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This week we have TWO, two sided inserts.

We did not order a separate Christmas bulletin. We will use Sunday December 19th's for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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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 DECEMBER 19: *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
O Root of Jesse, who stands for an Ensign of the peoples, before whom kings are mute and to whom the nations will do homage: Come quickly to deliver us.

8:30 Josephine & Vito DeMola
 10:00 Rosary Society- Edith Sheehan
 10:00 SPANISH MASS – Lower Church
 11:30 Purgatorial Society
 11:30 ITALIAN- Francesco Banca
 6:00 John & Ann Marie Franco

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20: "O Key of David"

O Key of David and Scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can close, you close and no one can open: Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and in the shadow of death.

7:00 Sarah Caleca
 9:00 Maria & Nicola Morena and
 Carmela & Andrew Serao

NOVENA AFTER MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21: "O Dayspring"

O Dayspring, Splendor of Light everlasting: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

7:00 Santo & Anna Ammirabile
 9:00 Frank Pasquale

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22: "O King"

O King of the nations, the Ruler they long for, the Cornerstone uniting all people: Come and save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

7:00 Edgar Zorn
 9:00 Giovanni Furio

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23: "O Emmanuel"

O Emmanuel, our King and our Lord, the Anointed for the nations and their Savior: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

7:00 Michael & Paul DeRienzo and Bernice Caravello
 9:00 Giuseppe Giampiccolo

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24: "O Wisdom"

O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

7:00 MASS INTENTION AVAILABLE
 9:00 MASS INTENTION AVAILABLE
 4:30 Andrew Harkness
 8pm Mass for Baby Jesus from Carlos Gualpa
 9pm Korean Mass (Lower Church)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25: Christmas

12a.m. (English) Rosemarie Gentile (Upper Church)
 12a.m. (Italian) Francesco DiMaggio (Lower Church)

8:30 Julia Correria
 10:00 Anthony Leonardi
 11:30 (Bilingual: English & Italian)
 Antonina & Nicholas Marchese (Upper Church)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26 Holy Family Sunday

8:30 Joseph Zorn
 10:00 Christine, Joseph & Albert Niciforo
 10:00 SPANISH MASS (Lower Church)
 11:30 Purgatorial Society
 11:30 ITALIAN- Vito, Nicolina, & Vincenzo Ruvolo
 6:00 Frank, Fortunata & Carmela Ingrati

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."

SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE WEEK – *donated in loving memory of Giuseppe Giaquinta requested by wife Tina & children.*

SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE WEEK – *donated in loving memory of Anthony Risorto requested by Ann Centorrino.*

HOSTS FOR THE WEEK- *donated in loving memory of Michael Maffai requested by wife Angela & Children.*

WINE FOR THE WEEK – *donated in loving memory of Charlotte Lynch requested by husband Walter.*

ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK- *donated in loving memory of Charlotte requested by husband Walter.*

THE PINK ADVENT WREATH CANDLE *donated in loving memory of Lisa DiGiacomo. Like this pink candle, Lisa stood out to me. Requested by a friend.*

THE PURPLE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES ARE LIT

*For the intentions of the Maniscalco Family.
 For the living & deceased of the Catusco Family.
 Gracias a San Martin por darnos los respuestos de nuestros oraciones durante el Novena, pedido por las Familias Navarette, Huerta, y Maldonado.*

WELCOME, we're glad you're here! If this is the first time you have been to St. A's in a while, welcome back! We promise that if you keep your heart and mind open to God, you'll find what you're looking for. **Would you like to talk to someone?** We're here to listen and help if we can. Just call us at the Rectory when you're ready. In the meantime, remember that you are always prayed for and that it is our hope to pray with you each week.

OUR CALL TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION – 12/12/2004: \$7,929.00
 COLLECTION- Last Year: \$7,110.00
 AVG. WEEKLY EXPENSES \$10,500.00

PLEASE HELP US DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS Christmas flower offering envelopes have been placed next to all our bulletins. They can be placed in the Sunday collection.

As you browse through the stores lit with green & red, & you hear Christmas carols over & over in your head, please think about St. A's parish & consider giving a CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE CHURCH. Think about our work, about the children who count on us, & we're there. Think about the adults, who, through us, can hope for brighter ways, & the ability to cope. **MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE CHURCH** envelopes are next to all our bulletins.

CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHTS, next to the rectory, will be lit Sat. Dec. 18th. You can purchase a light on this tree for that "difficult to shop for" someone. Gifts can be in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a marriage or anniversary or engagement. We provide you with a gift card & all intentions will be placed on a plaque next to the tree. The tree remains lit until January 9, 2005. **THE TREE OF LIGHTS request form is next to the bulletins. PLEASE RESERVE YOUR LIGHTS NO LATER THAN SUN. DEC. 19th.** Any lights purchased after Dec. 19th will not appear on that plaque.

THE HOMELESS OUTREACH MINISTRY would like to thank the owners of Rimini Bakery at Bay Parkway and Bay Ridge Ave. for graciously allowing us to heat the donated food in their oven. Their cooperation makes our ministry possible. Your patronage is an expression of our gratitude.

THANK YOU to Giancarla Ciaramitaro for donating a new refrigerator to the Nazareth Institute. **THANK YOU** to the Rosary Society for donating \$2,000 as a Christmas gift to the parish. **THANK YOU** to G.I.S.A. for donating \$Q1,000 as a Christmas gift to the parish. **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO TONY VIGILANTE WHO REFINISHED AND REFURBISHED OUR PULPIT IN THE LOWER CHURCH SO THAT IT MATCHES THE COLOR OF THE ALTAR, PRESIDER'S CHAIR, DEACON'S CHAIR & ASSISTANT MINISTERS BENCHES.** Since this is the pulpit from our original church, it took Tony days to complete the work & repairs. Thank you Tony! You minister to us in the true spirit of San Giuseppe!

DID YOU REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION? Our Religious Education program is now in session and we still have seats! Please call the Religious Education office at 718.331.8811 beginning Jan. 3, 2005!



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, priests, policemen or hospital staff either are "on call and ready" or work while others sleep. Military service members know about night time operations, about standing watches through the night, about the special dangers that may be theirs during the night. Many members of our parish community are serving in Iraq & other areas. **In an effort to support the soldiers & their families here,** we ask that you call our Pastoral Counseling Office at 718.236.4973 and leave the service person's name, the branch of the service and the name of the family name. Please SPELL all names.

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

In your kindness please pray for those who are sick

Louise Antrinoro, Guy Ateniase
 Carmela Attanasio, John Brown,
 Cameron Calderon, Judith Camminite,
 Carmine Cava, Peter Cianciotta,
 Alexandra Cortes, Katherine Casey,
 Mildred Cortese, Bruce Dalton,
 Carolyn D'Antonio, Laura D'Antonio,
 Marie D'Atre, Paul DeFilippis,
 Eleanor DiLuise, Todd DeMayo,
 Philomena DiCurcio, Susan DiFabio,
 Roger Esposito, Debbie Ferrara,
 Calogero Gambino, Filippo Gambino,
 Josephine Giuffrida, Diana Ingravallo,
 Camille Liberti, Rosemarie Liberti,
 John Henry Loria, Gabriela Luciano,
 Adrienne Marciano, Maria Mariano,
 Catherine Marra, Grace Martino,
 Maria Matrascia, Antoinette Martino,
 Trudy McGranaghan, Beatrice McKenna,
 Sal Mendola, Jacob Merkouris,
 Joseph Midolo, Lucia Montella,
 Josephine Morrone, Carol Muffoletto,
 Mario Regina O' Hannon, Edgard & Diana
 Matos, Robin Price, Richie Pallarino
 Silvana Pintielli, Alberta Piscioti,
 Connie Puzzo, Perry Roszczy, Mary Rollo,
 Caterina Ruggeri, Frances Ryan, Elisa
 Sciascia, Armando Sariano,
 Lucille Satriano, Rita Schettini,
 Charles Seidenberg, Gerry Sullivan,
 Maria Tardio, Ethel Thomas,
 Elvira Venezia.

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

Pedro Suazo, Silvio DelRosso,
We send our prayers & condolences to the deceased's family.

TO ADD A NAME, please call ext. 44 on Monday, spelling the name. (When you call & hear "Thank you for calling St. Athanasius Church," hit 44 during that greeting.) **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.**

EXPLORING THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH AS A WAY OF LIFE: A retreat for young women. If you could make a difference in today's world, would you? Would you choose to live & work to bring all people into unity with God & one another? If your answer is yes, come & explore the possibility of living out your Baptismal Call as a Sister of Saint Joseph. For more information & to register contact Sister Mary Walsh 516-483-6799 or email vocationscj@aol.com

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.

THURSDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE REFLECTION & FAITH SHARING GROUP meets every Thurs. after the 9a.m. Mass in the Nazareth Institute to discuss the upcoming Sunday's Bible readings.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is celebrated three Sundays a month at the 10a.m. Mass. Children leave the main church to hear the scripture readings from a children's bible & then a homily.

WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE SUNDAY READINGS? Visit <http://liturgy.slu.edu/> and www.lectorprep.org/ each week to prepare for Sunday Mass. **WANT A DAILY REFLECTION ON THE READINGS?** Visit www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html

DO YOU NEED A MINISTER OF CARING? Is someone in your family ill, 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

THE YOUTH PROGRAM IS HAVING A TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY TAJ MAHAL on Sun. Jan. 16. 2005. The Return is \$15. Bus costs \$26 & leaves from St. A's at 10a.m. For tickets call Vinnie Principe at 331-5316 or Joe Russotti 259-6958.

OUR ADDITIONAL COOKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED and will be on sale after Masses this week AGAIN! It makes a great gift or stocking stuffer for one and all. **We have 100 copies, so get your while supplies last!** **THERE WILL BE NO MORE PRINTINGS!**

FREE CRAFTMATIC TWIN SIZE BED in perfect condition from a parishioner. Have to pick up bed with mattress. Call Haydee Gratzter at 917-364-6989.

A NEW LUNA HOLDER (the gold case that holds a large host used for Benediction) HAS BEEN DONATED
In memory of the ITALIANO FAMILY.

A NEW CHALICE, PYX, & CHASUABLE HAS BEEN DONATED IN MEMORY OF MARIA PANETTA by Anna Panetta.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY THE ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY, sponsored by G.I.S.A. (Gruppo Italiano Sant' Atanasio) Sunday Dec. 19th at 6p.m. in the Lower Church. An offering of \$10 per person is being requested. **If you didn't get a ticket, YOU CAN STILL ATTEND TODAY.**

Did you forget about our ADVENT GIVING TREE?

We invite you to take an ornament off of our ADVENT GIVING TREE, next to St. Joseph's Altar. These gifts are for the struggling families of our sister parish ST. JOHN CANTIUS in East New York. Please attach your ornament to your **WRAPPED** gift & bring your gift to the rectory by 8:30p.m. on Monday Dec. 20. **ONLY NEW GIFTS ARE NEEDED!**

POPE JOHN PAUL II HAS PROCLAIMED THIS YEAR AS "THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST." In his letter entitled: "On the Eucharist in its relationship to the Church," the Holy Father writes: "The Church draws its life from the Eucharist." How true this is! We receive the Lord Jesus in a most intimate way in Holy Communion & when we pray before the Tabernacle we are able to be in his presence whenever we choose. As we begin our observance of this Year of the Eucharist here at St. A's, we pray that God will bring each of us closer to Christ and to one another. **Stay tuned for our weekly bulletin column entitled: YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST.**

HOW DO WE RECEIVE COMMUNION IN THE HAND? When receiving communion in the hand, we approach the priest or Eucharistic minister with one hand resting on the other, palm up. The minister says: "The Body of Christ," we bow our head for a moment, raise our head, looking into the eyes of the minister or priest and we respond 'Amen.' After the priest or minister has placed the consecrated host in our hand, we step to one side and reverently place the host in our mouth. Only after placing the host in our mouth do we move to receive from the cup.

EVANGELIZATION MADE EASY Take an extra bulletin with you as you leave church today. Give it to a new neighbor as an invitation to worship & pray with us. Bring it to a parishioner who is sick and can not longer make it to church to keep that person in touch with the parish family.

JANUARY 1, 2005, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a Holy Day but the obligation to celebrate Mass is lifted. Why? Because the Holy Day falls on a Saturday, however, here at St. A's we will celebrate Mass on

Friday December 31 at 5:30p.m.

Saturday January 1 at 9a.m. in English and

at 11:30a.m. in English & Italian.

WE HAVE MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Friday December 24 at 7a.m. & 9a.m.

7a.m. Masses on January 17, -21, 25-28, all in 2005.

BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS will be celebrated on Sunday January 9, 2005 at the 11:30a.m. All baby's baptized here at St. A's & any church, are invited, with their parents & Godparents, to receive a special blessing. If interested, call ext. 44 of the rectory & leave the baby's name.

