

## 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. Anointing of the Sick at Mass may be celebrated before you go into the hospital. Directly inform one of our priests or call ext.24.(Pastoral Ministry)

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### **SUNDAY, March 15, 2009** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

8:30 Anna Ammirabile  
 10:00 Rosary Society & Madeline Leo  
 11:30 Purgatorial Society & Louis Iadanza  
 11:30 Italian Mass (Lower Church) Domenico DiGiorgio  
 1:00pm Spanish Mass (Upper Church)  
 6:00 Vincenzo & Rosario Gagliardi

#### **MONDAY, March 16, 2009**

7:00 Angelo Tedeschi  
 8:45 Morning Prayer  
 9:00 Rosa & Salvatore Vincenti (Anniversary)

#### **TUESDAY, March 17, 2009** *St. Anthony Novena begins*

7:00 Angelina Corrado *St. Patrick's Day*  
 8:45 Morning Prayer  
 9:00 Mary Tuohy DeMola  
 (St. Anthony 13 Tuesdays, Week # 1)  
 7:00pm St. Anthony Novena

#### **WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2009**

7:00 Jennie Dijols  
 8:45 Morning Prayer  
 9:00 Anthony & David D'Amico, Madeline & Thomas Greco  
 7:30 Lenten Vespers

#### **THURSDAY, March 19, 2009** *St. Joseph's Day*

7:00 Terry Orcuilo & Thanksgiving to St. Joseph  
 8:45 Morning Prayer  
 9:00 Giuseppe Gambino  
 8pm (Italian) Mass in Honor of St. Joseph  
 Raffaella Innamorato & Rosa Luigi Rotondo

#### **FRIDAY, March 20, 2009**

7:00 Norine Farrell  
 8:45 Morning Prayer  
 9:00 Frank Bruno, Rose DeVita  
 3:00pm English Stations of the Cross (Upper Church)  
 7:00 Spanish Stations of the Cross (Lower Church)  
 7:30 Italian Stations of the Cross (Upper Church)

#### **SATURDAY, March 21, 2009**

8:45 Morning Prayer  
 9:00 Giovanni & Guido Moriano & Family  
 10:30 Memorial Mass: Helen & Peter Trasko  
 5:30pm Jennie & Thomas tanzi, Giovanna & Francesca Gentile

#### **SUNDAY, March 22, 2009** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

8:30 Frank Principe, Sr.  
 10:00 Maryann Donadio  
 11:30 Purgatorial Society  
 11:30 Italian Mass (Lower Church) Ignazio Ilardi  
 1:00pm Spanish Mass (Upper Church)  
 6:00 Frances Merendino

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE 11:30a.m. MASS**

THIS SUNDAY, at the 11:30a.m. Mass, we will use the CYCLE A READINGS. These readings can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

**HOSTS FOR THE WEEK-** *donated in loving memory of Antonio Sigona requested by Sigona Family.*

**WINE FOR THE WEEK -** *donated in loving memory of Frank Catapano requested Gloria Bartiromo & Mary Capuccio.*

**ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK -** *donated in loving memory of Anthony John Valentine requested by his mother.*

**SANCTUARY LAMPS** *One sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of Guy Ateniese requested by wife, Grace and children. The other sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of Paula Davis requested by Elaine M. & Linda S.*

#### **OUR CALL TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

Loving God, we give in confidence, knowing the seeds we plant today will sprout and produce a harvest that will feed body, mind and soul and "as each has received a gift, we use it for one another as good stewards of God's blessings." (1 Peter 4:10)

**MARCH 8, 2009** \$10,630

**LAST YEAR** \$8,804

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.

**MSGR. CASSATO informed us on Sunday March 1 that our weekly collection is down \$16,000 for September 08 to February 09 compared to the same time last year. He is asking us to increase our weekly offering by \$1, so we can be back on track with our collections. THANK YOU!**

**GET READY FOR EASTER: Make a good Lenten Confession!**

Throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn, Holy Monday, April 6,  
Confessions will be heard ALL day in EVERY Catholic Church.

**Here at St. A's, Confessions will be heard after the 7:30a.m. Mass &  
after the 9a.m. Mass until 9p.m.**

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES** – if you are in need of purchasing gifts for a first communion or confirmation, Monsignor Cassato invites you to purchase religious before or after Mass in the Upper Church Narthex until Easter.

**ST. ATHANASIUS SCHOOL NEWS**

**NEW REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2009 IS STILL TAKING PLACE as follows in St. Athanasius School:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9-11a.m. and 1-2p.m.

Wednesday 9-11a.m.

