

## 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, FEBRUARY 29:

- 8:30 James J. Sweeney, Sr.  
 10:00 Joseph B. Cavallaro Columbiettes  
 Following Mass – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
 Anniversary of Carolyn & Louis Rizzo  
 10:00 SPANISH MASS – Lower Church  
 11:30 PURGATORIAL SOCIETY  
 11:30 Anna e Salvatore Mini- ITALIAN  
 6:00 Bruno Speziale

#### MONDAY, MARCH 1:

- 7:00 Joseph Martori  
 9:00 Rocco Sabatino and Frank Loiacono  
 NOVENA AFTER MASS

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 2:

- 7:00 Frank Coluccio  
 9:00 Special Intention

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3:

- 7:00 MASS INTENTION OPEN  
 9:00 Special Intention

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 4:

- 7:00 Mario Schettini  
 9:00 Madeline Greco, Anthony and  
 Dave D'Amico

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 5:

- 7:00 Andrew Harkness  
 9:00 Special Intention  
 4:30 Christopher Doyle & Shannon Iglie, WEDDING  
 8pm Franco Palazzo – ITALIAN/ENGLISH

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 6:

- 9:00 Antonio Ruggieri and  
 Gennaro Sacchitelli  
 ROSARY FOR LIFE – AFTER MASS  
 10:30 Robert Vicinanza  
 5:30 Alicia Rodriguez

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 7:

- 8:30 Anna & Leonard Amoruso  
 10:00 Rosemary Gentile  
 10:00 SPANISH MASS – Lower Church  
 11:30 PURGATORIAL SOCIETY  
 11:30 Ninfa, Rosaria e Benedetto Conti- ITALIAN  
 6:00 Rosa, Joseph & Frank Caria

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**HOSTS FOR THE WEEK** – *donated in loving memory of Eileen Smyth requested by Dorothy Thoelen.*

**ALTAR WINE FOR THE WEEK** – *donated in loving memory of Fiorita De Santis requested by Idolo Tirabassi and family.*

**CANDLES & SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE WEEK** – *donated in loving memory of Giuseppina Morabito requested by Josephine Ribaud.*

**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 – 2/15/2004: \$7,762

LAST YEAR- \$7,521

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](mailto:sferrera@xaverian.org).

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE RITE OF ELECTION** at the 11:30a.m. Mass. We pray for Rebeca Bowens, Etsuko Cumella, Wanda Maria DelRosso, Jennifer Lam, Christopher Lam, & Jamie Lo Presto who will celebrate Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion. Rafael Diaz & Bohadana Skodova will celebration Communion & Confirmation. Erica Dzedovich, Lindsay Errigo, Jamie Fregara, Michelle Riddle, Laura Somma & Salvatore Tramontana will celebrate Confirmation.

**ST. A's YOUTH PROGRAM NEEDS A CHAIRPERSON TO TAKE OVER "SPORTS O RAMA."** This is a children's club for children 8-12years old. Interested? Call Joe Russotti 718.259.6958.

**FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK** needs 40 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!** Place your recipe in an envelope marked FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK, placing it in the Sunday collection or E-mail your recipes to [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com).

**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. 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.**

**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.

**FIRST FRIDAY IS MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>. DUE TO THE WORK ON THE UPPER CHURCH, OUR SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the last funeral until 7:30pm in the LOWER CHURCH. 7:30pm Benediction in the LOWER CHURCH. After Benediction, the Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group meets in the LOWER CHURCH. UPPER CHURCH: 7p.m. English Stations of the Cross 8p.m. Italian Mass followed by Stations of the Cross. 9p.m. Spanish Stations of the Cross.

**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."**

<b>March 3, 2004</b>	Fr. Frank Gasparik	Missions & Saints
<b>March 10, 2004</b>	Fr. Frank Shannon	Reaching the Poor
<b>March 17, 2004</b>	Msgr. Frank Gaeta	A Parish Vision for the Future
<b>March 24, 2004</b>	Bensonhurst Cluster Penance Service at St. Mary's	
<b>March 31, 2004</b>	Msgr. Frank Caggiano	Service & the Diaconate

**The 2004 Annual Stewardship Appeal: Walk in the Presence of the Lord**  
Today Msgr. Cassato will speak to us about the financial needs of the many Diocesan Programs & Ministries. We also are asking all parishioners to make a commitment pledge today. 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!

