

YOGA IS OFFERED EACH THURSDAY HERE AT ST. A'S IN OUR AUDITORIUM. If you are interested, call Lisa Cacace, our certified Yoga Instructor at 917-969-4190 to register. Please do not simply show up as there is a limit to the number of people in the class.



Parrocchia Sant'Atanasio
Bollettino Settimanale
Messa in Italiano ogni Domenica alle 11:30am (Chiesa di giu')

Quarta Domenica
del
Tempo Ordinario

Noi, la parrocchia di Sant'Atanasio, siamo una comunità cattolica piena di fede, in cui Gesù Cristo è riconosciuto come il Signore ed il Salvatore nel nostro viaggio quotidiano e presente nella nostra gioiosa celebrazione dei Sacramenti, nella nostra proclamazione e vita a secondo del Vangelo, e nel nostro amore di raggiungere e servire particolarmente a quelli che ne hanno più bisogno. Riconosciamo l'esigenza per la Grazia di Dio nelle nostre vite incomplete. Riconosciamo la nostra incompletezza ed impegniamo la nostra vita di fede nel lavorare per la creazione di una comunità in cui l'uguaglianza della gente di Dio che nasce dal Battesimo, è celebrata con speranza e passione. Poniamo il nostro impegno nella creazione di una comunità in cui i cercatori ed i dubbiosi sono accolti favorevolmente, dove i dimenticati ed i marginati sono riconosciuti, dove la gente di Dio è rinfrescata, riconciliata e rinnovata.

Dal nostro DIACONO DANTE COLANDREA
Riflessione del mese di Gennaio

31 Gennaio – San Giovanni Bosco patrono e protettore dei giovani. Invochiamo Maria per i nostri giovani.

INVOCAZIONE ALLA MADONNA PER I GIOVANI- Maria, Madre di Gesù e della Chiesa, noi ti raccomandiamo i nostri giovani. Tu li ami di un amore grande e puro. Per essi Tu hai parole soavi e silenziose a noi sconosciute. Tu ne scruti il cuore e la mente.

Per loro Ti preghiamo, a Te li affidiamo: sono inesperti della vita e da ogni parte insidiati. Vivono in ambienti malsani e la corruzione li assale.

Maria, Madre immacolata dei giovani, non abbandonarli nell'ora della prova.

Fa' che credano, perché la vita senza fede e' notte disperata.

Fa' che siano puri, perché senza purezza non c'è amore, ma soltanto egoismo di sensi.

Fa' che essi siano forti e illuminati da gioia perfetta, perché la vita e' bella quando sa attingere alle sorgenti della grazia divina.

Fa' che essi siano onesti e laboriosi, sani di mente e di cuore. Maria, vedi le lacrime di tante mamme preoccupate per l'avvenire dei figli. Esse per i loro figli siano esempio di vita, guide sicure nelle difficoltà.

Rendi efficaci le loro parole, da' forza alla loro azione, ascolta le loro preghiere.

Consola le pene segrete e le incessanti ansie.

Nel cuore di tanti generosi giovani suscita ideali di perfezione e di santità. Una gioventù forte nella fede e nella purezza affretti la nuova radiosa primavera della Chiesa di Cristo. In questa meravigliosa rinascita, Tu, o Maria, sarai per noi guida sicura e maestra. Amen

(Recitare questa preghiera per la protezione dei vostri figli)

GIORNO DI SPIRITUALITA' PER TUTTI I LAICI

ITALIANI - Sabato, 19 Febbraio, 2005, ci sarà al Seminario dell'Immacolata Concezione di Douglaston un giorno di rinnovo di spiritualità con colloqui sulla necessità di come convertirsi a Cristo e in modo particolare di mantenere il rito dello spirito della Quaresima della nostra chiesa in quest'anno dedicato all'Eucarestia. **SIETE INCORAGGIATI TUTTI A PARTECIPARE.** La partenza da Sant'Atanasio sarà alle 8:30am. Oltre ai colloqui, la Santa Messa e l'Ora Santa al Santissimo Sacramento, ci

saranno confessioni in Italiano durante la giornata.

