

## 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, April 5, 2009 PALM SUNDAY**

8:30 In Memory of Michael Francese  
 10:00 Joseph Ferlazzo  
 11:30 Purgatorial Society  
 11:30 Italian Mass (Lower Church) Maria Annunziata mazella & Giovan Giuseppe Sasso  
 1:00pm Spanish Mass (Upper Church)  
 6:00 Vincent LoBiondo

#### **MONDAY, April 6, 2009 Holy Monday**

7:00 Vincenzo, Giuseppe Francesca, Doretea Minagro  
 9:00 Loretta Marinelli

#### **CONFESSIONS HEARD FROM 9:30a.m. to 9p.m.**

7:00pm Italian Confessions (Lower Church)  
 8:00 Italian Holy Week Triduum (Lower Church)

#### **TUESDAY, April 7, 2009 Holy Tuesday**

7:00 John Bravo  
 9:00 Anthony & David D'Amico, Madeline & Thomas Greco (St. Anthony Noena, Week #4)

#### **6:30pm St. Anthony Novena (NOTE TIME CHANGE!)**

7:00 Italian Confessions (Upper Church)  
 8:00 Italian Holy Week Triduum (Upper Church)

#### **WEDNESDAY, April 8, 2009 Spy Wednesday**

7:00 Joseph P. Napolitano  
 8:45 Morning Prayer  
 9:00 Rosa Rutigliano  
 7:00pm Italian Confessions (Upper Church)  
 8:00 Italian Holy Week Triduum (Upper Church)

#### **THURSDAY, April 9, 2009 Holy/Maundy Thursday**

9:00 Morning Prayer  
 7:30pm (Upper) Mass of the Lord's Supper- English/Italian  
 7:30pm (Lower) Mass of the Lord's Supper- Spanish  
 9:30pm Stripping of the Altar (English)  
 10:00pm First Nocturn (English & Italian)  
 10:30pm Second Nocturn (English & Italian)  
 11:00pm Procession from Lower Church – Spanish Service  
 11:30pm Night Prayer (English)

#### **FRIDAY, April 10, 2009 Good Friday**

9:00 Morning Prayer  
 3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday- English  
 5:30 Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday- Italian  
 7:30 Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday- Spanish  
 7:30 LOWER CHURCH- English Stations of the Cross, Homily & Veneration of the Cross

#### **SATURDAY, April 11, 2009 Holy Saturday**

9:00 Morning Prayer with Blessing of Easter Foods  
**4:00pm NO CONFESSIONS TODAY**  
**5:30pm NO 5:30PM MASS TODAY**  
 7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter (English & Italian)  
**Intention:** Filippo Matrascia  
 7:30pm LOWER CHURCH- The Great Vigil of Easter - SPANISH

#### **SUNDAY, April 12, 2009 EASTER SUNDAY**

8:30 Joseph Carolyn D'Antonio  
 10:00 Holy Name  
 11:30 Purgatorial Society  
 11:30 Italian Mass (Lower Church) Vincent Azzarelli  
 1:00pm Spanish Mass (Upper Church)  
**NO 6p.m. MASS TODAY!**

**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 Antonio Sigona requested by Sigona Family.*

**ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK -** *donated in loving memory of Franco Zelferino requested by Mrs. Vitina Costa.*

**SANCTUARY LAMPS** *One sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of Anthony Ferrara requested by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mattia. The other sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of John Bravo requested by Ann Alessi.*

### OUR CALL TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

**MARCH 22, 2009 \$10,299**

**MARCH 29, 2009 \$8,700**

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 collections are down by \$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!**

**PALM SUNDAY & EASTER:** We will have two collections.

**LENTEN SELF DENIAL FOLDERS can be returned on Holy Thursday, placed at the Altar of Repose, or any time during Holy Week or Easter Week.**

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

**CONFESSION MONDAY, April 6, 2009**

9:30a.m.- 10:30a.m. Fr. Ron, 10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. Msgr. Cassato,  
11:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Fr. Gabriel 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m. Fr. Ron,  
3:30-4:30p.m. Msgr. Cassato, 4:30p.m.-5:30p.m. Fr. Gabriel  
7:00-8:00p.m. Msgr. Cassato, 8:00p.m.-9:00p.m. Fr. Gabriel