Dal nostro DIACONO DANTE COLANDREA

Riflessione del mese di Dicembre

MESE DELL'IMMACOLATA E DEL SANTO NATALE

IV DOMENICA D'AVVENTO - PREPARIAMO LE VIE DEL SIGNORE. Al popolo d'Israele, oppresso dalla schiavitù babilonese, il Profeta Isaia da' un lietissimo annuncio: e' prossima la liberazione. Il Signore stesso verra' in mezzo al suo popolo come Pastore buono che ha cura del debole, come Padre misericordioso che perdona i peccati, come Dio forte che sconfigge i nemici. I prescelti da Dio, pero' devono impegnarsi a preparare la strada del Signore e a togliere tutti gli ostacoli del male mediante una vera conversione. PREPARIAMO I NOSTRI CUORI Il Signore vuole trovare una via per entrare nei nostri cuori e dimorarvi. La voce grida nel deserto; "Preparate una strada appianata" Questa voce giunge prima all'orecchio e dopo, o meglio attraverso l'ascolto, la parola penetra l'intelletto. Preparate, dice la voce, una strada al Signore. Quale via gli prepareremo? Una strada materiale? Ma la parola di Dio puo' richiedere una simile via? Non occorre piuttosto preparare al Signore una via interiore e tracciare nel nostro cuore delle strade diritte, piane? Si, questa e' la via per cui la Parola di Dio si introduce per stabilirsi nel cuore dell'umanita'. Prepariamo una via al Signore con una buona coscienza, rendiamo piana la strada perche' il Bambino Gesu' possa camminare in noi senza difficolta' e donarci conoscenza dei suoi misteri e della sua venuta. VIENI SIGNORE GESU' Vieni signore Gesu' Perche' otteniamo il perdono dei nostri peccati e la purificazione da tutte le nostre colpe. Perche' otteniamo l'aumento della fede e della nostra adesione alla volonta' di Dio. Perche' otteniamo l'aumento della speranza nei beni eterni promessi da Dio. Perche' otteniamo l'aumento della carita' e della grazia che ci rendono conformi alla santita' di Dio. O Dio onnipotente che ci chiami a preparare la via al Cristo Signore, fa che per la debolezza della nostra fede non ci stanchiamo di attendere la consolante presenza del Medico Celeste. Per Cristo nostro Signore. Amen.

OGGI DOMENICA, 19 DICEMBRE - GIORNO DI PREGHIERA PER L'AVVENTO QUI A SANT'ATANASIO INIZIANDO DOPO LA MESSA DELLE 11:30AM NELL'AUDITORIO DELLA NOSTRA SCUOLA. COLLOQUI E PREGHIERE IN INGLESE, ITALIANO E SPAGNOLO. SI TERRANNO 2 COLLOQUI, LA PREGHIERA DI MEZZOGIORNO, VESPI, E L'ADORAZIONE DEL SANTISSIMO SACRAMENTO. SEGUIRA' IL PRANZO E UNO SPAZIO DI TEMPO PER POTER CONOSCERE E FAR AMICIZIA CON GLI ALTRI PARTECIPANTI.

CONCERTO NATALIZIO – Oggi, Domenica 19 Dicembre alle 6:00PM G.I.S.A. (Gruppo Italiano Sant'Atanasio) presenta **The Italian Opera Company** diretta da Nina di Gregorio in un concerto natalizio nella chiesa sottopiano accanto al Presepio. L'offerta per il biglietto e' di \$10. Venite numerosi.

MESSA DI MEZZANOTTE CON II TENORE CARLO LAURICELLA E CON VIOLINISTA– Come di tradizione Venerdì, 24 Dicembre la Santa Messa sara' celebrata a mezzanotte in lingua Italiana nella chiesa di giu'. Il coro

iniziera' a cantare alle 11:30PM. Siamo orgogliosi che il tenore **Carlo Lauricella** cantera' a questa Messa. Ci sara' anche il violinista **Sergio Kogut**.

SABATO, 25 DICEMBRE giorno di Natale, la Messa delle 11:30AM sara' concelebrata nella chiesa di sopra.

DOMENICA, 26 DICEMBRE, festa della Sacra Famiglia, avremo, per la prima volta, la possibilita' di avere il presepe nel cortile della scuola al completo con l'asinello, galline, pecorelle, e capretti proprio come creato da San Francesco. Gi animali arriveranno alle 10am e resteranno fino all'una e trenta del pomeriggio. Portate la vostra famiglia per fotografie e video accanto al nostro "presepe vivente".