**Registration will be for all grades, Nursery through Seventh Grade.**

Please bring the following at the time of registration: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate (if Catholic), Immunization Data, Most recent report card (if applicable.) **THE FEE FOR SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS \$150 PER CHILD; this is due AT THE TIME YOU REGISTER. No cash will be accepted. Checks and money orders only!** We look forward to seeing you!

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Each Friday**

English Stations at 3p.m., Italian Stations at 8:00p.m. UPPER CHURCH

Spanish Stations 7p.m. LOWER CHURCH

**LENTEN VESPERS- Wednesday nights at 7:30p.m.**

Wednesday March 18- (We are unsure of the speaker) Theme *LIGHT*

Wednesday March 25- Fr. Kieran Harrington- Theme *DEATH*

Wednesday April 1- Sr. Virginia Downs, C.S.J.- Theme *LIFE*

**FR. RON'S LENTEN FILM SERIES**

**Tuesdays of Lent following the 9:00 am Mass in the Nazareth Institute**

**Theme : Finding Forgiveness and Reconciliation**

Tuesday March 17- "The Prodigal"

Tuesday March 24- "The Robe "

Tuesday March 31 -" Demetrius and the Gladiators"

**IT IS FINISHED: A PASSION PLAY FOR LENT**

Presented by the Glen Mohr Chorale

**Sunday March 29 at 3p.m.**, in our Upper Church.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

Our Diocesan Annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal begins. **Our IN-PEW SOLICITATION will take place on Sunday March 22.** St. A's has been assigned to raise **\$71,000**. Anything above the goal comes right back here to St. A's! The Diocese uses this money to subsidize parishes & schools that, without this financial assistance, would close. Other programs include those of Catholic Charities, the Seminary, Priest Spiritual and Theological Updating, the Religious Formation Office as well as the Catholic Schools Support Services Office. **Please be as generous as you can so that we can continue to offer services to those in desperate need of help in our Diocese.**

**CARD PARTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST. ATHANASIUS SCHOOL, Thursday April 30 at the Rex Manor. Tickets \$50.** To buy tickets, call St. Athanasius School during school office hours.

**ROSARY SOCIETY** We will have our monthly Mass on Sunday march 15<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m. Meeting will follow in the Parish Auditorium. This is our mass and meeting of reflection. We shall have a guest speaker. Light breakfast served. All women welcome!

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

Kathy Adams, Vivian & Antonio Antonelli,  
Catherine Arrighetta,  
Faith Arent, Kimberly Arent,  
Patricia Aurigemma, Maria Bogdan,  
Douglas Brock, Catherine Broderick,  
Joseph Cammarata, Gianna Marie  
Carlson, Judith Carminite,  
Michele Cassata, Ann Centorrino,  
Arthur Chapnick, Sebastian Chiarello,  
Carmela Colandrea, Vincenzo Coppolivo,  
Bruce Dalton, Victoria D'Errico,  
Celeste DeLeonardus, Joseph Delgado,  
Al DeMarco, Jr., Al DeMarco III,  
Louis DeMarco, John DeMarco,  
Joan Demeyer, Mario DePinto,  
Rachel DePinto, Catalina Diaz,  
Barbara Doyle, Maria Esemplare,  
Tina Esposito, Frances Falzetta,  
Helen Felcetto, Anthony Felicito,  
Marie Ferlazzo, Sylvia Fiorintino,  
Calogero Gambino, Lorraine Giodano,  
Sunday Giuffanti, Theresa Giuffanti,  
Gina Giuffanti, Aidan Hockenberry,  
Diana Ingravallo, Francesca Ingravallo,  
Carlo Ingravallo, John Jadzeewski,  
Neil Kelleher, Jean Kelly, Lawrence Klein,  
Lawrence Klein, Jr. Paul Kelleher,  
Stephen Kelleher, Marie Liberti,  
Richard Liberti, John Liberti,  
Jillian Lasinsky, Sandra Lazinsky,  
Avdy Llakucic, Ellen Mary MacDougall,  
Paul Marchese, Eleanor Marando,  
Rosalie Mazzalla, Grace Martino,  
Lucia Montella, Joe P., Vincent Paraspolo,  
Grace Pecorella, Cathy Petrik,  
Eric Brandon Pinzon, Grazia Russo,  
Fortunato Salzano, Maria Sassano,  
Ralph Satriano, Donna Schiavoe,  
Josephine Schiavo, Jada Sciacchatano,  
Paola Sorci, Carol Sidoti, Fran Sidorksy,  
Concetta Sottilaro, Dana Sottilaro,  
Philip Sottilaro, James Sweeney,  
Lauren Thurgood, William Thurgood,  
Peter Ypsilantis Amalia Vazquez,  
Rita Verde, Carla Vitucci,  
Angelina Vonelli, Leonard Walder,  
Lucy Wasieleski, Fanny Zacchino

**TO ADD A NAME, (or keep a name)** please call ext. 24 on Monday, spelling the name. **If you wish the name to remain on the list you must call each week.**

**AN ITALIAN SPEAKING PARISHIONER NEEDS A COMPANION FOR A FEW HOURS A DAY** If you can help, please give her daughter Katherine a call at 718.421.4287 or 917.645.5251.