**NO CONFESSIONS HEARD FROM  
12:30p.m.-1:30p.m. & 5:30p.m. – 7:00p.m.**

**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!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE IS NOW REGISTERING CHILDREN FOR ITS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR THE 2000-2010 SCHOOL YEAR.** A **new** registration form **MUST** be completed for all present students as well as **new** students to our program. Registration is at the Faith Formation Office, Monday through Thursday, 10a.m. to 2p.m. **TUITION** is \$100 for 1 or 2 children; 3 or more children, \$50 each child. **At registration a deposit of \$50 is required to hold the seat for your child in September. Anyone registering for First Grade must present a copy of the child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE.** If someone is transferring from another parish program, a release form is required from that parish. If a child has received a sacrament, we need a certificate stating the reception of that sacrament. For any questions, contact our Director of Faith Formation, Nicoletta Milo at 718.331.8811.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

Our Diocesan Annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal begins. **Our IN-PEW SOLICITATION will take place this weekend, Saturday & Sunday March 21 & 22.** St. A's has been assigned to raise **\$71,000**. Anything above the goal comes right back here to St. A's 100%! The Diocese uses this money to subsidize parishes & schools. 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. WE HAVE RECEIVED \$42,000 IN PLEDGES SO FAR.**

**SPRING FLING 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. Call Maryann for tickets: 718.744.7255. We are also in need of volunteers for the card party and, if possible, donations of gifts.

**ARE YOU AN ADULT (18+) AND HAVEN'T RECEIVED CONFIRMATION BUT WERE BAPTIZED CATHOLIC & RECEIVED YOUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION? Then we have an opportunity for you!** Why not participate in Fr. Ron's Adult Faith Renewal to prepare you for Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009 at the 11:30a.m. Mass. INTERESTED? Call Fr. Ron on extension 13 of the rectory & leave him your name, phone number, address & age.

**YOUTH MINISTRY WILL BE SELLING EASTER BASKETS & COOKIE TRAYS on Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday. Why not help out so our kids will have great programs!** The money we raise will help youth from our parish attend leadership & service programs during the summer. Baskets & cookie trays are between \$5 and \$20. Donations are welcome too! Contact Youth Ministry Director Kenny 718-234-0614.

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

Kathy Adams, Vivian & Antonio Antonelli, Catherine Arrighetta, Faith Arent, Kimberly Arent, Patricia Aurigemma, Judith Berlin, Douglas Brock, Catherine Broderick, Joseph Cammarata, 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, Joan DeMarco, Joan Demeyer, Mario DePinto, Rachel DePinto, Catalina Diaz, Barbara Doyle, Maria Esemplare, Tina Esposito, Frances Falzetta, Helen Felcetto, Anthony Felcito, Marie Ferlazzo, Sylvia Fiorintino, Sunday Giuffanti, Theresa Giuffanti, Gina Giuffanti, Linda Guida, Diana Ingravallo, Francesca Ingravallo, Carlo Ingravallo, John Jadazeewski, Neil Kelleher, Jean Kelly, Lawrence Klein, Lawrence Klein, Jr. Paul Kelleher, Stephen Kelleher, Marie Liberti, Richard Liberti, John Liberti, Jillian Lasinsky, Sandra Lazinsky, Avdy Llakukic, Ellen Mary MacDougall, John Malloney, Eleanor Marando, Paul Marchese, Rosalie Mazzalla, Lucia Montella, Joe P., Vincent Paraspolo, Grace Pecorella, Vincent Perri, Eric Brandon Pinzon, Dorothy Richter, Mary Rollo, Grazia Russo, Marcelle Ryback, Fortunato Salzano, Maria Sassano, Ralph Satriano, Mary Schammas, Donna Schiavoe, Josephine Schiavo, Jada Sciacchatano, Paola Sorci, Fran Sidorksy, Concetta Sottilaro, Dana Sottilaro, Philip Sottilaro, James Sweeney, Rita Verde, Carla Vitucci, Angelina Vonelli, Leonard Walder, Lucy Wasieleski, Josephine Wise, Robert Wise, Jr. 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.**

