

## COVER SHEET

Church Name: St. Athanasius

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Today we have two inserts. Both double sided.

We also have a single 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 leave this information on Ext. 44.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### SUNDAY, June 10, 2007 Corpus Christi

8:30	Holy Name
10:00	Pietro Ventura
10:00	Spanish Mass (Lower Church)
11:30	Purgatorial Society
11:30	Italian Mass (Lower Church) Francesco Sale, Maria Colella Allegrino & Isabela DeLiso
6:00	Vito Costa (Anniversary)
7:30	St. Anthony Triduum

#### MONDAY, June 11, 2007

7:00	Charlotte Lynch & John Lynch
9:00	Maria & Nicola Moreno Carmela & Andrew Serao

#### TUESDAY, June 12, 2007

7:00	Dolarc Rapcrd
9:00	Anthony Bruccoleri St. Anthony Novena Prayers (Week # 13)
7:15	St. Anthony Novena- <b>the last night</b>

#### WEDNESDAY, June 13, 2007 ST. ANTHONY

7:00	Domenic & Giuseppa Greco
9:00	Josephine & Vito DeMola
7:30	Mass in honor of St. Anthony <b>Intention is available- come to the rectory</b>

#### THURSDAY, June 14, 2007

7:00	Wanda Hoff, Perfetto & Stanzione Family
9:00	Matteo Napoli

#### FRIDAY, June 15, 2007

7:00	Ann Cefalu
11:00	St. Athanasius School Graduation Mass
9:00	Antonio Sigona
7:00	St. Athanasius School Graduation

#### SATURDAY, June 16, 2007

9:00	Joseph D'Antonio
10:30	Memorial Mass- Helen LaForte
1:00	Wedding- Lorusso & Quiles
5:30	Michael Matrascia

#### SUNDAY, June 17, 2007 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30	Nicholas Rossi & Carmela Rossi
10:00	Rosary Society
10:00	Spanish Mass (Lower Church)
11:30	Purgatorial Society
11:30	Italian Mass (Lower Church) James DaVito
4:00	Korean Mass Celebrating Their 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
6:00	Rose Mary Rubino

### MAKE A VISIT TO THE CHURCH AND PRAY IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Don't forget our Upper Church is open Monday-Friday from 6:30a.m. to 3p.m. Saturday & Sundays 7a.m. to 7p.m.

### PLEASE TURN OFF ALL BEEPERS, PAGERS & CELL PHONES UPON ENTERING CHURCH SO ALL CAN PRAY & WORSHIP.

Additionally, we ask that you do not answer any calls during Mass. Kindly take advantage of your voice mail to capture a message that you will respond to **after** you leave the church building.

### 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 employ it for one another as good stewards of God's grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

**June 3, 2007 9,107**

**Last Year (2006) \$9,003**

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.

**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."

**HOSTS FOR THE WEEK-** *donated in loving memory of Antonio Sigona requested by wife, Concetta & daughter Connie.*

**WINE FOR THE WEEK** *donated in loving memory of Billy Kelly requested by wife, Jean & Family.*

**ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK** *donated in loving memory of Frances Iorio requested by Sylvia Iorio & Family.*

**PULPIT CANDLES FOR THE WEEK** *donated in thanksgiving to St. Rita of Cascia for helping our friend Adalberto Maya Navarrete get his visa, requested by John Fruner & Keith Conner.*

**SANCTUARY LAMP** *One sanctuary lamp is donated in loving memory of Joseph Saputo requested by Josephine Saputo & Izzy & MaryAnn Gonzalez.*

*One sanctuary lamp is donated in loving memory of Rosaria M. Mannarino requested by The Mancini Family.*

**OUR PARISH BAZAAR CONTINUES THIS WEEK****Until Monday June 11, 2007****See page 4 of this bulletin for Monday's schedule!****A special thanks to our Sponsors of our Bazaar & Feast**

Miraglia Funeral Home \$1,000  
 Approved Oil Company \$ 500  
 Aievoli Funeral Home \$500  
 Louis DeLuca Funeral Home \$ 200  
 Scarpaci Funeral Home \$ 500  
 Michael DeLuca Funeral Home \$ 500

**THE 2007 ANNUAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL FOR THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN**

In order to continue to run our Diocese for the upcoming year, our Diocese will \$2,500,000 to continue to keep subsidized Catholic Schools open, both elementary and high schools; **\$500,000** to provide Religious Education to adults, children, and training volunteer catechists & parish lay leaders; **\$2,500,00** to continue to keep subsidized parishes open; **\$500,000** for Migration & Immigrant Services; **\$750,000** for Priestly Formation & education along with our Seminary operations; **\$2,000,000** for Catholic Charities Social Services. **The Diocese hopes to continue offering its outstanding services to the people of Brooklyn and Queens. Without your help, the Diocese will provide less.**

**OUR GOAL HERE AT ST. A's IS \$59,000. We have made our goal.****Anything over our goal comes back to St. A's 100%!****REGISTRATION FOR OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS NOW TAKING PLACE**

We are preparing for our school year 2007-2008, and we need all present students and all NEW students to register in our Religious Education Office, Monday to Thursday 10a.m. to 2p.m. **If you need another time, please call the Religious Education Office at 718-331-8811 to make other arrangements.** A **new registration form** must be completed for ALL returning students as well as new students. **TUITION IS \$100.** At registration a \$25 deposit is required to hold the seat for your child in September. **Anyone registering for the first time must present a copy of a Baptismal Certificate.** If someone is transferring into our program and has already received another sacrament, a certificate for that sacrament must be presented as well.

