

## COVER SHEET

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**PASTORAL CARE** Please don't forget to inform us if you are going to be hospitalized so one of our priests can visit. Provide us with your name, hospital, room number, phone number and, when possible, how long you will be hospitalized. If you are unable to attend Mass, due to poor health, illness or advanced age, please call so a Eucharistic Minister can bring Communion to you. Anointing of the Sick may be requested because of scheduled surgery or treatment for a life-threatening illness. Call us prior to your surgery or treatment. Directly inform one of our priests or leave this information on Ext.24

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 21:**

8:30 Sal Cangiarella  
 10:00 ROSARY SOCIETY – For Member Mary Paccione  
 10:00 SPANISH MASS – Lower Church  
 11:30 PURGATORIAL SOCIETY  
 11:30 Vito e Maria Gallina- ITALIAN  
 6:00 Deceased of the Speziale Family

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 22:**

7:00 Vincenza, Giuseppe, Francesca & Dorotea Minagro  
 9:00 Anthony Bruccoleri and Deceased of the Moreno & Bruccoleri Families  
 NOVENA AFTER MASS

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 23:**

7:00 Rudolfo & Teresa Annunziata  
 9:00 Giuseppe Galina

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24:**

7:00 Frances Grimaldi  
 9:00 Giuseppe Galina  
 7:30pm CLUSTER Penance Service at St. Mary's

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 25:**

7:00 Nicholas Scarabino  
 9:00 George & Josephine Spirou

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 26:**

7:00 Deceased of the Scianna, Buffa & Colavolpe Families  
 9:00 Joseph Scaturro

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 27:**

9:00 Vincenzo Lentini  
 ROSARY FOR LIFE – AFTER MASS  
 10:30 Vincenzo Lentini, Memorial Mass ITALIAN  
 3:00 PM Anthony Gulino & Jamie Fregara, WEDDING  
 5:30 Joseph Schicchi

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 28:**

8:30 Joseph Romersa  
 10:00 William Cianciotta, Anniv.  
 10:00 SPANISH MASS – Lower Church  
 11:30 PURGATORIAL SOCIETY  
 11:30 Filippo Comes, Lasalandra, Lestingi, Pesce, Grisazio & Pasqualicchio Families- ITALIAN  
 6:00 Ernest Leva, Anniv.

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**HOSTS FOR THE WEEK** – *donated in loving memory of Vincent & Mary Damiano requested by Rose, Mike & Eleanor Damiano.*

**ALTAR WINE, CANDLES & SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE WEEK** – *donated in loving memory of Camille Messina Minieri requested by the Messina Family.*

**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 – 3/214/2004: \$8,238.00

LAST YEAR- \$7,489

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](tel:718-759-5767) or e-mail [sferrera@xaverian.org](mailto:sferrera@xaverian.org).

**THIS SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE THE SECOND SCRUTINY** at the 11:30a.m. Mass.

### WE INVITED GUEST PREACHERS FOR

#### 9a.m. HOLY WEEK MORNING PRAYER

on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday.

**Holy Thursday, April 8, 2004** (Upper Church) Sr. Isabel Bracero, SSM. DRE at Most Precious Blood Church, Schoenstatt Sister of Mary.

**Good Friday, April 9, 2004** (Upper Church) Deacon Thomas Devaney Chaplain at Peninsula Hospital & Deacon at Immaculate Heart of Mary & ordained with Deacon Dante.

**Holy Saturday, April 10, 2004** (Lower Church) Margaret Piccolo, U.S. Air Force, recently served in Iraq.

**BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY** Tues. Mar. 30. Bus leaves at 10a.m. in front of St. A's School. \$30 per person with a \$15 return. Call Vinnie Principe at 331-5316 or Joe Russotti at 259-6958.

**ST. A's BASEBALL REGISTRATION** Thursdays 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. & Saturdays 10a.m. to 12noon. Boys & girls 5 to 17 years old at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Street Baseball Field between 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Avenues.

**G.I.S.A. IS SPONSORING ITS ANNUAL HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM OF PRAYER IN ITALIAN** April 5, 6 & 7 at 8p.m. Fr. Renee Manenti will preach each evening on the Passion, Death & Resurrection of Our Lord. Confessions will be heard before & after the services in the UPPER CHURCH.