**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 April 7** 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.

**XAVERIAN HIGH SCHOOL XTRAVANGANZA CARD PARTY AT GARGIULLO'S** Diamond jewelry, round trips to Las Vegas & Atlantic, Broadway theatre tickets, laptops, gift certificates, home good & more! **April 24 from 6:30-11p.m.** Admission is \$75 which includes a 5 course dinner. (Beer, wine, soda included!) **This will help the school renovate their Biology Lab.** TICKETS 718.836.7100 Ext. 184.

### ATTENTION PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE IN THE St. A's SPORTS PROGRAM

Joseph B. Cavallaro Council #4884 Knights of Columbus Will Sponsor Your Child's Uniform Costs For Any Member of The Council. For Details CALL JIMMY at 917-476-7315

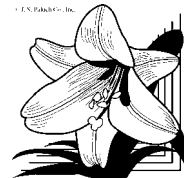


### Our new Paschal Is In Memory Of

Deceased Members of the Catusco & Lipton Family  
 Florence E. Borea, *requested by Lucy DeCaprio*  
 The Ercolano, Gentile & Tomasulo Families,  
*requested by Anthony & Margaret Ercolano*  
 Dorothy Ferrari, Mr. & Mrs. John Domanico,  
 Mr. & Mrs. John Domanico, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DeVito,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Guglielmetti, Mrs. Jean Kelly,  
 Mr. & Mrs. William Kelly

### EASTER LILLIES 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.



### MY EASTER GIFT TO THE PARISH

**envelopes are also next to the bulletins.** Please don't forget the financial needs of the parish as Easter quickly approaches. Like in all our lives, expenses rise and so do those of St. A's. Please help us to continue to offer great services to ALL in Bensonhurst. We rely on your generosity to continue our ministries

### FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Please help Alex Zhang work towards his Eagle Scout Award & help out St. Vincent DePaul Society feed 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. **ALEX IS COORDINATING A FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY APRIL 5 & SUNDAY APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>.** You can contact Alex by calling him at 917-468-9776.

### 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 May 31, 2009. Reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is encouraged during Lent, especially if you have been away from Sunday Mass.

**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.

**Throughout his passion, who stayed and who didn't stay with Jesus? With which group would you have found yourself?**

**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. – 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].

**REACHING OUT COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDRAISER** An elegant evening! Butler style food served including wine & cheese. Live Entertainment –Featuring **A Sound Affair Band** & Special Guests Singers Russ Martone & Tony Di Domenico. Chat - Drink – Listen to Music –Dance **When:** Saturday, April 18, 2009 Time: 8 pm – til ?? **Where:** Medical Plaza Building 7712 New Utrecht Ave. Tickets: \$50 – At Door \$60. **Telephone:** 917-509-9055 **Website:** www.reachinout.org - click on the "Upcoming Events" link **In Person:** 7708 New Utrecht Avenue

**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.

**Get into the spirit of Holy Week! – Don't miss this on Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>!**

**PRESENTATION ON THE HOLY LAND WITH SRGT. REILLY OF THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT, Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>** after the 9a.m. Mass. We will meet in the **VIDEO ROOM** of the **Nazareth Institute**. What a great way to start Holy Week! Join Sgt. Brian Reilly, past President of the NYPD Holy Name Society as he narrates life in the Holy Land. He will take you on a journey through time and speak about the different periods of Christ's life with actual photos of these blessed sites as they look today. This presentation will bring the events of Holy Week ALIVE!

**Slide Show on the Passion Play at Oberammegeau**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. in the Auditorium, there will be a slide show presentation about the Passion Play at Oberammegeau.** This play is presented every 10 years. What a great way to reflect on Easter!

