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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, FEBRUARY 8:

8:30 HOLY NAME SOCIETY
 10:00 Salvatore Leone, Jennie & Raul Gonzalez
 10:00 SPANISH MASS – Lower Church
 11:30 PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
 11:30 Vincent Percoco- ITALIAN
 6:00 John Di Paolo, Anniv.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9:

7:00 Emma & Samuel Frasa and
 Rev. Msgr. John Fleming, Anniv.
 9:00 Francesco Geraci
 NOVENA AFTER MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10:

7:00 Deceased of Lovasco and
 Alonzo Families
 9:00 Vito & Josephine De Mola

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11:

7:00 Maryellen Fitzpatrick
 9:00 Charlotte Lynch

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12:

7:00 Deceased of the Donnarumma and
 Mercatante Families
 9:00 David Cassato

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13:

7:00 All Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 Maria Carmela Caglioti

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14:

9:00 Maria Tanzi
 ROSARY FOR LIFE – AFTER MASS
 5:30 Joseph Schicchi

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

8:30 Madeline Greco, Anthony and
 Dave D'Amico
 10:00 ROSARY SOCIETY – for Member
 Matilda Virga
 10:00 SPANISH MASS – Lower Church
 11:30 PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
 11:30 Ralph Cesario- ITALIAN
 6:00 Giuletta, Rocco & Sabato Del Priore

WANT OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU?

Send us an Email (StAPastoralMin@aol.com)

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

HOSTS FOR THE WEEK – *donated in loving memory of Rosa & Giovanni Strangio requested by Immacolata Tarzia.*

WINE FOR THE WEEK – *donated in loving memory of James Mc Kenna requested by wife, Bea and family.*

SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE WEEK – *donated in loving memory of Josephine Moloney requested by husband, Brendan.*

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."

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION – 2/1/2004: \$8,445.00.00

LAST YEAR- \$6,809

AVG. WEEKLY EXPENSES \$10,500

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.

Have a Ball at the Saint Athanasius Basketball Reunion Saturday, March 27, 2004 All Day B-Ball, Shoot the Breeze in the Cage, Enjoy an Evening of Eats 'n Drinks in the Auditorium beginning with Mr. Artie Mattia's singing of the National Anthem. For Info, Call 718-759-5767 or e-mail sferrera@xaverian.org.

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.

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME DEACON DANTE COLANDREA TO OUR PARISH STAFF. Deacon Dante will start to serve as Deacon for Daily Mass & officially be assigned to St. A's as of Feb. 15th. Deacon Dante will be able to be reached at extension 15 of the rectory. He will have office hours as well. WELCOME!

DAILY MASS AT 7a.m. & 9a.m. WILL TAKE PLACE, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, IN THE LOWER CHURCH as the UPPER CHURCH sanctuary is restored and the church is painted. SUNDAY MASSES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THEIR USUAL LOCATIONS. **OGNI MATTINA DAL LUNEDI' A SABATO**, la Messa delle sette del mattino e la Messa delle nove del mattino, saranno celebrate nella chiesa sottopiano (chiesa di giu') durante il periodo di restauro dell'altare e della Chiesa. Tutte le Messe della Domenica saranno celebrate nei loro posti consueti.

FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK needs 150 more recipes. **LAST DAY WE CAN ACCEPT RECIPES IS MARCH 31. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! WE NEED TO GO TO PRINT!** 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).

A TIME AWAY, A PLACE APART... BUT STILL IN BROOKLYN Lenten Day of Prayer, here at St. A's, Sunday March 7, 12:30-6:30p.m. in our Auditorium. Talks & prayer in English, Italian & Spanish. Retreat Masters include Sr. Mary Claire Rhatigan, O.P., Mr. Jeff Smith (English), Miss Rosanna Furlano (Italian) & Sr. Isabel Bracero, S.S.M. (Spanish). The day includes 2 talks, Midday Prayer, Vespers, Eucharistic Adoration, dinner (pasta, chicken, broccoli, coffee, cookies) & fellowship. Donation is \$20 per person, & must be made by Sunday Feb. 29th. We need a minimum of 50 participants but space will also be limited. To register, place your donation in an envelope with your name, address & phone number (writing Lenten Day of Prayer on envelope), submitting it to the rectory or putting it in the Sunday collection.