**OUR NEW LENTEN PULPIT ANTEPENDIUM** is in memory of Phyllis & John Crawford. **OUR NEW LENTEN ALTAR CLOTH** is in memory of John C. Buoncore.

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

**DO YOU NEED A MINISTER OF CARING?** Is someone in your family ill, homebound, 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 Bensonhurst Cluster Lay Minister Palma Parmese at 718. 837.1752.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HERE IN ST. A'S RECTORY ON WEDNESDAYS from 9a.m. to 4p.m.** The Neighborhood Office is an extension of the District Attorney's Office's **Citizen Action Center**. You can discuss problems that concern you and our community with their staff members. **THE D.A.'S OFFICE IS LOCATED IN THE RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM. You can call them at 718.234.8709.**

### SUPPORT GROUPS HERE AT ST. A'S

**DIVORCED & SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP** Are you separated? Thinking about Divorce? In the midst of a Divorce? Already Divorced? Ending a long term relationship? We will meet in the Nazareth Institute on **Tuesday March 17** from 7:30-9p.m. Call AnnaMarie Scuteri at ext. 19 to get contact information of the Director of this support group.

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS** is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from a gambling problem. **WE HAVE A GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS GROUP HERE AT ST. A'S, meeting every Friday night at 7:30p.m. in the Nazareth Institute.**

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** Overeaters Anonymous members talk about their struggles with compulsive eating. **WE HAVE AN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS GROUP HERE AT ST. A'S, meeting every Wednesday night at 8:00p.m. in the Nazareth Institute.**

**IS YOUR LIFE EFFECTED BY SOMEONE WHO IS DRINKING? To help them, you first must help yourself.** Al-Anon helps families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem drinking of a relative or friend. Our **AL-ANON GROUP** meets here at St. A's every Friday at 8-9:30p.m. & Saturday at 7:30-9:30p.m. in the Nazareth Institute.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** meets twice a month on Fridays from 7:30-9:30p.m. in the Nazareth Institute's Bethany Room. For more information, call Andre at 646.236.4813.

**ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM through Catholic Charities** The program provides counseling, support, & treatment for those seeking help. Call 1.800.659.1603.

**SPORTS-O-RAMA IS HERE AGAIN! Spring Session Begins** Grades 2nd to 6th come join us every Wednesday Night in St. A's gym at 7pm for some fun. Registration fee \$15 Questions? Contact Donna at 718-331-8906.

**SISTER EDWARD MARGUERITE CSJ** died recently and her Funeral Mass was at the Sisters of St. Joseph's Mother House in Brentwood, Long Island. Msgr. Cassato concelebrated the Mass to represent the parish of St. A's. We offer the Sisters our condolences.

## EASTER IS COMING

**We have ordered our new Paschal Candle.**

Do you want to donate a memorial for this candle? Your intention will be printed in the bulletin for the entire Easter Season. You can place your **\$150** donation in an envelope and **PRINT** your memorialization on the envelope. You can drop the donation in the Sunday collection or at the rectory.

**WE ARE ALSO MAKING PLANS FOR OUR EASTER SEASON DECORATIONS** Envelopes for Easter Lillies are located next to the bulletins in our church. If you choose, you can place your donation in any envelope, write your name and address on the envelope, and return in the Sunday collection. These donation envelopes are placed on the altar during the Easter season along with your intentions for the decorations.

### FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

**DID YOU EVER RUN OUT OF FOOD & HAVE A HELPLESS FEELING KNOWING THAT IT WOULD BE 2 or 3 DAYS BEFORE YOU WERE PAID TO BUY MORE?** Many of our parishioners respond "yes," even here in Bensonhurst. The St. Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry assist those who say "yes." **WE NEED NON PERISHABLE FOOD EACH SUNDAY.** Please drop off some food at the **St. Joseph Altar** to help us feed the hungry.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

**ABSTINENCE:** All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to **ABSTAIN TOTALLY** from **MEAT ALL FRIDAYS** of Lent.

**FASTING:** All Catholics between the ages 18 and 59 are also bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY**. Fasting means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two very light meals are permitted.

**EASTER DUTY:** After a person has received First Communion, he or she must receive Communion at least once a year, during the Easter Season. The Easter Season begins with Easter Sunday (April 12) and continues until Pentecost Sunday June 7, 2009. Reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is encouraged during Lent, especially if you have been away from Sunday Mass.