**GRADUATES OF ST. ATHANASIUS SCHOOL: Class of 1957**

Our 50 Years Reunion will take place in 2007. If interested call Robert Babella at 718-318-1922

**PARISH CALENDAR MEETING at 7:00p.m. WITH MSGR. CASSATO & PARISH STAFF** Thursday June 21 in the Parish Auditorium. A representative of EACH SOCIETY and ORGANIZATION must be present in order to request space. **No society or organization will be guaranteed the same space or the ability to reserve dates, even if they used parish space on that same date last year, if NO representative is present.** If it is impossible for a representative to be present, the society or organization's PARISH STAFF MEMBER is to be given the list of requested dates. **ANY SOCIETY or ORGANIZATION NOT REPRESENTED WILL LOOSE ITS SPACE!**

**THE CARMELITE RELIGIOUS FAMILY** is composed of a variety of men and women, in different states of life, devoted to live the charism of contemplation in prayer and devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For some, living this charism has called them to observe the vows of religious life in a monastic community. There are also men and women who are married or single, retain their regular work. They can do so by joining the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapter of the Lay (Third Order) Carmelites that meet monthly here at St. A's. In order to join the Third Order, one must be committed to follow an ongoing formation program, be willing to make promises that will be lived in ordinary daily life and agree to support other members of the Third Order through monthly ongoing formation meetings. For further information, please call Mary Patten at 718.980.4919.

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

Jerry Agrusa, Guy Ateniese, Faith Arent, Kimberly Arent, Catherine Arrighetta, Patricia Aurigemma, Antionette Benfante, Carole Brooks, (John Fruner's sister) John Bernard, Viki & Chris Caravallo, Judith Carminette, Cynthia Carponetto, Ben castellano, Patricia Civiletti, William & Bruce Dalton, Celest DeLeonardas, Joan DeMeyer, Marie D'Atre, Josephine D'Auria, Celeste DeLeonardus, Joseph Delgado, Joan Demeyer, Rachel DePinto, Amedeo DiLullo, Barbara Doyle, Maria Esemplare, Olwell Ellis, Carolyn Farbelkp, Frances Falzetta, Helen Felcetto, Anthony Felicito, Chales W. Fontana, Carol Frank, Mary Ganley, Joseph Genuso, Anthony Giordano, Sal Giuffrida Matthew Guadagno, Linda Guiida, Diana Ingravallo, John Jadazeewski, Carmen Jiménez, Stephen Kelleher, Arlene Lautermilch, Marie Liberti, Rosemarie Liberti, Richard Liberti, John Liberti, Barbara Jean Lizzi Ellen Mary MacDougall, Ellen Mackey Fontana, Paul Marchese, Michael Matrascia Grace Martino, Tom Martocci, Eleanor Marando, Paul Modica, Josephine Morotta, Grace Pecorella, Assunta Pellegrino, James Pelliccio, Sr., Joe. P, Cathy Petrik, Steve Rinaldi, Francis Rowan, Eileen Ryan, Florence Fontana Sakeles, Donna Schiavoe, Carol Sidoti, Suzanne Taranto, Diane Twibell, Elaine Turcellino, David Vega, Catherine Vermericci, Angelina Vonelli, Corinne Wehrle, Ralph Zulferino

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

Marie Bell, Jennie Wong, Joseph Scire, Rosaria Alama

**We send our prayers & condolences to the deceased's family.**

**TO ADD A NAME, (or keep a name)** please call ext. 44 on Monday, (or call the Pastoral Counseling Office at 718.236.4973) spelling the name. If you wish the name to remain on the list you must call each week.

As a courtesy to your fellow parishioners and to maintain a prayerful atmosphere during mass, kindly lower the kneelers as gently as possible, especially during Mass.



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## PASTORAL CARE &amp; 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.

**DO YOU NEED HELP?** Our *Bensonhurst Cluster Outreach Office* is located at *Our Lady of Guadalupe Rectory*. A referral telephone operator is now waiting for your call so (s)he can provide you contacts for professional social services. Please call 718-232-6268.

**FREE INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING AVAILABLE FROM Master's in Mental Health Counseling Intern LINDA HICKS** who is here on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10a.m. to 3p.m., **Linda can be contacted to make appointments by calling 718.236.0124 Ext. 44 of the rectory.**

**ST. ATHANASIUS SCHOOL**

Registration continues at St. Athanasius School. Please call 718.236.4791 for availability of classes and all other information pertinent to registering your child.

**Are you separated? Thinking about Divorce? In the midst of a Divorce? Already Divorced? Ending a long term relationship? OUR DIVORCED & SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP** meets in the Nazareth Institute on Wednesday June 6 from 7:30-9p.m.