UN GIORNO FUORI, UN POSTO DA PARTE MA SEMPRE A BROOKLYN L'ufficio dell'istruzione religiosa e gli uffici del ministero pastorale offrono un giorno di preghiera durante la Quaresima, qui a Sant'Atanasio Domenica, 7 Marzo, dalle 12:30-6:30p.m. nell'auditorio della nostra scuola. Colloqui e preghiere in Inglese, Italiano e Spagnolo. Le guide di questo giorno di preghiera includono Suor Mary Claire Rhatigan, O.P., il Signor Jeff Smith (Inglese), la Sig.na Rosanna Furlano (Italiano) e Suor Isabel Bracero, S.S.M.. (Spagnolo). Si terranno 2 colloqui, la Preghiera Di Mezzogiorno, Vespri, e L'Adorazione del Santissimo Sacramento. Seguirà il pranzo (pasta, pollo, broccoli, caffè, e biscotti) e uno spazio di tempo per poter conoscere e far amicizia con gli altri partecipanti. L'offerta è di \$20 a persona, e deve essere fatta entro Domenica, 29 Febbraio. Abbiamo bisogno di un minimo di 50 partecipanti e i posti sono limitati. Per l'iscrizione, disponete la vostra offerta in una busta con il vostro nome, indirizzo e numero di telefono (gentilmente scrivete sulla busta "Giorno di Preghiera"), portandola in rettoria o semplicemente metterla nel cestino delle offerte la Domenica.

WE WILL BURY, SAY FAREWELL TO THE "ALLELUIA" & BURN PALM on SUNDAY FEB. 22 at our 11:30a.m. Mass. Remember that during Lent we do not sing or say "Alleluia!" The alleluias return during the Easter Vigil when we hear the Resurrection Gospel. **TO PREPARE:** Drop off your old palm at the rectory by Fri. Feb. 20. **COLOR THE WORD ALLELUIA** on construction paper. Children & families will be invited to come forward & lock their alleluias in a box that will be reopened on Easter Sunday during the 10a.m. Mass.

LEADERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN ENGLISH for this Lent. Stations in English will be celebrated each Friday of Lent at 3p.m. & 7p.m. in the Upper Church. If interested call the Pastoral Ministry Office(Ext. 24).

THE DIVORCED & SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP meets this Wed. at 7:30p.m. in the Nazareth Institute.

JOSEPH B. CAVALLARO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS HOSTING A ROCK & ROLL DOO-WOOP DINNER DANCE SAT. MARCH 6 in St. A's AUDITORIUM from 7-11pm. Tickets \$50 per person: Family style dinner, coffee/cake, drink set up (BYOB) & entertainment by "The Emotions." Contact Bob Vezzuso at 718.837.2743 or Mike Petolino at 718.921-3403 for reservations. No tickets will be sold at the door.

In your kindness please pray for those who are sick

Marie, Accurso, Grace Albano, Jenny Annarumma, Louise Antrinoro, 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, Lucy D'Alessio, Joanm DeMeyer, Philomena DiCurcio, Mary Dowgiallo, Doreen Ganley, Rose Gaccicone, Olga Garbat, Michael Grieco, Bob Hayes, Julia Iachetta, Lawrence Klein, Rose Kinnard, Scott Liell, Camille & Matthew Liberti, Rosemarie Liberti, Michael Lobisano, John Henry Loria, Rev. John McCullough, Trudy McGranaghan, Beatrice McKenna, Lucia Montella, James Nolam, Cathy Petrik, Silvana Pintielli, Margaret "Rita" Pinckney, Oronzo Pistanza, Robert Presstia, Pablo Rivera, Caterina Ruggeri, Frances Ryan, Elisa Sciascia, Ryan Shaughnessy, Maria Solitto, Rose Varano, Maria Verfenstein, Ana Williams, Jeannette Wood, Susan Yacovelli

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

Anthony DeSimone, William Miller, Dawn Felcicchio, Giuseppe Catanzano, Lydia DiGirolo, Thomas Trombino, Giovanni Lavara.

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

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.**

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 God's people may do justice by working to save the poorest of the poor, the unborn children in danger of abortion.

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.

Peggy Flanagan accepts the cup at 11:30 Mass.

CELEBRATE ST. VALENTINE'S WEEKEND WITH A BLESSING OF MARRIED COUPLES & ENGAGED COUPLES. All married & engaged couples are invited to join us for mass at 11:30a.m. on Sunday Feb. 15th. Married couples are invited to call the Pastoral Ministry Office (at Ext. 24 of the rectory) and leave their names, wedding anniversary date (including year) & how many years they are married. Engaged couples are to leave their names & intended wedding date.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 7 AT THE 10a.m. MASS. Children will leave the Upper Church & go to the Lower Church Narthex (Vestibule) to listen to the Scripture Readings from a Children's Bible. They then return to the Upper Church during the Offertory.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY hopes to give Catholics more of a political voice better influence the future of Bensonhurst & the Borough of Brooklyn. Interested? Leave your name & phone # for Don Clark on the Pastoral Ministry Extension. (24) For specifics we can email or mail you our article as it appeared in the December Newsletter.

HAVE "FUN" at ST. A's FUND RAISER Trip to Atlantic City, **Tues. Feb. 19, 2004** \$30 per person/return of \$13. Front of St. A's School at 9:30a.m. Bus departs at 10a.m. Phone Vinnie 718.331.5316 or Rocky 718,331.9159.