Sarà con noi il nostro Padre Steven Aguggia e forse il Vescovo Di Marzio. L'offerta e' di \$15 più il costo del trasporto. Per informazioni telefonare al Diacono Dante 917-602 – 3793

GISA-FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE- G.I.S.A. ha organizzato un Dinner-Dance in onore di San Giuseppe, Santo Patrono della G.I.S.A. Sabato 19 Marzo alle 7:30pm nell'auditorio della nostra scuola. Ci sarà cibo caldo e bevanda su ogni tavola. Il prezzo del biglietto e' di \$45 a persona. La serata sarà allietata dal complesso Nino e Angelo Ingrati. I biglietti si possono acquistare prima e dopo la Messa in Italiano. **Maria Porcu' 718-627-0387, Maria Perniciaro, 718-256-8122, Freddy Felletti 718-236-9855.**

Mercoledì' 9 Febbraio e' MERCOLEDI' DELLE CENERI.

Le ceneri si possono ricevere durante la Messa delle 7am e delle 9am, e alle 7:30pm. A partire poi da Venerdì' 11 Febbraio, ogni Venerdì', alle 8:00PM ci sarà **La Via Crucis** recitata interamente in lingua Italiana. Da non dimenticare che il primo Venerdì' di ogni mese si celebra una Santa Messa alle 8:00PM sempre in lingua Italiana. Venite numerosi.

L'ufficio del PM (PUBBLICO MINISTERO DI BROOKLYN)

ha stabilito un ufficio qui nella "rectory" di Sant'Atanasio il **Mercoledì' dalle 8:30 alle 4:00p.m.** Potete entrare dalla porta laterale della "rectory". L'ufficio è un'estensione del Centro dei Pensionati per assistere gli anziani a qualsiasi abuso e violenza domestica, problemi di droga, problemi con i proprietari o inquilini di appartamenti, truffa, e abuso sessuale.

UNA NUOVA CAMPANA e' stata messa nella chiesa di giu'

per segnalare ai fedeli l'inizio della Messa. Questa campana può essere dedicata in memoria di un vostro defunto. Si accettano anche due offerte da due famiglie in memoria di due defunti. Per informazioni siete pregati di recarvi in rettoria o di telefonare al Diacono Dante al 718 236-0124 (interno 19) oppure al 917-602-3793.

PRIMO VENERDI' DEL MESE – 4 FEBBRAIO

Da non dimenticare che il primo Venerdì' di ogni mese c'è l'esposizione del Santissimo Sacramento e poi si celebra una Santa Messa alle 8:00PM in lingua Italiana. Venite numerosi.



Iglesia Católica de San Atanasio
Boletín de la Comunidad Latina

30 enero 2005
Cuarto Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario

Misa en Español: Domingos 10a.m. (Iglesia Abajo)

Padre Amiro Jimenez:

Horas de Oficina en San Atanasio:

Residencia en la Rectoría de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
7201 15th Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11228-3405 (718) 236-8300
Todos los Viernes en La Oficina de Ministerio Pastoral (En la Rectoría)
(718) 236-0124 Ext. 44

BAUTISMOS: Si va a pedir para el bautismo para sus hijos, por favor comuníquese con el Padre Amiro para recibir toda la información que se requiere. *Requisitos para pedir el bautismo:* Acta de Nacimiento del bebé, asistencia de las charlas prebautismales, ser miembro activo de la parroquia.

¿ESTÁ REGISTRADO EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA COMO MIEMBRO?

Se recomiendo por su propio beneficio que por favor trate de registrarse en la parroquia, llenando una hoja de registro en la rectoría. Si Ud. Necesita bautizar a su bebé, desea poner sus niños en clases de educación religiosa, o quiere ser padrino en otra parroquia Católica, es necesario estar registrado en alguna parroquia.

HUMILDAD

Se cuenta una historia durante la guerra de independencia de este país cuando un grupo de soldados de la colonia fue asignado a cortar unos árboles para construir un puente. El trabajo avanzaba con lentitud; era obvio que no había hombres suficientes para completar la tarea a tiempo. De repente un hombre vestido de oficial apareció montado a caballo. "¿No tienen hombres suficientes para hacer el trabajo?" le preguntó al soldado encargado del grupo. "¿Por qué no te desmontas de tu caballo para ayudarlos?" "Oh, no puedo hacer eso", respondió el otro hombre. "Yo soy el oficial encargado". El primer hombre se desmontó de su caballo y trabajó con los soldados hasta que el trabajo se completó. Luego le dijo al encargado: "La próxima vez que tu tropa tenga una tarea difícil manda a buscar al jefe de comando y vendré con mucho gusto". El hombre era George Washington. Las lecturas de hoy hablan de un tema similar, de echar a un lado el orgullo y las

pretensiones falsas para entregarse totalmente a Dios. No podemos hacer nada sin Dios. Son aquellos que se humillan, los que el mundo considera necios y despreciables, los que Dios bendice en abundancia. sobre el inicio del ministerio de Jesús. La luz ha llegado y nos anima a cambiar "nuestra vida y corazón porque está cerca el Reino de los Cielos"

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Yo dejaré en medio de ti, pueblo mío, un puñado de gente pobre y humilde; entonces serán como el rebaño que pasta y que descansa, y no habrá quién los perturbe (Sofonías 2:3; 3:12-13).