**NEWS ABOUT OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

We have received \$975,500 so far in contributions towards our Capital Campaign. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**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. Vicent DePaul Society Food Pantry assist those who say "yes." **We need food- any kind of non-perishable food.** Please leave food at the St. Joseph Altar each time you come to mass each Sunday. We have been turning people away because the demand is greater than what we have!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**Only ONE driver signed up to help us bring our homebound to church on Saturday June 16 for the 5:30p.m. Mass.**

If you can pick up & take the person home from mass, please call Msgr. Cassato this week.

We don't want to disappoint these people!

Many of these people only come to church ONCE A YEAR when we have our Anointing of the sick.

**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA FEAST & BAZAAR**

**Raising money to keep St. Athanasius School open, vibrant, & continuing its educational ministries.**

**Monday June 11, 2007**

6:30p.m. Bazaar Opens

7:30p.m. Latino Night with **Mariachi Band**

10:30p.m. Raffle Drawings in the Auditorium

11:00p.m. Bazaar Closes

**VISIT OUR NEW MARTINI BAR nightly, in our aid conditioned auditorium!**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2007**

7:15p.m. St. Anthony Novena Prayers with Benediction

**Wednesday, June 13, 2007**

7:30p.m. Mass in Honor of St. Anthony of Padua

**DEALING WITH THE LOSS OF A RELATIVE, FRIEND OR ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT PERSON IN YOUR LIFE? FEELING LIKE YOU WANT OR NEED TO TALK BUT HESITATE WITH FRIENDS BECAUSE "YOU DON'T WANT TO DRAG THEM DOWN?" WANT TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH PEOP** Come join Sr. Barbara Murtha, C.S.J., Elaine Sarcona, for conversation, prayer, & fellowship on the four Mondays of JUNE (June 4, 11, 18 & 25) at 7:30p.m. to 9p.m. in the Library of the Nazareth Institute, corner of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street & Bay Parkway in the Convent Basement. **LE WHO MAY BE FEELING THE WAY YOU DO?**

**Friday June 29**

**at 8p.m.**

**HEALING MASS**

**for all those who are sick with any illness or for those who are disabled in any way.**

**A SPECIAL BLESSING WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO ARE PREGNANT**

**& A BLESSING TO EXPECTANT COUPLES.**

We will hear about St. Gianna Beretta Mola,

A mother, doctor, and a pro-life saint.

**We present our annual**

**HOLY SMOKE****Cigar Dinner**

**Tuesday June 19 at 6:30p.m.**

**Help us keep our school open!**

**Donation \$125**

**Giando's On the Water**

**400 Kent Avenue**

**Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211**

**Check payable to St. Athanasius School.**

**SINGLES RETREAT: The Power of One- Becoming a Whole As A Single Person- July 13-15 at Mt. Manresa, Staten Island.** The cost of the retreat is \$ 195 which includes a \$ 95 non-refundable deposit payable to Mt. Manresa Retreat House, 239 Fingerboard Rd., S.I., N.Y. 10305. 718.727.3844, Ext. 200.

**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.

**How were you blessed and broken in this past week?  
What will you give to others in the coming week?**

**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.

**WAYS TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED**

*The Tree of Life is an important symbol in nearly every culture. With its branches reaching into the sky, and roots deep in the earth, it is a link between heaven & earth as we remember our loved ones.*



**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 or Msgr. Cassato to reserve your Tree of Life memorial.

**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.** They can be e-mailed to StAPastoralMin@aol.com Faxed copies & hard copies are not accepted.

**OUR BENSONHURST CLUSTER  
YOUTH MINISTRY**

has a website. Visit <http://brooklynym.tripod.com>

To contact The Bensonhurst Cluster Youth Ministry Office via email at [KenWodz@optonline.net](mailto:KenWodz@optonline.net), by phone at 718-259-4636, or in person at the Libutti Center at 2001 Bay Ridge Pkwy, next to the rectory of St. Dominic's.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
Feast / Bazaar RAFFLES**

*Raising money to keep St. Athanasius School open,  
vibrant, & continuing its educational ministries.  
\$1.00 each.*

**SKY'S THE LIMIT RAFFLE**

*Raising money to keep St. Athanasius School open,  
vibrant, & continuing its educational ministries.*

**\$100 a ticket.**

**Go in with your friends. This is our  
50/50 raffle. Drawing is on  
Monday June 11 at 10:30p.m.  
in Parish Auditorium.**

**See Msgr. Cassato for a ticket or  
Call Marie Skroly at the Rectory. (ext. 10)**



**FEAST IN HONOR OF  
PADRE PIO'S  
CANONIZATION (JUNE  
12-16)** Join the  
community of 20th

Avenue, and St. Dominic's, as we celebrate life and honor Padre Pio. Many activities happening on 20th Ave, and come especially to 74th and Bay Ridge Pkwy for spiritual activities in and outside of the church. During the feast we will have games, activities and music in front of the church for youth, so come by and listen and play, all activities are free and open to all youth!

**BROOKLYN CYCLONE- OPENING DAY GAME  
TICKETS, JUNE 19TH AT 7PM , ONLY \$5.00!.** Come see the Cyclones open the season against the Staten Island Yankees! That is right the first game of the year, but we have only a limited amount of tickets so call fast and reserve. Ask for Billy at 917-626-0478.

**YOUTH OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN RETREAT, JUNE 22-23.**

Come get locked in over night at St. Mary, Mother of Jesus on 85th Street with 25 other youth to discover where your life is heading, and if you can see God in it. Cost is \$20.00 which includes 3 meals. This retreat is open to those in 6th grade, through 10th grade. (See flyer for more information.)