Can't sing? ... then DING! JOIN OUR EASTER SUNDAY HAND BELL CHOIR for April 11th. Students in 3rd grade & older are invited to join. Don't read music? You don't have to! Rehearsals held Thursdays from 3:30-5p.m. beginning Feb. 26. If interested, leave your name, phone #, Email & age at the Pastoral Ministry Office (Ext. 24).

PIRATES OF PENZANCE presented by FDR's Theatre Guild, April 16 & 17 @ 8pm, April 18 @ 2pm, April 23, 24 @ 8pm & April 25 @ 2pm. \$10 at the door & \$8 in advance. For tickets call 718.256.1346 ext. 234.

DO YOU NEED A MINISTER OF CARING? Is someone in your family ill, hospitalized or in a care facility (assisted living or nursing home)? If you wish a visit from one of them, please call ext. 24 in the rectory.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK continues this Thursday evening from 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. on February 12, 19 & 26 in the Nazareth with Fr. Godofredo Felicitas.

BISHOP FORD H.S. PRESENTS A DOO WOP SPECTACULAR Sat. Feb. 28 at 7:30p.m. (19th St & 10 Ave). For info call 718.360.2587. Tickets \$28 each.

SPRING BOOK DISCUSSION: "HOW CAN I FIND GOD?" We read the book at home & discuss it on 4 Thursday night sessions from 7:30-9p.m. in May. Books can NOW be purchased in the rectory for \$15.

LENTEN BOOK FAIR, sponsored by Alba House, FEB. 28 & 29th, in our Upper & Lower Church narthex. Books in English, Italian & Spanish.

WEDDING REHEARSAL COORDINATORS TRAINING CONTINUES THIS TUESDAY at 7:30p.m. in the Upper Church. **WE ALSO NEED MINISTERS OF CARING** who will visit, make phone calls & offer support to homebound & hospitalized parishioners. *This ministry does not include bringing the Eucharist to these parishioners.* Training begins Monday Feb. 16 at 7:30p.m. in the Nazareth Institute (Convent basement). If interested, please call the Pastoral Ministry Office (Ext. 24) to sign up for the training. If you already called in the Fall, we have your name.

OUR THREE UPPER CHURCH CIBORIA NEED REPAIR as they show wear & tear with some dents from constant use. If you are interested in helping us out with a \$250 donation to cover the cost, your intention will be engraved on the inside lid of this set. **TWO NEW CIBORIA ARE ALSO NEEDED TO MATCH OUR EXISTING ONES** for a donation of \$450 each. Your intention will be engraved on the bottom of the ciborium you donate. If interested, please call ext. 24 of the rectory & indicate if you are planning on repairing the existing 3, or donating one of the new ones.

UN TIEMPO APARTE, UN LUGAR APARTE...PERO AUN EN BROOKLYN La oficina de Educacion Religiosa y la oficina de Ministerio Pastoral patrocinan un "**Dia de Oracion durante la Cuaresma**," aqui en San Atanasio. Esto será el domingo 7 de Marzo, de 12:30p.m. a 6:30p.m. en nuestro Auditorio. **LA COMUNIDAD LATINA REUNIRSE PRIMERA A LAS 11:30am EN EL SOTANO DEL CONVENTO (Nazareth Instute) PARA DESAYUNO PORQUE LA MISA EN ESPAÑOL TERMINA ANTES DE 12:30pm.** Las charlas y oraciones serán en inglés, italiano y español. Los directores de este retiro serán Sor Mary Claire Rhatigan, O.P., el Señor Jeff Smith (inglés), la Sœur Rita Rosanna Furlano (italiano), y **Sor Isabel Bracero, S.S.M. (español).** El día incluye 2 charlas, oración al mediodía, Vísperas, Adoración Eucarística, cena (pasta, pollo, broccoli, café, y galletas) y convivencia. La donación es de \$20 por persona, & debe ser pagada antes del Domingo 29 de Febrero. Necesitamos un mínimo de 50 participantes, pero el espacio también será limitado. Para registrarse, dé su donacion en un sobre con su nombre, dirección y numero telefónico (escriba "Dia de Oración durante la Cuaresma" en el sobre), y entrégelo en la Rectoría de la Iglesia o pongalo en la colecta del Domingo.