**FRIENDS OF ST. BERNADETTE ASSOCIATION**  
**GOD BLESS OUR PARISH COMMUNITY for their kindness in providing new blankets in this cold weather to those less fortunate.** The Friends of St. Bernadette will remember your kindness and compassion for the poor and keep you in their prayers during this Lenten season.

**EASTER SUNDAY ITALIAN MASS INTENTION AVAILABLE** Mass at 11:30a.m. Donation is \$100.

**G.I.S.A. – Holy Week Triduum in Italian- April 6, 7, & 8, 2009. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week at 7:00pm.** Confessions before Mass. Homily by Rev. Father Rinaldo Vecchiato. All welcomed. [Monday- Lower Church, Tuesday & Wednesday – Upper Church].

**FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

We encourage you to talk about the readings & reflection question in the car on the way home from Mass, at dinner on Sunday, or at parish meetings. Faith sharing opens the door for us to meet, know & walk with Christ in our everyday lives.

**When has the message of the cross seemed overwhelming, and when have you seen its wisdom?**

**THURSDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE REFLECTION & FAITH SHARING GROUP** meets every Thursday, after the 9a.m. Mass, in the Nazareth Institute to discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scriptures. Join Lay Pastoral Leader Joe Barbieri for spirited discussions on next Sunday's Bible readings.

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH, AGES 8 - 14 (BOYS & GIRLS), WHO WOULD LIKE TO APPEAR IN OUR ANNUAL TALENT SHOW ON MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>.** Rehearsals taking place now! If interested, please call Michele at 718-236-0124 Tuesday and Thursday. If she is not available, please leave a message at the rectory for her.

**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. Please come in to the rectory and speak to **Marie Skroly, AnnaMarie Scuteri** or **Msgr. Cassato** to reserve your Tree of Life memorial.

**G.I.S.A –SAINT JOSEPH DINNER DANCE – G.I.S.A (GRUPPO ITALIANO SANT'ATANASIO) WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE IN HONOR OF SAINT JOSEPH, PATRON SAINT OF G.I.S.A. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009 AT 7:30pm IN PARISH HALL.** Hot food and beverage on all tables. Donation \$50 per person. The evening will be entertained by the Nino e Angelo Ingrati band. Tickets on sale before and after the Italian Mass. Freddie Felletti 718-614-9683, Maria Perniciaro (718- 351-4764), Maria Porcu' (718) 627-0387.

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION,** Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception Church in Jamaica, N.Y. Mass is celebrated with Bishop DiMarzio. **All couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> & 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries are invited to attend with their families.** If you are interested, please call the Pastoral Ministry Office on extension 24 of the rectory and leave your last name, husband & wife's first name, your address, phone number, and wedding date. **Registration must be done by Sunday March 22. We will mail out registrations the next day.**



**CAN YOU HELP SOME OF PASTORAL ASSOCIATE JOHN FRUNER'S STUDENTS SELL CHOCOLATE?** John's 8<sup>th</sup> graders need to sell 6 boxes of chocolate in order to get their graduation ring, robe, and pictures. John needs to sell his last 6 boxes. Each bar is a \$1. Could you sell a box (of 50), or any quantity? If you can help them out, please call Pastoral Associate John at 718.236.0124, ext. 24 or email him at [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com) **THE CHOCOLATE IS AT THE RECTORY AND BEING SOLD AT DEACON DANTE'S FIRST COMMUNION SALE TOO!**

**THE HOMELESS OUTREACH MINISTRY** is asking for volunteers, with cars, to come out on Saturday mornings to help feed the hungry and poor in Coney Island. Volunteers may come whenever it is convenient for them, and there is no obligation. Please call 718 236 0264.

**BLOOD DRIVE - March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am till 2pm** in the Parish Auditorium, sponsored by the St. Athanasius Holy Name Society. Blood supply in the NYC is very low so please show the St. A's spirit and try to donate a pint. Donors must be at least 18 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and have valid government issued Identification (State ID, Driver's license, or passport). For more information call Bill Finn at 718-236-6680.



**13 TUESDAYS IN HONOR OF ST. ANTHONY BEGIN Tuesday March 17 at the 9a.m. & at 7p.m.**

**IN ORDER FOR ONE OF OUR DESIGNATED PARISH MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS TO RESERVE ONE OF OUR ROOMS HERE AT ST. A'S** we require you to fill out our **PARISH CALENDAR & ROOM REQUEST FORM**. THE ROOM REQUEST FORM is available in the rectory or can be downloaded from our website. You can e-mail Joann Rubino at [joannr215@hotmail.com](mailto:joannr215@hotmail.com). **This is the ONLY way to reserve a room here at St. A's. Whatever group is listed on the parish calendar is the group that has the right to use that space. If you are not a designated ministry of our parish,** permission must be granted from our Pastor, Msgr. Cassato, a rental fee is paid, & a lease agreement completed in order to use space.

**SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES** The Sunday Bulletin must be e-mailed to our printer by 5p.m. Monday. **All announcements must be submitted in WRITTEN form only** (handwritten, typed, computer, fax, e-mailed, etc) **by 12 noon Monday.** Announcements received after the deadline will be published the following week. **No one on the parish staff will assume the responsibility for your ministry's articles.** Include your bulletin articles in your advance planning for your event. **ALL FLIERS NEED TO BE APPROVED BY A STAFF MEMBER, and MUST BE SUBMITTED ON DISC or E-mailed ONLY** to [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com). A submission form is also on our website on the **BULLETIN** tab. (<http://StAthanasiusNY.tripod.com>) **Please only email announcements to [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com).** Please do not email announcements to any other email. Thank you!

**CALLING ALL ST. A'S SCHOOL ALUMNI - WE NEED YOUR HELP! We want to form an Alumni**

**Association that can help keep St. A's School going strong!** Anyone who is interested in forming a committee to get this going is asked to contact Msgr. Cassato at 718.236.0124. Ext. 11 or email him at [StAthanasiusNY@hotmail.com](mailto:StAthanasiusNY@hotmail.com) In order to form a data base, we ask that you fill out this tear off and return it to the RECTORY. You may place it in the Sunday collection.

**ST. A'S SCHOOL ALUMNI**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**WONDER AND AWE IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

As we try to offer a refuge from the business and confusion of the world, we ask all our parishioners to **PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES BEFORE ENTERING CHURCH.** Likewise, we ask all to please refrain from **TEXT MESSAGING** anyone, especially those who are already here in St. Athanasius Church! Finally, **GUM CHEWING** is not acceptable at Mass or in church, even when it is removed just before Communion. The Church requires us to fast for one hour before receiving Communion (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1387), and we are to refrain from eating before we receive Communion. Gum chewing shows a lack of respect for the celebration of the Eucharist. **WE DO NOT BRING COFFEE, OTHER DRINKS, & FOOD *into* church.**

**CLUSTER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS****Our Cluster Youth Ministry Office has a website.**

Visit <http://brooklynym.tripod.com>

To contact *The Bensonhurst Cluster Youth Ministry Office* email [KenWodz@optonline.net](mailto:KenWodz@optonline.net). By phone call **718-234-0614**. In person visit The Libutti Center at 2001 Bay Ridge Pkwy, next to St. Dominic's Rectory.

**OVERNIGHT- LOCK IN RETREAT- MARCH 6-7TH**

Come join us from 7:30PM, until 9:30AM, no sleep, but lots of activities, where faith and fun become one. Hosted at St. Simon and Jude, space is limited to youth who are at least in 7th grade through high school. Need a permission slip and there is a \$10.00 cost. Apply today!!!

**EVERY TUESDAY- ST. FRANCES CABRINI YOUTH CENTER**

(7-9PM- Bay 11th and 86th St/16th Ave) Join us for indoor and outdoor fun, in a supervised, friendly environment with structured activities and/or a chance to just hang out and play football, pool, video games, and arts and crafts. Snack and drinks provided, onetime \$5.00 registration fee is required.

**FAITH FORMATION AT ST. DOMINIC'S EVERY OTHER**

**WEDNESDAY-** (Bay Ridge Pkwy and 20th Ave in the Libutti Center- 7-9PM)- Come to learn about your faith, meet others and have some fun in discovering things about self, life and God.

**YOUTH DRAMA GROUP-THE PASSION PLAYERS- 7-**

**9PM AT ST. FINBAR'S- Every Other Monday-** (Bay 20th and Bath Ave.) This drama group learns skills and performs mainly short plays throughout the year; new members are always welcome and needed.

**CAFÉ SOUL-** An opportunity to either perform or watch other young people share their interests and gifts in the field of music and the arts! Do you play an instrument, sing, dance, write or recite poetry, like to act, debate, need public practice time for forensics, tell jokes, juggle, then come to Café Soul and join your peers, and have some good entertainment. We have a mixing board, mics and speakers; you just bring yourself and your equipment, and plug in! The next Café Souls are scheduled for **March 13th, May 1st**. St. Simon and Jude hosts this event (Avenue T and Van Sicklen)

**SOS/ SERVICE SATURDAYS-** We can help to connect you individually to service programs such as helping out an elderly person in our community, to assisting at our Saturday Youth program which makes you a counselor in a three hour program for younger kids. Next scheduled Service days **March 21**, April 11, May 2nd.