**NYPD HOLY NAME SOCIETY INVITES YOU ON A TRIP TO COLORADO AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, 11 days, 10 nights, Aug. 14-24, 2009** for \$875. Interested? Call Sgt. Brian Reilly at 917.951.6774 for details.

**13 TUESDAYS IN HONOR OF ST. ANTHONY CONTINUES EACH Tuesday at the 9a.m. & 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. **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**. A submission form is also on our website on the **BULLETIN** tab. (<http://StAthanasiusNY.tripod.com>) **Please only email announcements to 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.

**CLUSTER YOUTH CENTER-** Every Tuesday through June, 7-9PM. (St. Frances Cabrini)- Bay 11th and 86th St. Come hang out, play games, watch movies, listen to music, in a safe place, with snacks and a time of prayer. **Will be closed April 14th for Easter Break.**

**CLUSTER FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM-** April 8th and 29th (St. Dominic's) 7-9PM. This youth group looks at life, faith, through discussions, activities, prayer and much more, where faith and fun become one! New Members welcome anytime.

**PASSION PLAYER- CLUSTER YOUTH DRAMA GROUP** -April 6th, 7-9PM (St. Finbar's)- Bay 20th and Benson Ave. Learn acting skills, learn improve, and practice for short plays and skits that are performed throughout the month, new members welcome all the time, and new plays being done all the time.

**CLUSTER YOUTH WAY OF THE CROSS PROCESSION-** April 8th (St. Dominic's)7-9PM. Join us as we walk down 20th Avenue to 65th Street, then to 18th Avenue and back to Bay Ridge Pkwy. Music, stations acted out, youth lead and all are welcome, young and older.

**JUNIOR DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY-** April 19th (Immaculate Conception, Douglaston, Queens) - 12:30-

6PM; A day of workshops, music and discovery for youth in 7th and 8th grade. Potential transportation help if needed and you register far in advance, or travel their own with family.

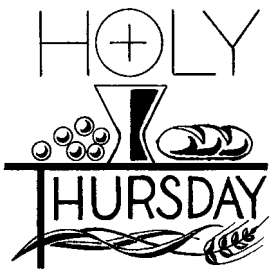
**CAFÉ SOUL-** An opportunity to either perform or watch other young people share their interests and gifts in the field of music and the arts! Do you play an instrument, sing, dance, write or recite poetry, like to act, debate, need public practice time for forensics, tell jokes, juggle, then come to 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 **May 1st**, St. Simon and Jude hosts this event (Avenue T and Van Sicklen)

**SERVICE SATURDAY- APRIL 18** (St. Athanasius) Location TBA ( Either school auditorium or the Nazareth Center)- Bay Pkwy and 62nd St. Games, Cartoons, arts and crafts, music, snacks, and much more for youth from 4-10 years of age. Parents Drop off, from 11-2PM. Older youth needed to assist with activities get service hours, arrive by 10:30AM.

**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.



**HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** As part of our celebration, members from our parish will present to the community our newly blessed oils. This year the **OIL OF THE CATECHUMENS** will be presented by Tatiana Kruger who will be baptized at this year's Easter Vigil. The **OIL OF THE SICK** will be presented by Jean Kelly. The **OIL OF CHRISM** will be presented by Chris Russo who will received Confirmation this year.

**THE WASHING OF THE FEET** is also a part of this Holy Thursday Mass. **THOSE REPRESENTING THE 12 APOSTLES ARE:** John DiMarco, Madelon Vitucci, Bill Finn, Grace Ann Caminiti, Bobby McKenna, Anne Marie Brown, Joe Orlando, Joan Guida, Ed Klein, Linda Kelly, Caterina Ruggieri, and Sr. Godfrey.

**R.C.I.A. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults- Who will be celebrating the Sacraments at Easter?** At the Great Vigil of Easter, Lili Kong, Tatiana Kruger, Chaz Rosario, Nicole Wheeler, and Lauren Auerbach will be baptized and then be Confirmed and receive First Holy Communion.