**COME JOIN US IN ST. A's CHURCH FOR OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES "FRANKLY" SPEAKING 7:30PM VESPERS & A REFLECTION BY FOUR PRIESTS WITH THE FIRST NAME "FRANK."**

**March 24, 2004** Bensonhurst Cluster Penance Service at St. Mary's  
**March 31, 2004** Msgr. Frank Caggiano Service & the Diaconate

**The 2004 Annual Stewardship Appeal: *Walk in the Presence of the Lord***

The Diocesan goal is \$4,535,400 to be used for the following purposes: **Catholic Charities** (25%) \$1,133,850 **Education** (25%) \$1,133,850 **Parish Outreach** (30%) \$1,360, 620 **Clergy Education** (20%) \$907,080. **Our goal here at St. A's is \$36,500.** Any money over our goal comes directly here to St. A's! **WE HAVE RECEIVED ALMOST \$13,050 in pledges so far.**

**AT THE 11:30a.m. MASS, we will be using the "CYCLE A" READINGS** as we are preparing catechumens for baptism. These readings are used when the parish is involved in the RCIA process. **The MISSALETTE also contains these readings.**

**13 TUESDAYS IN HONOR OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA** with veneration of the relic, continues this Tuesday after the 9a.m. Mass.

**ROSARY SOCIETY** March 22 Evening of Lenten Reflection beginning with mass at 7:30p.m. in the Upper Church. Rosary meeting to follow in the Parish Hall.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SCHOLARS**  
Xaverian H.S. congratulates Christopher Riso, James Riso & Vincent Russo for achieving academic excellence during the past marking period. St. Edmund Preparatory School congratulates Vito Pinto, Karlina Napierala, Matthew Hajec, Alexander Balboni & Kurt Berborich for their academic achievements this past marking period. St. John's Preparatory School congratulates Thony Brutus for being placed on the Honor List for this marking period.

**THE HOMELESS OUTEACH MINISTRY** accepts clothing contributions, but has a particular need for men's clothes-Jeans, T-Shirts, Sweaters, Shoes. Items are to be clean, laundered and placed in a bag, left in front of the church doors on 61st Street.

**LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Holy Week assignments have been posted on the sacristy bulletin board. A mandatory meeting and rehearsal walk through has been scheduled for Thursday April 1 at 7:30p.m. in the Upper Church. Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers assigned to Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30p.m., Good Friday Liturgy at 3p.m. & Holy Saturday at 8p.m. are to attend on April 1.

**ADOPT A SOLDIER PROGRAM** Many of our soldiers miss home, especially as Easter approaches. Correspondence from folks at home creates encouragement. Anyone interested in contacting a soldier can call Carol Hafey at 718.727.0354 for more information.

**SAVE SATURDAY SEPT. 25 FOR OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

**LIFE FEST & YOUTH CONCERT,** 9am to 4pm, evening concert from 6-9:30pm April 3 at Fordham University in the Bronx. Check out [www.NY-LifeFest.com](http://www.NY-LifeFest.com).

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

#### **Friday March 26**

3p.m. English (Lower Church)  
7p.m. English (Upper Church)  
8p.m. Italian (Upper Church)  
9p.m. Spanish (Lower Church)

**In your kindness please pray for those who are sick**

Marie, Accurso, Grace Albano, Jenny Annarumma, Louise Antrinoro, Carmela Atanasio, Carol Brooks-Fruner, John Brown, Steven Bruntetti, John Brown, Rosa Calabrese, Cameron Calderon, Jose Camacho, Frank Cambria, Marie Carante, Carmine Cava, Erica Cavallieri, Frances Chiarello, Peter Cianciotta, Corine Colligan, Judy Cuda, Bruce Dalton, Giavonna Marie Darcy, Lucy D'Alessio, Joanm DeMeyer, Philomena DiCurcio, Amadeo DiLullo, Mary Dowgiallo, Roger Esposito, Doreen Ganley, Rose Gaccicone, Olga Garbat, Michael Grieco, Fr. Benedict Groeschel, Bob Hayes, Nicholas Lomangino, Lawrence Klein, Rose Kirnard, Elizabeth Lambertson, Scott Liell, Camille & Matthew Liberti, Rosemarie Liberti, Michael Lobisano, John Henry Loria, Catherine Marra, Rosa Matrascia, Trudy McGranaghan, Beatrice McKenna, Lucia Montella, Mother Angelica, Carol Muffoletto, Rose Muia, James Noland, Mario Regina O' Hannon, Thomas O' Sullivan, Sr. Anita Paglia, CSJ, Cathy Petrik, Silvana Pintielli, Margaret Pinckney, Oronzo Pistanza, Robert Prestsia, Susan Purdy, Connie Puzzo, Caterina Ruggeri, Frances Ryan, Armando Sariano, Ryan Shaughnessy, Gerry Sullivan, Rose Varano, Maria Verfenstein, Ana Williams, Jeannette Wood, Ida Vezzuso, Susan Yacovelli

