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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 7:

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

MONDAY, MARCH 8:

7:00 Alfred Annunziata and Sons
 9:00 Louis LoRippo
 NOVENA AFTER MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 9:

7:00 Deceased of Lovasco & Alonzo Families
 9:00 Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10:

7:00 Cosmo E. Damiano
 9:00 Maria Iacoviello, Angela, Pietro and Marino Del Re

THURSDAY, MARCH 11:

7:00 Santo Antonio
 9:00 Charlotte Lynch

FRIDAY, MARCH 12:

7:00 Anna Maria Sulenti
 9:00 Filippo Mannino

SATURDAY, MARCH 13:

9:00 Richard M. Felcetto
 ROSARY FOR LIFE – AFTER MASS
 10:30 Ida Scotto, Memorial Mass
 5:30 Maria & Nicola Moreno

SUNDAY, MARCH 14:

8:30 HOLY NAME SOCIETY
 10:00 Janet & William Goumas
 10:00 SPANISH MASS – Lower Church
 11:30 PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
 11:30 Carmela & Raffaele e tutti i defunti della Famiglia Moriano- ITALIAN
 6:00 Geraldine Giliberti

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Send us an Email (StAPastoralMin@aol.com)

HOSTS FOR THE WEEK – *donated in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Sarno, Viola Sarno and Vito & Minnie Sarno requested by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Giannettino.*

CANDLES FOR THE WEEK – *donated in loving memory of John, Antoinette and Joseph Friscia requested by daughter, Sally*

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 – 2/29/2004: \$8,905

LAST YEAR- \$7,271

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.

NEXT SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE THE FIRST SCRUTINY & THE ORAL PASSING ON OF THE CREED 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 and who celebrate the first scrutiny.

ST. PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATION WITH THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MAPLETON, with Sen. Martin Golden on Wed. mar. 17 at the Rex Manor. \$45 per person. For information & ticvkets please call Joseph Corace 212.619.7000.

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WHO WISH TO SERVE DURING HOLY WEEK are invited to sign up in the sacristy after mass this weekend.

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 \$13 return. Call Vinnie Prinspe 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 53rd Street Baseball Field between 20th & 21st Avenues.

FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK IS COMPLETE WITH 350 RECIPES. We cannot accept any more recipes. It will be published in the early Fall!

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.

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 10, 2004 Fr. Frank Shannon Reaching the Poor
March 17, 2004 Msgr. Frank Gaeta A Parish Vision for the Future
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
 Last Sunday Msgr. Cassato spoke to us about the financial needs of the many Diocesan Programs & Ministries. We asked all parishioners to make a commitment pledge. 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 \$3,000 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.**

FINANCIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP HERE AT ST. A's: Come learn about debt management, retirement income, education funding, income protection & building your financial future. Mike Carrano of Primera will have this workshop Tues. March 9 at 7p.m. in the auditorium.

13 TUESDAYS IN HONOR OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA with veneration of the relic, begins Tuesday March 16 after the 9a.m. Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday March 13 3p.m. English (Lower Church)
 7p.m. English (Upper Church) 8p.m. Italian (Upper Church)
 9p.m. Spanish (Upper Church)

ST. ATHANASIUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP WELCOMES ALL TO SHARE A SPECIAL LENTEN MESSAGE BY MSGR. FERNANDO FERRARESE on Tues. March. 16 at 8p.m. at 8p.m., Rosary at 7:30p.m. in the Lower Church. **All are welcome to attend!**

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,
 John Brown, Rosa Calabrese,
 Cameron Calderon, Jose Camacho,
 Frank Cambria, Marie Carante,
 Carmine Cava, Erica Cavallieri,
 Frances Chiarello, 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 Kirnard, Elizabeth Lambertson,
 Scott Liell, Camille & Matthew Liberti,
 Rosemarie Liberti, Michael Lobisano, John
 Henry Loria, Catherine Marra,
 Rosa Matraschia, Trudy McGranaghan.
 Beatrice McKenna, Lucia Montella,
 Mother Angelica, Rose Muia,
 James Nolam, Mario Regina O' Hannon,
 Cathy Petrik, Silvana Pintielli,
 Margaret Pinckney, Oronzo Pistanza,
 Robert Prestia, Susan Purdy,
 Connie Puzzo, Caterina Ruggeri,
 Frances Ryan, Armando Sariano,
 Elisa Sciascai, 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...

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.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues. Mar. 9, Financial Planning Workshop

Wed. Mar. 10 Pro-Life Ministry Meeting at 8:30p.m. Rectory.

Fri. Mar. 13 Sports Program Card Party

Tues. Mar. 16, Pastoral Council meets at 7:30p.m. Rectory
 Parish Picnic Committee meeting at 9p.m. Rectory.