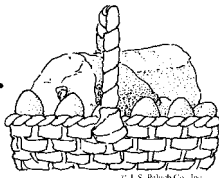
Krystal Gonzalez, Steven Gonzalez, Vilmary Rentas, and Jose Rentas were baptized already. They will be Confirmed and received First Holy Communion.

Lisa Hernandez was baptized in the Protestant Faith Tradition and will enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church by way of a Profession of Faith and then be Confirmed and receive First Holy Communion.

Dana Delicoti was baptized and received her First Holy Communion. She will be Confirmed.



*Blessing  
of Easter  
Food*



**Blessing of Easter Foods-  
Saturday April 11 at 9a.m. during Morning Prayer**  
**IT'S ALMOST EASTER! DO YOU HAVE YOUR FOOD CHOSEN? WHY NOT COME AND GET THOSE EASTER BREADS, SAUSAGES, GRAIN PIES, MEAT PIES, AND GOODIES BLESSED ON HOLY SATURDAY MORNING?** Join us for Morning Prayer at 9a.m. and as part of prayer we will bless Easter Foods. Morning Prayer is about an hour. **JOIN US!**

### **Blessing of Children and Their Easter Baskets**

**BRING THE CHILDREN TO OUR EASTER SUNDAY 10a.m. MASS AND HAVE THEM GET THEIR EASTER BASKETS BLESSED!** What a great way to begin the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection! The children will be called up into the sanctuary with their baskets after Communion. No need to register- just show up! Spread the news! We can't wait to sing those alleluias!



### **Knights of Columbus;** I heard of them, but who are they, and more important what do they do?.

All too familiar words from many of our family, friends, and neighbors. Joseph B. Cavallaro Council #4884, Knights of Columbus is celebrating its **50th Anniversary**. We have been part of St. Athanasius Parish for the entire 50 years. Msgr. Elwood Purick was our first Chaplain, and many other Chaplains have come from St. A's, as well as our current Chaplain Msgr. David Cassato. Cavallaro Council has always been a supporter of St. A's in many ways; although most of the time behind the scene's. We have been very active with our "charitable" works for the "needy" and "children" of the community and have extended this charity even beyond the borders of the Parish. But like any other organization, in order to continue the good works we do, we need **MEMBERS**. We are always adding young and older Catholic men to our membership roster. We don't ask you to do anything that you can not do. Your time is important to your family, job, friends, and other matters that make up life. If there is any time you can offer to do the great things that the Knights of Columbus are involved with, we would love to have you with us. By the way, it's not only acts of Charity that make this organization so great, the social side of the K. of C. is great, the Fraternal side of the K. of C. is great and the Patriotic side of the K. of C. is great. Don't just believe me, **find out for yourself**. To help celebrate this 50th. year of Columbianism in this community, we are actively seeking **NEW MEMBERS**. Catholic men ages 18 and up are eligible to join. **WE WANT YOU !!!**. Help make Joseph B. Cavallaro Council's entry into the next 50 years of community service become a reality. Make our membership roster overflow with the resources to accomplish this task. Join with us; you won't be disappointed. An old friend of mine who recruited me into the K. of C. once told me, "you get out of the K. of C., whatever you put into it", no pressures added. After each of the following Masses, our council will host coffee and cookies in the Nazareth Institute. A great way to meet some of our members and understand what we are all about.

Please join us, "NO PRESSURE ADDED" **AFTER EACH MASS ON:** April 19, April 26, May 3, May 17.



Parrocchia Sant'Atanasio

Bollettino Settimanale

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

5 aprile 2009

domenica  
delle palme

**VENERDI' SANTO, 10 APRILE 2009**  
**PROCESSIONE DEL VENERDI' SANTO**  
**PASSIONE ALLE ORE 5:30PM – PARTENZA PER LA PROCESSIONE**  
**DOPO LA PASSIONE DI NOSTRO SIGNORE**