**ST. A'S YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**  
**FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTER JOE BANKER**  
**718.236.0124 Ext. 27**

**MOVIE TUESDAYS at 7-8:30p.m.**

**Join us in our Parish Auditorium for a movie!**  
 Every Tuesday St. A's will be hosting our MOVIE NIGHT for all 6th-9th graders of the parish.



Parrocchia Sant'Atanasio

Bollettino Settimanale

Messa in Italiano ogni Domenica alle 11:30am (Chiesa di giu')

15 marzo 2009

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Quaresima

**SABATO, 21 MARZO 2009****G.I.S.A. GRUPPO ITALIANO SANT'ATANASIO PRESENTA  
ANNUALE FESTA SAN GIUSEPPE****FREDDIE FELLETI 718 - 614 - 9683****Dal nostro DIACONO DANTE COLANDREA****Riflessione del mese di marzo****SE I PECCATI FOSSERO PIETRE**

Due donne si recarono da un saggio, che aveva fama di santo, per chiedere qualche consiglio sulla vita spirituale.

Una pensava di essere una grande peccatrice.

Nei primi anni del matrimonio aveva tradito la fiducia del marito. Non riusciva a dimenticare quella colpa, anche se poi si era sempre comportata in modo irreprensibile, e continuava a torturarsi per il rimorso.

La seconda invece, che era sempre vissuta nel rispetto delle leggi, si sentiva perfettamente innocente e in pace con se stessa.

Il saggio si fece raccontare la vita da tutte e due.

La prima raccontò tra le lacrime la sua grossa colpa. Diceva singhiozzando, che per lei non poteva esserci perdono, perché troppo grande era il suo peccato.

La seconda disse che non aveva particolari peccati da confessare. Il sant'uomo si rivolse alla prima: "Figliola, vai a cercare una pietra, la più pesante e grossa che riesci a sollevare e portamela qui". Poi, rivolto alla seconda:

"E tu, portami tante pietre quante ne riesci a tenerne in grembo, ma che siano piccole". Le due donne si affrettarono ad eseguire l'ordine del saggio.

La prima tornò con una grossa pietra, la seconda con un'enorme borsa piena di piccoli sassi. Il saggio guardò le pietre e poi disse: "Ora dovete fare un'altra cosa: riportate le pietre dove le avete prese, ma badate bene di rimettere ognuna di esse nel posto esatto dove l'avete presa. Poi tornate da me".

Pazientemente, le due donne cercarono di eseguire l'ordine del saggio. La prima trovò facilmente il punto dove aveva preso la pietra e la rimise a posto.

La seconda invece girava invano, cercando di ricordarsi dove aveva raccattato le piccole pietre della sua borsa. Era chiaramente un compito impossibile e tornò mortificata dal saggio con tutte le sue pietre.

Il sant'uomo sorrise e disse:

"Succede la stessa cosa con i peccati.

Tu", disse rivolto alla prima donna, "hai facilmente rimesso a posto la tua pietra perché sapevi dove l'avevi presa: hai riconosciuto il tuo peccato, hai ascoltato umilmente i rimproveri della gente e della tua coscienza, e hai riparato grazie al tuo pentimento.

Tu, invece", disse alla seconda, "non sai dove hai preso tutte le tue pietre, come non hai saputo accorgerti dei tuoi piccoli peccati. Magari hai condannato le grosse colpe degli altri e sei rimasta invischiata nelle tue, perché non hai saputo vederle".

**G.I.S.A - FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE – G.I.S.A (GRUPPO ITALIANO SANT'ATANASIO) HA ORGANIZZATO UN DINNER-DANCE IN ONORE DI SAN GIUSEPPE, SANTO PATRONO DELLA G.I.S.A. SABATO, 21 MARZO 2009 ALLE 7:30 P.M. NELL'AUDITORIUM DELLA NOSTRA SCUOLA.** Ci sarà cibo caldo e bevanda su ogni tavola. Il prezzo del biglietto è di \$50 a persona. La serata sarà allietata dal complesso di Nino e Angelo Ingrati. I biglietti si possono acquistare prima e dopo la Messa Italiana. Freddie Felletti 718-614-9683, Maria Perniciaro (718 351-4764), Maria Porcu' (718) 627-0387.

**VIA CRUCIS OGNI VENERDI'** - Come ogni anno durante la quaresima ogni venerdì sera ci riuniremo tutti nella chiesa superiore alle 8:00pm per la Via della Croce che terminerà Venerdì Santo con l'annuale processione per le strade della nostra comunità. Venite numerosi.