**DEACON FRANK ROSATI CONTINUES TO MINISTER AT HOLY FAMILY NURSING HOME & HERE AT ST. A's.** We are now blest with two dedicated & talented deacons.

**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.**

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

Marie, Accurso, Grace Albano,  
Jenny Annarumma,  
Louise Antrinoro, Carmela Atanasio,  
Carol Brooks-Fruner, Steven Brunetti,  
Rosa Calabrese, Cameron Calderon, Jose Camacho, Herbert Calderon,  
Frank Cambria, Marie Carante,  
Carmine Cava, Erica Cavallieri,  
Frances Chiarello, Thomas Chicchetti,  
Peter Cianciotta, Judy Cuda,  
Bruce Dalton, Giavonna Marie Darcy,  
Lucy D'Alessio, Joanm DeMeyer,  
Philomena DiCurcio, Mary Dowgiallo,  
Roger Esposito, Doreen Ganley,  
Rose Gaccicone, Olga Garbat,  
Michael Grieco, Fr. Benedict Groeschel,  
Bob Hayes, Julia Iachetta,  
Nicholas Lomangino, Lawrence Klein,  
Rose Kinnard, 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, Rose Muia,  
James Noland,  
Mario Regina O' Hannon, Cathy Petrik,  
Silvana Pintieili, Margaret Pinckney,  
Oronzo Pistanza, Robert Presstia,  
Susan Purdy, Caterina Ruggeri,  
Frances Ryan, Armando Sariano,  
Elisa Sciascai, Ryan Shaughnessy,  
Rose Varano, Maria Verfenstein,  
Ana Williams, Jeannette Wood,  
Ida Vezzuso, Susan Yacovelli

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

Angela Parato, Angelo Seblano,  
Marie Solitto

**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.**

**REGISTRATION FOR ST. ATHANASIUS SCHOOL WILL TAKE PLACE THE WEEK OF MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 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 children still on their way to birth may be welcomed & protected rather than feared or rejected.

**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).

**Ann & Anthony Congiusta accept the cup this weekend.**

**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.

**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 **MARCH 5**. If interested, leave your name, phone #, Email & age at the Pastoral Ministry Office (Ext. 24).

**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 regular 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 St. A's, St. Dominic's, St. Finbar's, St. Frances Cabrini, O.L. of Guadalupe, Regina Pacis, Sts. Simon & Jude & St. Mary Mother of Jesus parish 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.

**WE ARE FORMING A FAMILY MASS CHOIR** to lead music monthly at the 10a.m. mass. Our goal is to celebrate a Family Mass on that same Sunday, once a month. The whole family is invited to sing. Children, in at least third grade, are welcome with their parents & guardians but must be able to sing. At first, rehearsals will be held weekly on Thursdays 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Upper Church. As the group gets more established, rehearsals will be held twice a month. The first time the choir will lead music will be on Easter Sunday, April 11 with our newly formed Hand bell Choir. The first rehearsal will be **Thurs. Mar. 11**.

**JOSEPH B. CAVALLARO KINIGHTS 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.

**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.

**HEALING MASS AT REGINA PACIS CHURCH** Thurs. Mar. 4 at 7:30p.m. sponsored by the Charismatic Renewal Office of the Brooklyn Diocese. **Music by our very own Pat & Connie Costa!**

*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 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 for a viewing of a video & a short discussion until about 11a.m.