**Dal nostro DIACONO DANTE COLANDREA**

**Riflessione del mese di aprile**

**LA PREGHIERA NELLA SOFFERENZA**

Mi chiedevo... ma quanto avr  sofferto Gesu sulla Croce?  
 Mi chiedevo... ma come avr  fatto a sopportare tutto?  
 Mi chiedevo... tante cose ed anche ora, in mezzo alla  
 sofferenza, mi chiedo ancora dove sia un senso a tutto  
 questo.  
 Ecco, assimilata alla tua Croce ora comprendo che ogni  
 sofferenza non   inutile.  
 Il mattino mi sveglio grato di aver potuto riaprire gli occhi  
 alla luce, e poi...  
 Una fatica ed un offrire continuo fino alla sera.  
 Ogni ora che passa   un'ora in pi  che il Signore concede.  
 Cosa dire ancora?  
 Come San Paolo anch'io vorrei poter dire che non sono io  
 che vivo ma   Cristo che vive in me... ma sono troppo  
 fragile per riuscire ad avere una fede cos  grande.  
 Signore, questa croce   pesante, portala tu insieme a me  
 ed insieme ce la faremo. Amen.

**CREDERE**

I migliori credenti sono quelli che la vita futura non distoglie  
 dalla vita terrena n  la vita terrena da quella futura.

**13 MARTEDI' in onore di Sant'Antonio di Padova** sono  
 iniziati 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 relca. Venite a pregare a Sant'Antonio.

**VI INVITIAMO A RINGRAZIARE I SACERDOTI E**  
**DIACONO** per tutto il loro enorme lavoro. Gioved  Santo, 9  
 aprile, giorno dedicato all'istituzione del sacerdozio e  
 dell'Eucarestia, vi invitiamo di mandare una cartolina, una  
 lettera, oppure un messaggio via posta elettronica ai nostri  
 sacerdoti e diacono, precisando il vostro apprezzamento  
 nei confronti del loro operato.

**SCUOLA SANT'ATANASIO-** e' in preparazione una  
 serata particolare gioved  30 aprile 2009 al Rex Manor di  
 Brooklyn. L'offerta per il biglietto   \$50. Durante questa  
 serata si sortegeranno molti regali. Il ricavato della serata  
 andr  per la nostra scuola. Per informazioni e biglietti  
 telefonare a Mary Ann al 718-744-7255.

**MERCOLEDI', 15 APRILE 2009 7:00pm** – Diacono Dante  
 vi invita a una riunione per informazioni e foto a riguardo al  
 viaggio a Oberammergau in Germania per la Passione di  
 Cristo - un evento di ogni 10 anni. Per informazioni  
 dettagliate. Diacono Dante 917-602-3793.

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

**VENERDI' SANTO, 10 APRILE 2009** –annuale  
 processione del Venerdi' Santo. Partenza in autobus da  
 Sant'Atanasio. Autobus gratis. Unitevi a noi.

**PROGRAMMA PER LA SETTIMANA SANTA**

**OGGI, DOMENICA, 5 APRILE**– Domenica Delle Palme,  
 le palme saranno distribuite prima della Messa.

**LUNEDI' SANTO, 6 APRILE – 8:00PM** - Prima serata del  
 Triduum Pasquale con il Rev. Padre Rinaldo Vecchiato.  
**CONFESSIONI TUTTO IL GIORNO INIZIANDO DA**  
**DOPO LA MESSA DELLE 7 DEL MATTINO.**

**MARTEDI' SANTO, 7 APRILE – 8:00PM**- Seconda serata  
 del Triduum Pasquale con il Reverendo Padre Rinaldo  
 Vecchiato.

**MERCOLEDI' SANTO, 8 APRILE – 8:00PM**- Terza serata  
 del Triduum Pasquale con il Reverendo Padre Rinaldo  
 Vecchiato.

**GIOVEDI' SANTO, 9 APRILE – 9:00AM** – preghiera.  
**7:30PM** - Messa dell'ultima cena di Nostro Signore Gesu'.  
 Dopo la Messa si prega in presenza dell'Eucarestia.  
**9:30PM fino a Mezzanotte – preghiere all'altare del**  
**sepolcro.**

**VENERDI' SANTO, 10 APRILE – 9:00AM** –preghiere.  
**5:30PM** – celebrazione della Passione del Signore in  
 Italiano. Partenza per la processione dopo la Passione.