**TEATRO SULLA PASSIONE DI CRISTO – martedì, 24 marzo, 2009 gita in Pennsylvania al teatro SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES. POSTI TUTTI ESAURITI.**

**L'ULTIMA CENA DI NOSTRO SIGNORE** sabato, 4 aprile, organizzata, nella sala riunione della nostra scuola per ricordare l'ultima cena di Gesù con gli apostoli. Offerta \$25 a persona. Diacono Dante 917.602.3793.

**13 MARTEDI'** in onore di Sant'Antonio di Padova iniziano il 17 marzo fino al 13 giugno. Dopo la Messa delle 9 del mattino e alle 7:00PM con benedizione e con la venerazione della relica. Venite a pregare a Sant'Antonio.

**G.I.S.A. Ha Organizzato Un Triduum Pasquale In Italiano 6, 7, e 8 aprile –** Lunedì, Martedì e Mercoledì della Settimana Santa alle ore 7:30 P.M. con Confessioni seguite dalla Santa Messa. Il Triduum sarà predicato dal Reverendo Padre Rinaldo Vecchiato, scalabrigiano.

**ARTICOLI RELIGIOSI –** se vi occorrono regali per la prima Comunione o Cresima, prima e dopo le Messe, Monsignor Cassato metterà a vostra disposizione una vendita di articoli religiosi. Questo servizio offerto fino alla prossima Pasqua. Monsignore ha bisogno del vostro aiuto per la vendita di questi articoli. Se siete disponibili ad aiutare per cortesia telefonare al Diacono Dante al 917.602.3793.

**CAMPAGNA PER RACCOLTI DI FONDI** per la diocesi. A Sant'Atanasio è stato chiesto di raccogliere \$71.000. Se le nostre offerte superano i \$71.000, la differenza rimarrà nella nostra parrocchia. Cercate di essere generosi.



**Parroquia de San Atanasio  
Boletín Parroquial Hispano**

**Misa en Español cada Domingo en la Iglesia de Abajo a las 1 de la tarde**

**BOLETIN HISPANO MARZO 15**

**III DOMINGO de Cuaresma**

**“No tendrás otro Dios fuera de Mi” (Éxodo 20,3)**

**Reflexión:** Revisar la vivencia de los diez mandamientos, no solo a nivel personal sino a nivel de la comunidad cristiana, es un fundamento para caminar con paso firme la Cuaresma, Aunque la ley de Moisés fue superada por la ley de Jesús, sin embargo no se excluyen la una de la otra, al contrario es necesaria la pedagogía de la prohibición como primer paso para llegar a la pedagogía de la liberación.

La invitación que les hago hoy en este lindo tiempo de renovación o cambio es la tarea adicional que hemos de lograr desde nuestro interior y en el ámbito familiar y laboral, para erradicar el pecado, mediante buenas acciones, mucha oración y silencio interior. Este ejercicio acompañado de un buen ayuno y mortificación de nuestros sentidos, guardando de no comer carnes, como símbolo de la impureza o falta de amor a Dios, por tantas idolatrías.

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**MISA PARA RENOVACION DE PAREJAS Y FIN DE CURSILLO EL JUEVES A LAS 7:30 PM.**

**Reflexión de Cuaresma:** Es un tiempo para reflexionar sobre nuestra fe, En estos cuarenta días, la Iglesia nos invita a la limosna, la oración y el ayuno. Con San Pablo como guía, sigue los días de esta cuaresma y dona el fruto de tu solidaridad bien sea en la alcancía para la comunicación cristiana de bienes, o para una obra personal a nivel particular en tu país o entregándola por mi medio a alguna institución para la formación de seminaristas, asilo de ancianos, casa para niños desamparados, etc. Les invito entonces a tomar en serio esta caminata hacia la Pascua, así:

1. Ayunar por voluntad propia nos ayuda a cultivar el estilo del Buen Samaritano.
2. Orar desde el corazón para transformar al hombre en amor de Dios en los hermanos.
3. Quien escucha y sigue el mensaje de Cristo, camina hacia la paz y la reconciliación.
4. Libérate hoy de algún antojo y dona el dinero ahorrado con fe y amor.
5. Descubre la solidaridad y revela a Dios el tesoro escondido dentro de ti.
6. Hoy recordemos las bendiciones que hemos recibido de Dios.
7. Cuida hoy la escucha de la Palabra de Dios, la oración y la limosna.
8. Hoy expresa tu solidaridad hacia alguien con una sonrisa o un gesto de cariño.
9. Quien comparte hoy con los pobres, tiene asegurada las necesidades de mañana.
10. Hagamos lo que sea necesaria para perdonar a los que nos han ofendido.
11. Practiquemos hoy alguna obra de Misericordia espiritual o material.
12. Multiplica por 7 el valor del pan que comes y deposita la suma en al alcancía.
13. Destina hoy el valor de tu desayuno para la comunicación cristiana de bienes.
14. Limita tus gastos de cosas inútiles y ahorra el dinero para los pobres.
15. Evite malestares y problemas en tu vida, orando por la conversión de todos.
16. Deposita el valor de un lápiz, cuaderno o un libro para la educación de un niño.
17. “Dichosos los que trabajan por la paz porque serán llamados hijos de Dios”
18. La peor pobreza es la carencia de amor, de cuidados y de protección. Oremos.
19. Dame, Señor lo que quieras. Cuanto quieras y como quieras.
20. Quien no comparte es porque hace mucho tiempo se le murió el corazón.(Continua)