**CAFÉ SOUL (FYBY) - JUNE 29TH, ST. DOMINIC'S GYM**

Open to all youth in Junior High, High School and Older; for a night of fun and entertainment. Come to a place to hang, to socialize, and to listen to some music, watch some drama and dance and much, much more. (FYBY) This is night is for youth and by youth! We are looking for interested youth under 21 years of age who individually or collectively are willing to share a talent, an area of interest with their peers. Coming soon will be the screening night for all acts, so email [KenWodz@optonline.net](mailto:KenWodz@optonline.net) ASAP, to get on the list or to find out more information! This evening is free, with drinks and snacks being sold. We hope to move Café Soul around to a parish near you in the coming months too!

**YOUTH MASS AND YOUTH GROUP AT ST. A's** Every First and Third Sunday at St. Athanasius. The youth group is open to anyone at least in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade into High School. We meet at 4PM in front of the church for some youth activities and community building.



St. Anthony

**THE FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA is Wednesday June 13.** We will celebrate Mass in Italian and English in his honor and to end our Novena and Triduum at 7:30p.m. in the Upper Church.

**BISHOP KEARNEY HIGH SCHOOL IS THE PLACE TO BE THIS SUMMER!** Are you looking for something fun & exciting to do this summer? Do you want to sharpen your basketball and volleyball skills? Do you want to prepare yourself for the TACHS test? Check out the **LITTLE TIGERS SUMMER CAMP- a four week program that includes academic enrichment, creative learning, exciting activities and a sports camp.** \$200. Call 718.236.6363 Ext. 264.

**THE CATHOLIC MIGRATION OFFICE IS SPONSORING FREE CANCER SCREENINGS.** --If you are over 40, uninsured and low income, you qualify to receive a free clinical breast exam, PAP test and mammogram. --If you are over 50, uninsured and low income, you qualify to receive a free colorectal cancer screening. --They will have free high blood pressure screenings as well. **The screenings will be held on: Sunday, July 8 from 9:00-12:00 at the Regina Pacis Youth Center, 1258 - 65th Street.** Registration is required. Call 718-236-0909 to schedule an appointment.

**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE! St. A's needs to be in Bensonhurst for another 95 years!** It needs to still be going strong. If you have any concern that the Pastoral Planning Council needs to hear about, e-mail them at StAthanasiusPPC@aol.com . Please remember that you may not get a response except that they received your e-mail. Solutions are not easily obtained unless we have people to work on them!

**A TUTOR IS NEEDED FOR A CHILD IN SECOND GRADE** Interested? Call Susan at 347.723.5121.

**TUTORING SERVICES FOR GRADES 1 THROUGH 8** Help in all subjects areas: class work, homework, State exams, New York state certified teachers only, \$50 per hour or \$70 per 1.5 hours, Cash only on day of service, by appointment only, please call 1-646-413-1608.

**A NANY IS NEEDED FOR A NEW BORN IN DYKER HEIGHTS, 3-4 days during the week, 8am to 6p.m.** Interested? Call Rich at 917.459.7503.

**PART TIME MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST for local doctor's office** Please call 718.234.3344.

**Pastoral Council** meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 20 at 7:30 in the School Hall.

**Support Group for Women who have experienced or are experiencing Domestic Violence**

**DOES YOUR PARTNER:**

- Embarrass you with bad names and put downs?
- Look at you or act in ways that scare you?
- Jealous of the time you spend with friends or family?
- Make you feel like you can't do anything right?
- Destroy your property or threaten to kill your pets?
- Threaten to take your kids from you if you leave?
- Shove you, slap you, hit you or pull your hair?

**Join Linda Hicks, M.S. Mental Health Intern** onTUESDAYS from 11a.m. to 12:30p.m. in St. Athanasius Rectory Conference Room To speak to Linda, call 718.236.0124 Ext. 44.

**ITS TIME TO RENEW YOUR ST. ANTHONY CANDLE if you had it lit on June 13, 2006.**

*If you had lit at any other time during the year, then your renewal comes at that time.*

*YOUR RENEWAL DATE IS THE DATE THE CANDLE'S PLAQUE WAS PLACED IN THE SHRINE.*

Dear Msgr. Cassato,

Please renew my candle in the Shrine to St. Anthony of Padua. Enclosed is my \$150 donation for the year 2007-2008.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please PRINT your intention as you wish it appears on the candle.**

**CHINESE AUCTION** sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Marine Park **for the benefit of St. Jude's Hospital for Children**

Saturday June 23, 7 to 11p.m. here at St. Athanasius School Auditorium.

Admissions includes a cold cut platter, salads, olives, soda, coffee, tea, and cookies. **ADMISSION \$ 3.00**

**For reservations call GERALDINE MARCHESI 718.256.2989 or TERRY CARBONARA 718.980.4728.**

Make your check payable to Marine Park Kiwanis Club.

# ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT MASS- Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30p.m. Mass



"Is there anyone among you sick? They should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save that person, and the Lord will raise them up. If that person has committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven."  
(James 5:14-15)

Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all people; yet their faith helps them bear the pain with greater courage. Those who are seriously ill need the special help of God's grace. That is why, through the Sacrament of Anointing, Christ strengthens those who are ill. The celebration of the Sacrament consists of laying on of hands and anointing with oil. This Sacrament gives the grace of the Holy Spirit to those who are sick; by this grace the person is helped and sustained by trust in God. The sick person is able not only to bear suffering bravely, but also to fight against it. A return to physical health may follow the reception of the Sacrament if it will be beneficial to the sick person's salvation.

### WHO MAY BE ANOINTED?

- Those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or advanced age
- Some one who is going to the hospital for surgery
- Elderly people who have become notably weakened even though there is no serious illness
- Sick children that can understand that by receiving the Sacrament, God's grace will strengthen them.

The community of St. Athanasius needs to support one another. We are a family and our celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing is one way we reveal our sensitivity, love and support for our sisters and brothers.

**WE ASK THAT YOU FILL OUT EITHER PART I or PART II & RETURN IT TO US EITHER IN THE SUNDAY COLLECTION BASKET OR AT THE RECTORY NO LATER THAN MONDAY JUNE 11.**

**FOR PERSONS TO BE ANOINTED June 16 at the 5:30p.m. Mass**

Dear Msgr. Cassato, I wish to be anointed at Mass.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Private home or Apartment? \_\_\_\_\_ Floor \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need assistance from home to church? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need transportation? \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR PERSONS WHO WILL ASSIST at the Anointing of the Sick Mass, June 16 at 5:30p.m.**

Dear Msgr. Cassato, I will be of assistance at the Mass.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Able to drive? \_\_\_\_\_ I will be able to pick up persons from their home and drive them back after Mass. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Parrocchia Sant'Atanasio

Bollettino Settimanale

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

## GRUPPI DI RIFLESSIONE PER IL PROGRAMMA FUTURO DELLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA SANT'ATANASIO SABATO, 16 GIUGNO ALLE 10AM OPPURE DOMENICA, 24 GIUGNO ALLE 12:30PM

Dal nostro **DIACONO DANTE COLANDREA**

Riflessione del mese di giugno

### FORMULA DI CONSACRAZIONE AL SACRATISSIMO

**CUORE DI GESU'** - Cuore Sacratissimo di Gesu', Cuore amabilissimo del nostro Redentore, Cuore di Padre, di fratello, di amico delle anime nostre, quando siamo debitori al tuo Amore per noi!

Dal tuo Cuore adorabile abbiamo ricevuto tutti i benefici e favori e abbiamo ottenuto la grazie piu' belle per la santificazione delle nostre anime.

Cuore dolcissimo di Gesu', Ti sei consumato d'amore per noi, Ti sei donato totalmente a noi per la nostra salvezza. Oggi vogliamo consacrarci tutti al tuo Cuore divino. Siamo tuoi per natura e per grazia e tuoi vogliamo essere nel tempo e nell'eternita'. Ci doniamo totalmente a Te! Ti doniamo tutto il nostro essere, il nostro corpo, la nostra anima, il nostro cuore. Cuore dolcissimo di Gesu', Ti doniamo la nostra memoria per ricordare sempre le dolcezze del tuo amore, la nostra mente per apprendere solo la bellezza del tuo Cuore divino, la nostra volonta' per amare soltanto il tuo amabilissimo Cuore, la nostra liberta' per vivere obbedendo soltanto alla tua santa Volonta'.

Cuore Sacratissimo di Gesu', delizia dell'Eterno, conforto dei cuori afflitti, accetta e gradisci l'offerta irrevocabile dei nostri cuori. Racchiudi tutti e per sempre nel tuo Cuore Sacratissimo, afinche', uniti a Te sulla terra, restiamo per sempre insieme a Te in Paradiso. Così sia.

### OFFERTA DELLA GIORNATA AL SACRO CUORE DI

**GESU'** - Cuore Divino di Gesu', io Ti offro Per mezzo del Cuore Immacolato di Maria, madre della Chiesa. Le gioie e le sofferenze di questo giorno: in riparazione dei peccati e per la salvezza di tutti gli uomini, nella grazia dello Spirito Santo, per la gloria del Padre divino. Amen.

Dagli scritti di Sant'Antonio: "Con la grazia e' lo stesso Spirito Santo che come uno sposo si unisce all'anima che l'amore penitente ha purificato. Nozze divine da cui nasce il cristiano, erede della vita eterna.. Percio' possiamo dire al Figlio di Dio: "Ecco, noi siamo tue ossa e tua carne".

**Signore Gesu', pieta' della nostra debolezza, perdono per i nostri peccati! Pieta' di noi, membra tue, o Signore, tendici la mano fraterna, affinche' ogni giorno della vita terrena sia un passo avanti nel nostro pellegrinare verso la Casa celeste. Fa' che noi peccatori ci avviciniamo a Te, che Ti ascoltiamo. Dignati di accoglierci con Te e ristorarci alla Mensa della vita eterna!".**

### ISCRIZIONE A GRUPPI DI RIFLESSIONE - Tre settimane

fa la famiglia Sant'Atanasio ha votato per il programma futuro della nostra parrocchia. Non possiamo raggiungere il nostro traguardo senza il vostro aiuto. Unitevi a noi per cercare idee che possono essere benefici alla nostra parrocchia. Il primo gruppo si riunira' sabato, 16 giugno dalle 10:00 - 12:00. Il secondo gruppo si riunira' domenica, 24 giugno dalle 12:30 - 2:30. Cortesemente iscrivetevi ad uno dei gruppi e dateci le vostre idee.