GRAZIE a tutti coloro che hanno mostrato la loro generosita' durante la raccolta di giocattoli e regali per i bambini bisognosi della parrocchia di Saint John Cantius. La vostra generosita' e' molto apprezzata.

GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA – Siamo lieti di annunciare che durante quest'Avvento e' iniziato qui nella nostra parrocchia un gruppo di preghiera in lingua Italiana diretto del Reverendo Padre Steven Aguggia, direttore dell'Apostolato Italiano. Unitevi a questo gruppo per pregare!

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2004**Christmas Eve, December 24, 2004 (Friday)***No Confessions today.*

4:30p.m.- Family Mass with Christmas Pageant, Children's Hand bell Choir - Upper Church

8:00p.m. - Spanish Mass with Choir –Upper Church

9:00p.m. - Korean Mass with Choir- Lower Church

11:30p.m.- Christmas Carols sung by Choir (English) – Upper Church

12a.m. Midnight Mass in English with Choir- Upper Church

11:30p.m.- Christmas Carols sung by Choir (Italian)- Lower Church.

12a.m. Midnight Mass in Italian with Choir- Lower Church

Christmas Day, December 25, 2004 (Saturday)

8:30a.m. - English Mass with Christmas Carols

10a.m. – English Mass with Christmas Carols

11:30a.m.- Bilingual Mass (English & Italian) with Christmas Carols.

All Masses in UPPER CHURCH Christmas Day.

No Confessions today. No 10a.m. Spanish Mass today. No 11:30a.m. Italian Mass today.

No 5:30p.m. or 6p.m. Mass today.

Sunday December 26, 2004 Holy Family Sunday

Live animals in our outdoor Nativity, corner of Bay Parkway and 61st Streets, from 10a.m. to 1:30p.m.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH, INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Saint Athanasius Parish Restoration Campaign

Brooklyn, New York Issue #15 December 18/19, 2004

HELP US REACH \$1 MILLION!

To date, 470 parish families – 39% of our parish family – have pledged more than \$975,000! We thank all who have so generously given to the Campaign, and list their names on this newsletter.

It's not too late to participate, and help us pass the \$1 Million mark! To make your pledge or one-time gift, please use a pledge envelope (found in the back of the church) or use the form at the bottom of this newsletter.

YOUR GENEROSITY CAN – and WILL – MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

As the end of the year approaches, remember: annual payments toward your pledge are tax-deductible!

PLEDGE FORM

Please complete and return to the Rectory.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Pledge Amount: \$ _____

Down Payment: \$ _____

No. of payments: _____

Bill me: (circle one) monthly quarterly semi-annually annually one-time gift

Over a period of (circle one) 1 / 2 / 3 / years

THANK YOU!