**SABATO SANTO, 11 APRILE – 9:00AM** Preghiere.  
**7:30PM** - La Grande Vigilia di Pasqua concelebrata in  
 Inglese e Italiano con Battesimi, Cresime e Comunioni per  
 adulti. **OGGI NON CI SONO CONFESSIONI.**

**DOMENICA, 12 APRILE**– Domenica di Pasqua. Le Sante  
 Messe del mattino saranno celebrate al solito orario  
 domenicale. **NON CI SARA' LA MESSA DELLE 6:00 PM.**

**SACRAMENTO DELLA CRESIMA** per adulti. Classi con  
 Padre Ron. Il sacramento della cresima sara' ricevuto a  
 Pentecoste, domenica, 7 giugno durante la santa Messa  
 delle 11:30am. Per iscrizioni - 718 – 236-0124 interno 13.

**DOMENICA, 12 APRILE** – Domenica di Pasqua. Le Sante  
 Messe saranno celebrate al solito orario domenicale.



**Parroquia de San Atanasio  
Boletín Parroquial Hispano**

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

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**BOLETÍN HISPANO PARROQUIA SAN ATANASIO  
ABRIL 5 – 2009 “DOMINGO DE RAMOS”**

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Nosotros somos una comunidad Católica que creemos en Dios Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo y somos seguidores de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo y del Amor que proclama hacia todos; por tal motivo, vivimos la Vida Sacramental de manera dinámica y gracias a El, contamos en nuestra parroquia con lo siguientes servicios, a través del Padre Gabriel Jaime Toro, nuestro Vicario Hispano:

- **Confesiones:** Todos los Sábados de 4 a 5 pm en la Iglesia de Arriba y los domingos de 12:30 a 12:50 pm. En la oficina, mediante cita previa al tel (718) 236 01 24 Ext. 14.
- **Matrimonios:** Cada pareja debe llenar requisitos y hacer el cursillo PRE-matrimonial 6 meses antes de contraer la Boda. Deben traer certificados de Bautismo y Confirmación.
- **Bautizos:** Normalmente el último Sábado de cada Mes a las 2:00 pm o en casos privados, deben hacer cita con el padre, para otros días y horas.
- **Rito de Iniciación Cristiana:** Mayores de 13 años se inscribirán a partir del mes de Junio, y los niños menores, pueden desde ahora registrarlos en la oficina de Educación Religiosa, trayendo el certificado de bautismo o acta de nacimiento.

**ACERCA DE LOS GRUPOS PARROQUIALES:** Para Gloria de Dios, contamos con un equipo de hermanos laicos, que nos colaboran en los diversos grupos; tales como: \* Comité Hispano.

- Ministros Lectores y Extraordinarios de la Comunión. \* Catequistas \* Grupo de Oración (todos los viernes de 7:30 a 9:30 pm en la Iglesia de Abajo). \* Coro Parroquial. \* Acólitos.
- Lección Divina (Miércoles de 7:30 a 9:00 pm en la Iglesia de abajo). \* Pastoral Familiar. \* Comité de Hospitalidad. \* Grupo Guadalupano, \* Grupo de San Martín y Sn Francisco...

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**REFLEXION DE LA PALABRA DE DIOS HOY**

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**“He ofrecido mi espalda a los que me golpeaban” (Is 50,6)**

Isaías nos muestra un varón sufriente que tiene la convicción de la intervención divina en su favor. El sufrimiento es una realidad inseparable de la condición humana. Es la oportunidad de sentir más de cerca el poder redentor de Dios. Mientras otros ven en el dolor una desgracia, nosotros vemos en él, una posibilidad salvadora. La tradición Cristiana ve en el Siervo de Yahvé una imagen de Cristo, al que venimos hoy, de manera especial a acompañarlo en su entrada triunfal a Jerusalén, donde viene a iniciar su dolorosa Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección. Vengamos, pues y Celebremos esta Semana Santa con fervor!