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

Ida Vezzuso, Julia Iachetta, Rose DeLuca

**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.

**REGISTRATION FOR ST. ATHANASIUS SCHOOL CONTINUES THIS WEEK AS FOLLOWS:**

Pre-K – 7<sup>th</sup> 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:  
 Readiness Level of the child detected during screening process. Is the family registered in the parish files? Has the family contributed to the support of the parish on a regular? Does the family have other children already enrolled in the school? Class Size.

**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. **INTENTION:** That our society may be cured of spiritual blindness & recognize the equal dignity of the unborn, the terminally ill & all those who are oppressed.

**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](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com).

**Ella Tobish accept the cup at the 11:30a.m. Mass .**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY AT THE 10a.m. MASS.** Children leave the Church & go into Sacristy to listen to the Scripture Readings from a Children's Bible. They then return during the Offertory.

**LENTEN BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> 9a.m. – 2:30p.m. in the Auditorium. - The Gift of Life!** A perfect & unique way to help others is to donate a pint of blood. It takes a special person who understands that making a blood donation is an important life saving deed. **Please bring I.D. & know your Social Security Number.**

**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 or a phone call from a **MINISTER OF CARING**, please call ext. 24 in the rectory.

***Passing from Death to New Life!***

THE BENSONHURST CLUSTER PARISHES ARE PROVIDING A COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE ON WED. MARCH 24 at 7:30p.m. at ST. MARY MOTHER OF JESUS, 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave & 85<sup>th</sup> Street. Rev. Casper Furnari will preside and Rev. Joseph Holcomb will preach. Priests from all the Bensonhurst Cluster Parishes will be available for Confessions in English, Italian & Spanish. A FREE bus will leave St. A's at 7p.m. & return to St. A's after the service. If you want to sign up for the bus, please leave your name & phone # on Ext. 24 of the rectory by Sun. March 21.

**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.

**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.

**PRAYING THROUGH GRIEF AND LOSS** providing time & space to recognize the reality of grief, in a safe & nurturing environment meets on this Thursday March 25 & April 1 at 7:30p.m. in the rectory basement. Anyone suffering a loss is most welcomed to participate.

**TRADITIONS OF LENT: PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING. How can I come closer to Jesus this Lent?** As part of our Lenten traditions we can give alms, which means caring for those less fortunate than us. Maybe take a **LENTEN SELF-DENIAL FOLDER**, found next to the bulletins. Each day we can sacrifice giving up something and placing the money in this folder. You can return this folder during Holy Week or on Easter Sunday.

*From the Nazareth Institute*

**MONDAY MORNING LENTEN VIDEOS: VATICAN II: A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE** Beginning with Morning Prayer at 8:45a.m., followed by Mass at 9a.m. After Mass we meet in the Nazareth Institute on March 8, 15, 22 & 29 for a viewing of a video & a short discussion until about 11a.m.

**CONGRATULATIONS GAETANO PINTO & VALERIA IMPOCO** who will celebrate Marriage at Holy Child Parish in Staten Island on March 27 at 2p.m. Gaetano is parishioner of St. A's.

**WHAT ARE THE RCIA SCRUTINIES?** During the 11:30am Mass this Sunday we continue with the Second Scrutiny. The candidates celebrate these rites to ask God for forgiveness of their sins & healing of their weakness so that they may be ready to receive Holy Communion. This week let us pray for Wanda Maria DelRosso, Jennifer Lam & Jamie LoPresto who will celebrate Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion; Rafael Diaz & Bohdana Skodova who will celebrate Confirmation & First Communion & for Erica Dzedovich, Lindsay Errigo, Jamie Fregara & Salvatore Tramontana who will celebrate Confirmation.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LAY MINISTRY?** Here at St. A's we will host an introductory workshop on Lay Ministry on 2 consecutive Thursdays, April 22 & April 29, 7:30-9p.m. Given by Eileen Maguire, Pastoral Associate of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, the workshop promises to be a lively couple of evenings. For further information or to register, please call the St. A's Pastoral Ministries Office on ext. 24, or email [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com)