Sr. Anne Maureen	Mr. Joseph J. Barreca	Mr. Joseph Buoncore	Marichu Chu	Mrs. Michael Damiano
M/M Michael Abatemarco	M/M James Barreca	Ms Josephine Buono	M/M Kenneth Church	M/M Gregory D'Angelo
M/M Joseph Acciarito	Mr. William Basso	Ms Ann Cagnetto	Ms Giancarla Ciaramitaro	M/M Gennaro DeGregorio
M/M Philip Acciarito	Mrs. Leonard Battista	M/M Richard Calabrese	M/M Angelo Ciliberti	Rosa & Flora DeLeonibus
M/M Joseph Agoglia	Mr. Frank Battista	M/M Louis Calarco	Mr. Carl Circosta	M/M Michael DeLuca & Family
M/M Patrick Ahern	Ms Theresa Beddingfield	M/M Salvatore Cali	Ms Marie Clancy	Mrs. Frank DeMarco
Ms Dawn Aiello	Ms Patricia Bell	M/M Salvatore Cali	Ms Nancy Colabufò	Ms Ann Marie DeMartino
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M/M Raymond Alessi	Ms Virginia Bloch	Ms Norma Cancellieri	M/M Robert V. Collette, Sr.	M/M Mario DePinto
M/M Anthony Alfieri	M/M Giacomo Boccuzzi	M/M Frank Cangiarella	Ms Joyce Collier	Dolores & Lucy DeRienzo
M/M Aldo E. Alleva, Sr.	M/M Richard Bogdan	M/M Phil Canto	Ms Kathryn Colucci	Ms Patricia Deasey
M/M Michael Amato	M/M Vitantonio Bolognini	Ms Debra Capone	Ms Theresa Coluccio	The Del Re Family
Mrs. Patricia Amico	Ms Rosaria Bonsignore	M/M Antonio Caruso	Ms Nick Comes	M/M Anthony DeRossa
Anonymous	M/M Julius Bowens	Ms Kathleen Casey	M/M Joseph Comi	Mr. Jose Luis DeValle
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M/M John Astarita	Ms Ann Briscece	M/M Andrzej Cebula	M/M Joseph Crimi	M/M Anthony Di Fiore
M/M Ciro Autoaro	Mrs. Jean Bruccoleri	M/M Charles Cerami	Mrs. Carmela Crupi	M/M Antonino Di Giovanni
M/M Vincent Azzarelli	Ms Joanne Bruccoleri	Ms Lucrezia Cetta	M/M John Cuccaro	M/M Palmerino Di Rende
Mr. Andrew Balzano	Mrs. Frank Bruno	M/M John Chiarello	M/M Ralph Dacchille	M/M Edmund DiGiacomo
M/M Francesco Barbaro	Mr. Daniel Buckley	M/M Sebastian Chiarello	Mr. Thomas F. Dalton	Ms Crocetta DiStefano
Mr. Joseph Barbieri	Ms Joan Buhrman	Ms Donna Chiarini		
Ms Ferma L. Barone	M/M John C. Buoncore	M/M Anthony Chicchetti		

Mr. Anthony Dolce
 M/M John Domanico
 M/M Matt Donlon
 Mrs. Anna Donnarumma
 Ms Aida Elkins-Sammara
 Ms Marie Esemplare
 M/M Anthony Esposito
 Ms Rosalba Fantini
 M/M Joseph Federico
 M/M Michael Felcetto
 Mr. Saverio Felitto
 Ms Maria T. Felix
 Mr. Carlos Felix
 M/M Ferdinando Felletti
 Ms Victoria Ferigno
 M/M Vincent Ferran
 M/M Anthony Ferrara
 Ms Deborah Ferrara
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**“Brother and sister birds, you should praise your Creator and always love him: He gave you feathers for clothes, wings to fly and all other things that you need.” —
Saint Francis of Assisi**

Did you know that St. Francis created the First Nativity?

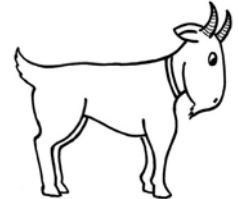
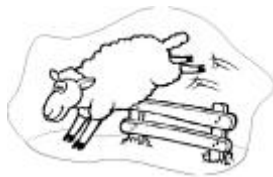
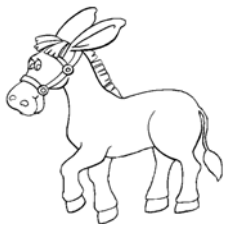
In Francis' time, many people could not read. Francis wanted to re-create the Nativity so people could understand the meaning of Christmas, so, in 1223, on a hill near a church in Greccio, the first Nativity re-enactment was conceived. Francis and his friars took an ox, donkey and a trough filled with hay and re-enacted the scene. Soon after, the tradition of a living Nativity spread across Italy and all of Europe. Thanks to Francis, the Nativity scene is brought to life every year from every corner of the world and now here at St. A's!

JOIN US ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

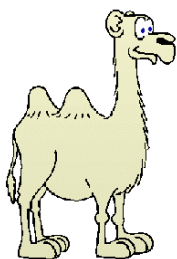
Sunday December 26

from 10a.m. until 1:30p.m.

**in our outdoor Nativity,
at the corner of 61st Street & Bay Parkway.**



**Come and meet our Christmas donkey, chickens, sheeps, and goats!
Take a picture or video as a family, in the Nativity.
Sit on our life size camel, stand next to our Wise Men,
(who got to Bensonhurst a little early!)
and experience the Nativity as Saint Francis intended!**





Come join us!



**Brooklyn West Cluster's
Third Annual Solemn Celebration of**

Lessons & Carols



Sunday, December 19

4:00 P.M.

St. Mary Mother of Jesus R.C. Church

*Combining musical talents of the adults and
children from the parishes:*



St. Athanasius
St. Finbar
St. Mary Mother of Jesus
Regina Pacis