### PROGRAMMA IN ONORE DI SAN ANTONIO DI

**PADOVA: PROCESSIONE** - oggi, giugno 10, 2007 alle 3 p.m. processione per le strade della nostra parrocchia. (Per informazioni dettagliate sulla processione, cortesemente leggere il volantino in Italiano e Inglese con il percorso della processione.)

**TRIDUUM** - domenica, 10 maggio ultima serata del triduum alle ore 7:30pm nella chiesa piano superiore.

**NOVENA** - martedi', 12 giugno alle 7:15pm seguita dalla benedizione con il Santissimo Sacramento.

**MESSA** - mercoledi', 13 giugno alle 7:30pm Santa Messa in onore di San Antonio.

**BAZAAR ANNUALE** - fino a lunedì' 11 giugno. Ogni sera divertimento per tutta la famiglia con musica varia.

**PELLEGRINAGGIO A PHILADELPHIA** - sabato, 23 giugno si terra' il prossimo pellegrinaggio del Diacono Dante alla chiesa Old Saint Joseph, fondata nel 1733. L'offerta di \$55 comprende il viaggio e il pranzo in un bellissimo ristorante italiano nel centro storico di Philadelphia. Avremo la possibilita' di visitare alcuni punti storici della citta'. Per informazione telefonare al Diacono Dante al 917-602-3793.

**ESAMI MEDICI GRADUITI** - L'ufficio del Catholic Migration sponozza un servizio gratuito per coloro che vogliono far controlli per qualsiasi malattia causato dal cancro e per coloro che hanno problemi di salute causati da pressione alta. Persone di eta' da 40 in poi e senza assicurazione medica possono ricevere questa esami medici graduiti. Questi esami medici si terranno domenica, 8 luglio iniziando alle ore 9:00am presso Regina Pacis Youth Center, 1258 - 65 Strade. Telefonare al 718 - 236-0909 per una prenotazione. E' necessario prenotarsi.



## Iglesia Católica de San Atanasio BOLETIN HISPANO

### Misa en Español: Domingos 10a.m. (Iglesia Abajo)

**CELEBRANDO A LO LARGO DEL AÑO LITÚRGICO NUESTRAS ACTIVIDADES PASTORALES, LES INVITO EN UN AMBIENTE DE MUCHO RECOGIMIENTO, RESPETO Y FERVOR A LA ASISTENCIA SEMANAL DE LA EUCARISTÍA DOMINICAL, INICIANDO CON EL REZO DEL SANTO ROSARIO A LAS 9:00 AM Y APROVECHANDO EL TIEMPO DE REFLEXIÓN O PREPARACIÓN INTERIOR, PARA REVISAR DELANTE DE JESÚS Y MARIA STMA, NUESTRA VIDA, NUESTRO TRABAJO Y EL CUMPLIMIENTO DE LAS TAREAS DIARIAS.** Es muy importante este regalo personal, porque es la mejor manera de vivir bien dispuestos en el servicio y en la entrega a las labores cotidianas, que sin la bendición de Dios no tendría sentido en cuanto al crecimiento integral que como sus hijos hemos de tener permanentemente. Vengamos, pues siempre con una actitud positiva a nuestras celebraciones y de esta manera atraigamos a otros hermanos, que también necesitan de Dios, para que en familia vengamos todos a celebrar, a llenarnos del mensaje Divino y a poner en El todas nuestras tareas, aspiraciones y realizaciones diarias. Algunas personas consideran poco importante la vida espiritual, porque no están sacando provecho económico y es por eso que la vida se les vuelve rutinaria y se van estancando poco a poco, hasta el punto de perder la paz, la armonía en el hogar y la alegría de la vida... ya que lo único que da plenitud y paz es el amor, la fidelidad y el servicio alegre y desinteresado a Dios en medio de los hermanos: "Recuerden siempre que de nada sirve ganar el mundo entero si perdemos el alma"

#### **HORARIOS DE OFICINA PARA TODOS LOS INTERESADOS:**

Días Jueves de 9am-12pm y de 3pm a 8pm. Pueden llamar también a pedir cita para otros eventos y necesidades al 718-236-0124 Ext 14 con el padre Gabriel directamente, dejando su mensaje y Nro telefónico, le responderé la llamada. También estoy a su disposición los días miércoles y viernes de 9am hasta las 4:30pm y algunos sábados dependiendo de las obligaciones en otras parroquias.

**CURSO PREMATRIMONIAL 2007:** Estará iniciándose el día sábado 16 de Junio a las 7pm en la rectoría, para todos los interesados. Pueden venir sin compromiso, solo a recibir la información y capacitación. Espero ayudarles a tomar esta importante decisión en sus vidas y celebrar la boda sacramental que les permita vivir como verdaderos hijo de Dios y de la Iglesia.

**BAZAR PARROQUIAL:** Del día Miércoles 6 de Junio hasta el Lunes 11 de Junio cuando tendremos nuestra actividad musical, por parte de la comunidad Hispana, con la presencia de un Mariachi. Les esperamos a todos en familia. Durante estos días tendremos eventos especiales para niños y adultos.