**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.

**VIA CRUCIS** A partire da questo Venerdì 5 marzo, 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.

**GISA-FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE** G.I.S.A. ha organizzato un Dinner-Dance in onore di San Giuseppe, Sabato 20 Marzo alle 7:30pm nell'auditorio della nostra scuola. Ci sarà cibo caldo e bevanda su ogni tavola. Il prezzo del biglietto è di \$40 a persona. La serata sarà allietata dal complesso Nino e Angelo Ingrati. I biglietti si possono acquistare prima e dopo la Messa italiana. **Maria Porcu' 718-627-0387, Maria Perniciaro, 718-256-8122, Freddy Felletti 718-236-9855**

**CALICE D'ELIA** Il calice d'Elia è presentato a una famiglia, una persona, oppure ad una coppia ogni Domenica alla conclusione della Santa Messa. Lo scopo di avere il calice in casa è di ricordarsi di pregare per maggior vocazione al sacerdozio e alla vita religiosa. Domenica, 14 Marzo il calice sarà passato a Santo e Anna Di Giacomo. Se siete interessati ad avere il calice nella vostra casa per una settimana gentilmente chiamate al 718-236-0124 (Ext. 24) or via posta elettronica [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com)

**VENDITA DI LIBRI** I rappresentanti della casa editrice Alba House saranno con noi questa Domenica con una vasta selezione di libri religiosi pubblicati in lingua italiana, inglese e spagnola. Potete fare i vostri acquisti prima o dopo la Santa Messa.

**TRIDUO PASQUALE (Italian Triduum)** La G.I.S.A. ha preparato un triduo pasquale durante la settimana santa: lunedì, martedì e mercoledì, i 5, 6, 7 de aprile all' ore 8 della sera. Il celebrante del triduo sarà il Rev. Rennee Manenti, padre scalabriniano. Il triduo si svolgerà ogni sera con la santa messa e l' omelia da Padre Rennee sull Passione, Morte e Risurrezione di Gesù. Le confessioni saranno ascoltare prima e dopo la santa messa nella chiesa sopra.

**UN TIEMPO APARTE, UN LUGAR APARTE...PERO AUN EN BROOKLYN** Tendremos un "*Día 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 EL 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 Señorita 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 minimo de 50 participantes, pero el espacio tambien será limitado. Para registrarse, dé su donacion en un sobre con su nombre, dirección y numero telefónico y entrégelo en la Rectoria de la Iglesia o pongalo en la colecta del Domingo.

**EL TIEMPO DE CUARESMA** Año tras año, la iglesia nos recuerda sobre la vida de nuestro Señor por medio de las fiestas liturgicas. La fiesta grande de la iglesia es la Pascua de nuestro Señor. El tiempo de preparación para ella se llama Cuaresma. Antes de comenzar su vida pública, nuestro Señor ayunó durante cuarenta días en el desierto. La iglesia nos lo recuerda, señalando cuarenta días como duración de la Cuaresma. Durante estos días, en tiempos pasados, la ley de la iglesia era que los fieles deben ayunar: pero los domingos no ayunaban. Tenemos que preparamos para la Pascua y conmemorar la Pasión haciéndolo penitencia, oración y obras de misericordia.

#### **REGLAS y PRACTICAS PARA LA CUARESMA**

**Abstinencia:** Los católicos de 14 años de edad en adelante se deben abstener de comer carne el MIERCOLES DE CENIZA y el VIERNES SANTO y TODOS LOS VIERNES DE CUARESMA. **Ayuno:** Miercoles de Ceniza y Viernes Santo, los católicos entre las edades de 18 y 59 años se abstienen de comer carne y se limitan a una comida completa cada día. **Oracion:** La Cuaresma es una época para dar más tiempo a la oración. Las practicas tradicionales incluyen lecturas de las escrituras, el Via Crucis y la participacion en la Misa. La Cuaresma es también un tiempo ideal para recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación en preparación para la Semana Santa. **Limosnas:** La conmemoración del gran sacrificio de Cristo mueve a los católicos a responder a las necesidades de sus hermanos y hermanas de manera especial durante la Cuaresma. Muchos cristianos combinan las limosnas con el ayuno y así dan a los pobres el dinero que se economizan al comer, beber, y comprar menos y confiar en las gracias abundante de Dios.

**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.