***YOU ARE INVITED TO  
COME TO THE TABLE***

**A CATHOLIC PASSOVER SEDER  
IN PREPARATION FOR  
FOR HOLY WEEK**

***THE BEGINNING OF OUR TRADITIONS***

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4 2009**

**PARISH HALL**

**7:00PM**

**DONATION \$25 PER PERSON**

**PRAYER SERVICE FOLLOWED BY DINNER**

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## ***LENTEN VESPERS SERIES***

***WEEK 1 . MARCH 4TH - 7:30PM***

***THEME : WATER- SYMBOLISM - BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER  
NEW LIFE IN BAPTISM***

***GUEST SPEAKER: SR. JOSEPHINE DASPRO , C.S.J.  
RETREAT WORK FOR JOSEPHITE COMMUNITY***

***WEEK 2 . MARCH 11TH - 7:30PM***

***THEME : THE CROSS - SYMBOLISM - OIL  
HEALING OUR PAINS***

***GUEST SPEAKER: MR. JUSTIN CATANOSO  
AUTHOR : "MY COUSIN THE SAINT "  
FINDING FAITH BY DISCOVERING THE  
FAITH AND MINISTRY OF HIS COUSIN  
PADRE GAETANO CATANOSO -CANONIZED 1968***

***WEEK 3 - MARCH 18TH - 7:30PM***

***THEME - LIGHT - SYMBOLISM - LIGHTED CANDLES  
LIGHT OF FAITH GIVEN IN BAPTISM  
GUEST SPEAKER : TO BE ANNOUNCED***

***WEEK 4 - MARCH 25TH - 7:30PM***

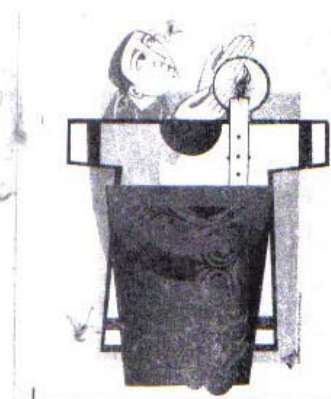
***THEME - DEATH - SYMBOLISM - ASHES***

***GUEST SPEAKER : REV. KIERAN HARRINGTON V.E.  
VICAR FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN***

***WEEK 5 - APRIL 1ST - 7:30PM***

***THEME - LIFE - SYMBOLISM - THE SEED***

***GUEST SPEAKER - SR. VIRGINIA DOWNS C.S.J.  
REGIONAL -JOSEPHITE COMMUNITY***



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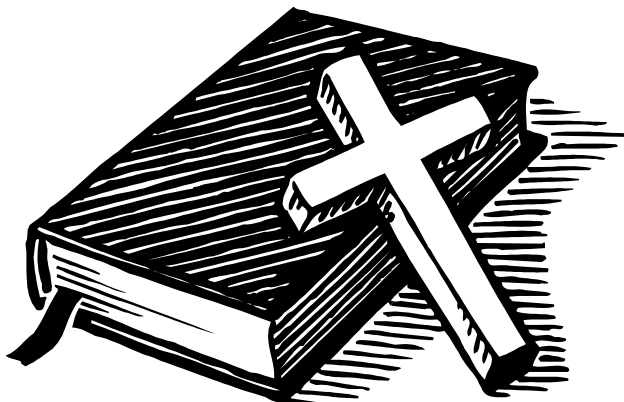
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# ST. ATHANASIUS PRAYER GROUP

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REV. MSGR. FERNANDO FERRARESE  
WILL GIVE A SPIRITUAL LENTEN TALK



COME JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE  
ST. ATHANASIUS PRAYER GROUP'S 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

ALL WELCOME!

**DATE:** TUESDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

**TIME:** 8:00 PM

**PLACE:** ST. ATHANASIUS (LOWER CHURCH)

**ROSARY:** 7:30 PM

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