Salmo — ¡Dichosos los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos! (Salmo 146)

Segunda lectura — Es por la gracia de Dios que ustedes moran en Jesucristo. "El que se gloría, que se gloríe en el Señor" (1 Corintios 1:26-31).

Evangelio — Dichosos los pobres de espíritu; alégrese y salten de contento, porque su premio será grande en los cielos (Mateo 5:1-12a).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 11:32-40; Mc 5:1-20
Martes: Heb 12:1-4; Mc 5:21-43
Miércoles: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]
Jueves: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mc 6:7-13
Viernes: Heb 13:1-8; Mc 6:14-29
Sábado: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mc 6:30-34
Domingo: Is 58:7-10; Sal 112 (111); 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mc 5:13-16

IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS, THROUGH THE WATCHES OF THE NIGHT Most of us sleep at night, though we know that others like firemen, policemen or hospital staff either are "on call and ready" or work while others sleep. Military service members know about nighttime operations, about standing watches through the night, about the special dangers that may be theirs during the night. In the shadow of God's wings we commend **John Bivona, Johnny Medina, Wellington Jimenez**, who are serving in our country's military. As we remember them, we too pray for their families in their absence.



Lord, we give You thanks for sheltering us and our loved ones through the watches of the night, and bringing them safely to another day. Keep them under the shelter and shadow of Your wings, so that as they protect us and serve You, they continue to work for peace and justice.

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, at parish meetings... Faith sharing opens the door for us to meet, know & walk with Christ in our everyday lives.

How does your faith give and sustain joy?

GODSPELL The Brooklyn Theatre Arts Project, Inc.

Presents **GODSPELL**, a musical play by Stephen Schwartz, based on the Gospel of St. Matthew, one weekend only, HERE IN ST. A's AUDITORIUM.

February 18th Friday at 8:00pm

February 19th Saturday at 8:00pm

February 20th Sunday at 1:00pm

Advance Tickets: \$10 Adults & \$8 Seniors/Children

At the Door Tickets: \$12 Adults & \$10 Seniors/Children

Cast members will be here to perform some songs during Mass on the weekend of February 13.

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT OUR RECTORY.

LENT BEGINS WED. FEB. 9, 2005

As we begin Lent with Ash Wednesday, we will be signed with these words:

Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

How can we take advantage of God's call for renewal in our lives this Lent?

Behold, now is the acceptable time & the day of salvation!

Let us therefore in the upcoming Lenten days show ourselves to be servants of God, in much patience, in prayer, in fasting, and in love. ***The Benedictine Liturgy***

DAILY LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS WRITTEN BY THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH are on sale here at St. A's for \$7. The price of each book helps the congregation continue their many ministries in Brooklyn, Queens, Long Island, and Manhattan. This is another way we can thank the Sisters for the many ways they have changed our lives & continue to contribute to our Christian formation as Catholics. **Reflection Books will be on sale in the Narthex on Sunday Feb. 6.** We have only ordered 500 books so quantity is limited.



A TIME AWAY, A PLACE APART... BUT STILL IN BROOKLYN. JOIN US FOR A LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER Sunday Feb. 27, 2005 beginning with 11:30a.m. Mass, ending at 6p.m. The entire day will be presented in English here

in St. A's Auditorium. **Sr. Rosemarie Figlia, C.S.J.**, Campus Minister at Bishop Kearney, is our Retreat Master. The day includes coffee & cake after Mass, Midday Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, two Lenten talks followed by small group discussions, Sunday dinner, Vespers & time for individual watches in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. **TO REGISTER FOR THE DAY:** please place a \$20 donation in an envelope, with your name & phone #, dropping it off at the rectory or placing it in the Sunday collection.

Join us for a

Alleluia!

FAREWELL TO THE ALLELUIA

Alleluia!

and

BURNING OF THE PALMS

Sunday February 6 at 10:00 a.m.,

as we prepare for the beginning of Lent.

MAKE AN ALLELUIA BANNER !

During Lent we don't sing or say "Alleluia,"
reserving it to express our joy at Jesus' Resurrection.
Take time to make a banner that says "Alleluia".
It can be simple or elaborate as your time allows.

Our "Alleluia Banners" will be locked away in a

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