# 2009 HOLY WEEK AT SAINT ATHANASIUS 2009

## PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 5, 2009

Mass schedule is our regular Sunday schedule.

## HOLY MONDAY - APRIL 6, 2009

**Confessions** heard all day in the Upper Church: after 7a.m. Mass, & after 9a.m. Mass until 9p.m. This is the last opportunity to go to Confession before Easter.

**8:00pm** – (Lower Church) Italian Holy Week Triduum.  
Confessions in Italian before and after Mass.

## HOLY TUESDAY – APRIL 7, 2009

**8:00pm** – (Upper Church) Italian Holy Week Triduum.  
Confessions in Italian before and after Mass.

## SPY WEDNESDAY – APRIL 8, 2009

**8:00pm** – (Upper Church) Italian Holy Week Triduum.  
Confessions in Italian before and after Mass.

## HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY – APRIL 9, 2009

**9:00am** – Morning Prayer (English) Homily: Madelon Vitucci, Lay Formation Student

**7:30pm** - Mass of the Lord's Supper in English & Italian

**7:30pm- Lower Church-** Spanish Mass of the Lord's Supper

**9:30pm** – Stripping of the Altar with First Watch at Altar of Repose (English)

**10:00pm** – The Second Watch at the Altar of Repose (Italian & English)

**10:30pm-** The Third Watch at the Altar of Repose (Italian & English)

**11:00pm** Procession from Lower Church with Blessed Sacrament & Spanish Watch

**11:30pm-** Night Prayer with Removal of the Blessed Sacrament (English)

## GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 10, 2009

**9:00am** – Morning Prayer (English) Homily: Bill Kelly, Deacon Candidate

**3:00pm** English Liturgy

**5:30pm** (Upper Church) Italian Liturgy

**6:30pm** Bus leaves from St. A's for Good Friday Procession

**7:00pm** Spanish Good Friday Procession- Meet in front of St. A's Church.

Spanish Liturgy takes place in the Upper Church after the procession.

**7:30pm** Stations of the Cross (English) Lower Church

## HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 11, 2009

**9:00am** Morning Prayer (English) & Blessing of Easter Foods

Homily: Ken Wodzanowski, Director of Youth Ministry, Bensonhurst Cluster

**NO CONFESSIONS AND NO 5:30PM MASS**

**7:30pm** The Great Easter Vigil (English & Italian)

**7:30pm- Lower Church-** Spanish - The Great Vigil of Easter



# Youth Way of the Cross Procession

Wednesday, April 8th

7-9PM

Starting on 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue in front of St.

Dominic's Church

( Down to 65<sup>th</sup> and then to 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, to 75<sup>TH</sup> and ending at the same location.)

All youth are invited to Publically witness,  
and be a public witness to Jesus' Stations of the Cross.

**ALL ARE WELCOME** but we especially invite those who are in Junior High  
and High School. (If you want to read, sing or act- contact the YM Office asap)

**Witness as Jesus' walk to Calvary is re-inacted on the sidewalk.  
Reflect on what these steps have to do with your life today.**

**Cross Cultural- English, and Espanol.**

**ALL participants are encouraged to bring a cross from their homes with them, and to  
hold as we walk, and pray, listen and sing down 20<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenues.**

**This event is sponsored by the Bensonhurst Cluster Office of Youth Ministry 718-234-  
0614 and the Parishes of St. Dominic, St. Athanasius, St. Simon and Jude, Our Lady of  
Guadalupe, St. Finbar's. St. Frances Cabrini, St. Mary, Mother of Jesus**

*SAINT ATHANASIUS YOUTH PROGRAM*

*Presents*

# *PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING*



**Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**7:30 PM**

**St. Athanasius Auditorium 6120 Bay Parkway**

**Tickets \$25**

(Available at the Rectory)

**Former WWE Stars and Legends to appear**

**Tickets are limited so buy before they sell out**

**For More Information call:**

**Bill Finn (718-236-6680)**

**Mike Garthaffner (718-331-2406)**

**Joe Orlando (646-210-2919)**

**Bob McKenna (718-676-2102)**