G.I.S.A. (GRUPO ITALIANO DI SANT'ATANASIO) FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE PATRONO DELLA G.I.S.A. G.I.S.A. ha organizzato un Dinner-Dance in onore di San Giuseppe, Sabato 20 Marzo ore 7:30p.m. nell' auditorio della scuola di Sant' Atanasio. Si sarà cibo caldo e bevanda su ogni tavola, il prezzo del biglietto, \$40 per persona; la serata sarà allietata dal complesso Nino e Angelo Ingrati. I biglietti si possono acquistare prima o dopo la messa italiana. **Maria Porcù 718.627.0387, Maria Perniciaro 718.256.8122, Freddy Felletti 718.236.9855.**

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 20 at 7:30p.m. in the school auditorium. We will have live music by "Nino & Angelo Ingrati's Band." Donation \$40 per person. Tickets available before or after the 11:30a.m. Italian Mass in the Lower Church. For information call **Maria Porcù 718.627.0387, Maria Perniciaro 718.256.8122, Freddy Felletti 718.236.9855.**

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER, 2004

Registration for Saint Athanasius School will take place the week of March 1st, as follows:

Pre-K – 7th Grade:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday – From 9-11am and 1-2pm

Wednesday - From 9-11am

No applications will be accepted without:

1. Baptismal Certificate
2. Birth Certificate
3. Parish Envelope Number (If you are a member of Saint Athanasius Parish and use it, otherwise you will be considered out of Parish)
4. Report Card from last June and any educational or psychological testing results (ex. I.E.P.)
5. Immunization Data
6. Registration fee of \$100.00 per child at the time of registration for all new registrations

Acceptance is based upon the following criteria:

1. Readiness Level of the child detected during screening process.
2. Is the family registered in the parish files.
3. Has the family contributed to the support of the parish on a regular?
4. Does the family have other children already enrolled in the school?
5. Class Size.

GED CLASSES, ESL, ITALIAN CLASSES, COMPUTER, SEWING, BALLROOM DANCING, SOCCER, BASKETBALL & MUCH MORE!! The Federation of Italian Americans FIAO are sponsoring a BEACON PROGRAM. There is no charge for classes & registration is ongoing. Classes are offered in the afternoon & evening at Seth Low intermediate School located at 99 Ave P. between West 11th & West 12th Streets from 2:30p.m. till 9:30p.m. For further information please call the Beacon Program at 718.232.2266 or the F.I.A.O. office at 718.259.2828 located at 7403 18th Avenue.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2004 Easter Vigil April 10, 2004 (\$100), Ascension Day: May 20, 2004 (\$25) All Souls Day: November 2, 2004 7am & 11am. Immaculate Conception: Dec. 8, 2004 7am, 9am, 11am. (\$25). Come to reserve your intentions at the rectory.

A TIME AWAY, A PLACE APART BUT STILL IN BROOKLYN

Lenten Day of Prayer

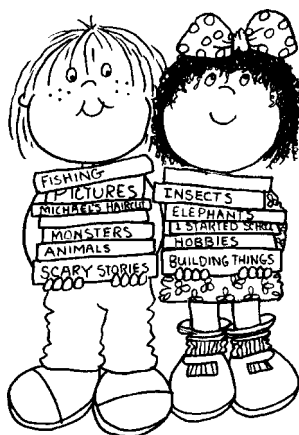
Sunday March 7, 12:30-6:30p.m. in our Auditorium.

Talks & prayer in English, Italian & Spanish. Retreat Masters include Sr. Mary Claire Rhatigan, O.P., Mr. Jeff Smith (English), Miss Rosanna Furlano (Italian) & Sr. Isabel Bracero, S.S.M. (Spanish). Schedule

1:00p.m.	Midday Prayer	1:15-2:15p.m.	Talk # 1
2:15-3:15p.m.	Dinner	3:15-3:30p.m.	Individual Quiet Prayer
3:30p.m.	Vespers	4-5p.m.	Talk # 2
5p.m.	Coffee break	5:30p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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Come join us for a
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



beginning on
Sunday March 7, 2004

at the 10a.m. Mass and continuing each week.

Children in first grade and older are invited to participate by sitting with their parents/guardians/families. During the Penitential Rite of Mass (when we say, "I confess to almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault...") the Priest will invite children to stand and then follow the catechists to the Lower Church's Narthex (vestibule) to listen to the readings from a Children's Bible. There, they also listen to a homily, preached at their level, pray the Creed & offer intercessions. The children return to their families as we present the gifts of bread & wine for the Eucharist.

WHERE DO WE GET THIS IDEA FROM? In 1973, a document entitled The Directory for Masses with Children, encourages us to "celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, including a homily, with children in a separate, but not too distant room. Then, before the Eucharistic Liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own Liturgy of the Word."

WHY HAVE A CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD? Children have the right to hear what God has to say to them. They have this right because they have been baptized. God wants to speak to children as well as to adults. The problem is that in our liturgy, the Scriptures are proclaimed in adult language which children cannot comprehend. This celebration with children enables them to discover and recognize themselves in the story proclaimed in the Gospel. When they make the discovery from within their experience, they can then thank, praise and bless God in their daily lives and cling to the Christian faith in their times of need.