REGISTRATION FOR ST. ATHANASIUS SCHOOL CONTINUES THIS WEEK 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:
 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 the grace of Lenten repentance may lead our society that devalues human life through abortion and euthanasia, to renewal.

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.

Maria Matrascia accepts the cup at the Saturday 5:30pm Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD WILL BEGINS THIS SUNDAY 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.

LENTEN BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY MARCH 28th 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 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, 23rd Ave & 85th 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.

A NEW CIBORIUM WAS DONATED

In loving memory of MARIA Y. UTTARO-SOLLITO

Love Mom and Dad Uttaro

A CIBORIUM WAS REFIRBISHED

In memory of INA & FRANCIS SPERO and PARENTS

THE LOWER CHURCH PASCHAL CANDLE IS AVAILABLE FOR MEMORIALIZATION for a donation of \$200. Your intention will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for the entire Easter Season and a plaque will be placed near the Paschal Candle stand. If you are interested, please call ext. 24 of the rectory to reserve the candle.

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.**

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.

VIA CRUCIS OGNI VENERDI' Durante la Quaresima in preparazione per la Santa Pasqua, Ogni Venerdì, alle 8:00PM si recita La Via Crucis interamente in lingua Italiana nella chiesa di sopra. 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. La prossima Domenica, il 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

ISCRIZIONE ALLA NOSTRA SCUOLA La scorsa settimana si è tenuta l'iscrizione per il prossimo anno scolastico alla scuola cattolica della nostra parrocchia di Sant'Atanasio. Se siete interessati ad iscrivere i vostri bambini nella nostra scuola siete pregati di mettervi in contatto con l'ufficio della scuola per prenotarvi e per chiedere quali documenti sono necessari per l'iscrizione. Il numero della scuola è (718) 236-4791.

CANDELE PASQUALI Se siete interessati a scrivere il nome di un vostro defunto oppure una vostra intenzione sulle candele che si usano per le Messe celebrate nella chiesa di giù siete gentilmente pregati di telefonare in rettoria. Ogni donazione è di \$200 per candela ed abbiamo bisogno di due donazioni per candela. La vostra intenzione sarà pubblicata sul bollettino parrocchiale e scritta su una targa che rimarrà in chiesa durante l'anno.

GRAZIE! Grazie a tutti quelli che hanno tanto lavorato per i nuovi altari ai lati della Chiesa di giù. Sono un vero capolavoro! Un grazie anche alle brave sarte che hanno tanto lavorato per cucire le tende che abbelliscono questi altari. Grazie alle Signore Idola Tirabassi e Carmela, e alla Signora Fina Parasole che ha messo a disposizione la sua macchina per cucire. Il vostro lavoro è molto apprezzato!

TRIDUO PASQUALE (Italian Triduum) La G.I.S.A. ha organizzato un triduo pasquale durante la settimana santa per Lunedì, Martedì, e Mercoledì il 5, 6, e 7 d' Aprile alle ore 8 di sera. Il celebrante del triduo sarà il Rev. Renee Manenti, padre scalabriniano. Il triduo si svolgerà ogni sera con la Santa Messa e l'omelia di Padre Renee sulla passione, morte e resurrezione di Gesù. Le confessioni saranno ascoltate prima e dopo la Santa Messa nella chiesa di sopra.

EL TIEMPO DE CUARESMA Año tras año, la iglesia nos recuerda sobre la vida de nuestro Señor por medio de las fiestas litúrgicas. 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 prepararnos para la Pascua y conmemorar la Pasión haciendo 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:** Miércoles 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. **Oración:** La Cuaresma es una época para dar más tiempo a la oración. Las prácticas tradicionales incluyen lecturas de las escrituras, el Via Crucis y la participación 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.

AFTERNOON OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN 18 to 30 YEARS OF AGE here at St. A's Convent, Sunday March 14 from 3-6p.m. Interested? Call Sr. Mary Walsh at 516-536-0551

THANK YOU TO OUR GOLDEN AGE CLUB FOR DONATING \$1,750 DOLLARS TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF NEW FOLDING CHAIRS FOR THE AUDITORIUM.

DIVORCED & SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP meets this Wed. March 10, at 7³⁰-p.m. in the Nazareth Institute.

PRAYING THROUGH GRIEF AND LOSS providing time & space to recognize the reality of grief, in a safe & nurturing environment meets on March 18, March 25 & April 1 at 7:30p.m. in the rectory basement.

BOWLING FOR BENSONHURST VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE Sun. Mar. 14 7am to 9am at Maple Lanes. For info call 718-837-5032.