**LA COMUNIDAD COREANA DE ESTA PARROQUIA ESTÁN DE DESPEDIDA EL DÍA DOMINGO 17 DE JUNIO CON UNA MISA ESPECIAL a las 4:00pm;** ya que pasarán a formar parte de la Parroquia de Holy Spirit a partir del 30 Junio. Les deseamos muchos éxitos y agradecemos a Dios su presencia en San Atanasio por 20 Años.

**INSCRIPCIONES PARA LOS ADULTOS INTERESADOS EN RECIBIR LOS SACRAMENTOS DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA QUE LES HACE FALTA (BAUTISMO, PRIMERA COMUNIÓN O CONFIRMACIÓN) DEBEN LLENAR LA SOLICITUD QUE ENCUENTRAN A LA ENTRADA DE LA IGLESIA CON LA SRA**

**DELMY GONZALEZ Y DEVOLVERLA DILIGENCIADA.** Se requiere conseguir el acta de Bautizo si ya lo recibieron para poder recibir los demás sacramentos... Esto lo pueden hacer durante el tiempo del curso preparatorio que iniciaremos en el mes de Septiembre.

#### **LAS FECHAS PARA LOS BAUTIZOS EN ESTOS MESES SON: SÁBADO JUNIO 30, JULIO 28 Y AGOSTO 11 A LAS 2:00 PM.**

Los interesados deben traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño (a) si es menor de 6 años y el nombre de los padrinos, que sean bautizados y confirmados. Se recomienda que los padrinos asistan a Misa y sean un buen ejemplo para sus hijos. Bienvenidos!

#### **MISAS ESPECIALES DE QUINCUAÑERAS, ANIVERSARIOS DE BODAS Y BENDICIONES ESPECIALES:**

Se requiere ante todo que los interesados sean Bautizados, Confirmados y que hayan recibido la Primera Comunión. también que sean conocidos en la comunidad y que vengan regularmente a la Iglesia; de otra manera no encuentro lógico que se hagan gastos sensacionales por fiestas sociales, que no tienen ninguna conexión con la Vida Espiritual de las personas. También si son aniversarios, solo deben celebrarse para las parejas casadas por la Iglesia. No estamos celebrando Misas especiales por los 3 años de los niños; en estos casos les recomiendo incluir a estos niños en las intenciones de las misas dominicales con una donación voluntaria, para que al final de la Misa reciban una bendición especial siempre y cuando sean bautizados.

#### **CLASES DE RELIGIÓN EN LA ESCUELA:**

Deben registrarlos en estos días antes del 20 de Junio y pagar mínimo \$25 Dolares con la registración que encuentran también a la entrada del templo. Se les dará la oportunidad a las familias para que los niños reciban la Primera Comunión en Español. Esto lo haremos en la primera reunión con los padres de familia en el mes de Octubre. Deben conseguir también la partida de Bautizo. en caso de no tenerlo deben prepararse para recibir ambos sacramentos.

**GRUPOS PARROQUIALES:** Les recordamos asistir en cuanto puedan al grupo Bíblico de Oración y Reflexión los días Lunes (excepto los festivos) y también al grupo Carismático de Oración los días viernes. Estos grupos inician a las 7:30 pm. Bienvenidos todos!

**MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS PARROQUIALES:** Los interesados en colaborar como servidores en cualquier pastoral deben registrarse en la oficina del Padre Gabriel directamente y asistir a la preparación correspondiente a nivel del cluster o de la Diócesis. Recuerden que para ser Lectores o Ministros de la Comunión deben ser casados por la Iglesia, que sean buenos hermanos en la comunidad y que tengan un buen ejemplo de vida cristiana. Los solteros deben haber recibido también hasta la Confirmación. Los niños que quieran servir en el altar como acólitos deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión y tener permiso de los padres.

#### **Y POR ULTIMO:**

Cooperemos todos para que nuestros niños y adultos respetemos el templo, participemos activamente de las ceremonias y lleguemos puntualmente a las mismas. De su cooperación dependerá el éxito de nuestro trabajo pastoral.

**Bendiciones, Pbro Gabriel Jaime Toro**

# WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA?

Come to a Reflection Group to Share Your Thoughts & Ideas with your fellow parishioners and identify the objectives of the goals you selected!

Reflection Groups will be held as follows:  
Saturday, June 16 in the School Auditorium at 10am

OR

Sunday, June 24 in the School Auditorium at 12:30pm

Registration is Required

1. Community: To expand the number, variety, and affordability of faith and social events for parishioners of all ages and cultures.
2. Evangelization: To develop a ministry to invite inactive Catholics to resume an active practice of their faith.
3. Evangelization: To teach our youth an appreciation of Catholic faith traditions and practices beyond the completion of Sacraments.
4. Community: To continue to improve education and technology in our parish school.
5. Community: To improve communications with parishioners and among parish groups beyond the bulletin and pulpit announcements.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Reflection Group On June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am. I am interested in contributing my ideas to Goal \_\_\_\_\_.  
(number)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Reflection Group On June 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30am. I am interested in contributing my ideas to Goal \_\_\_\_\_.  
(number)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend the Reflection Groups but I am interested in working on Goal \_\_\_\_\_.  
(number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

# QUAL'E' LA TUA GRANDE IDEA?

Iscrivetevi con altri parrocchiani ad un Gruppo di Riflessione per dare il vostro parere e le vostre idee a individuare gli obbiettivi per il programma da voi selezionato!

Gruppi di Riflessioni si riuniranno  
sabato, 16 giugno alle 10:00am nella sala di riunione  
oppure  
domenica, 24 giugno alle 12:30pm nella sala di riunione  
iscrizione necessaria

- 1. Comunita':** Aumentare il numero e la varieta' degli eventi sociali per i parrocchiani di ogni eta' e cultura e allo stesso tempo cercare di diminuire le spese.
- 2. Evangelizzazione:** Creare un ministero che aiuti i cattolici non praticanti a riprendere a praticare la loro fede.
- 3. Evangelizzazione:** Insegnare ai giovani ad apprezzare la fede e le tradizioni cattoliche anche dopo aver ricevuto i sacramenti.
- 4. Comunita':** Continuare a migliorare le norme istruttive e tecnologiche della nostra scuola cattolica parrocchiale.
- 5. Comunita':** Migliorare le comunicazioni con i parrocchiani e fra i diversi gruppi della parrocchia oltre al bollettino e agli annunci fatti in chiesa.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Saro' presente al Gruppo Riflessione il 16 giugno alle 10 am.

Sono interessato a contribuire le mie idee allo Scopo # \_\_\_\_\_.  
(numero)

\_\_\_\_\_ Saro' presente al Gruppo Riflessione il 24 giugno alle 12:30pm.

Sono interessato a contribuire con le mie idee allo Scopo # \_\_\_\_\_.  
(numero)

\_\_\_\_\_ Non ho possibilita' di presenziare a nessuno dei Gruppo di Riflessione,

sono pero' interessato a lavorare per Scopo # \_\_\_\_\_.  
(numero)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nome

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telefono

\_\_\_\_\_  
Indirizzo Posta Elettronica

# ¿ CUÁL ES SU GRAN IDEA?

Venga a un grupo de Reflexión ia compartir sus pensamientos e ideas con sus compañeros feligreses e identificar los objetivos de las metas que usted seleccionó!

Los grupos de reflexión se Llevarán a cabo como sigue:  
Sábado 16 de junio a las 10am en el auditorio de la escuela.

Domingo 24 de junio a las 12:30 P.M.en el auditorio de la escuela.  
Se requiere registración

1. **Comunidad:** Para ampliar el número, la variedad, y accesibilidad de la fe y eventos sociales para los feligreses de todas las edades y culturas .
2. **Evangelización:** Para desarrollar un ministerio para invitar a los católicos inactivos que reasuman una práctica activa de su fe.
3. **Evangelización:** Para enseñar nuestra juventud un aprecio de las tradiciones y de las prácticas católicas de la fe despues de haber hecho los sacramentos.
4. **Comunidad:** Para continuar mejorando la educación y la tecnología en nuestra escuela de la parroquia.
5. **Comunidad:** Para mejorar las comunicaciones con los feligreses y entre los grupos de la parroquia más allá de los avisos del boletín y del púlpito.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yo atenderé al grupo de reflexión el Sábado 16 de junio a las 10am.  
Estoy interesado en contribuir con mis ideas a la meta #\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yo atenderé al grupo de reflexión el Domingo 24 de junio a las 12:30pm.  
Estoy interesado en contribuir con mis ideas a la meta #\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ No puedo atender a los grupos de reflexión pero estoy interesado en trabajar en la meta #\_\_\_\_\_.

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Nombre

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Número Teléfono

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Correo Electrónico

# SOLEMN PROCESSION IN HONOR OF SAINT ANTHONY

**through the street of our parish with St. Anthony's Statue  
& distribution of St. Anthony Blessed Bread**

**June 10, 2007 at 3 p.m.**



**Come worship with us  
at our Shrine dedicated to  
Saint Anthony of Padua  
at  
St. Athanasius Church,  
Bensonhurst, Brooklyn.**

## **Processional Directions:**

- **Beginning at St. Athanasius Church – corner of 61<sup>st</sup> St. and Bay Parkway**
- **Walk to 62<sup>nd</sup> St. and Bay Parkway - make a left on to 62<sup>nd</sup> St .**
- **Walk on 62<sup>nd</sup> St. to 24<sup>th</sup> Ave.**
- **On 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. make a left and walk to 61<sup>st</sup> St .**
- **Walk on 61<sup>st</sup> St. to 18<sup>th</sup> Ave.**
- **On 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. make a left to 65<sup>th</sup> St .**
- **On 65<sup>th</sup> St. walk to 21<sup>st</sup> Ave.**
- **On 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. make a right and walk to 66<sup>th</sup> St .**
- **On 66<sup>th</sup> St. make a right and walk to 19<sup>th</sup> Ave.**
- **On 19<sup>th</sup> Ave make a right and walk to 60<sup>th</sup> St .**
- **On 60<sup>th</sup> St. make a right and walk to Bay Parkway**
- **On Bay Parkway make a right and return to Saint Athanasius Church**

# PROCESSIONE IN ONORE DI SAN ANTONIO

**per le strade della nostra parrocchia con la statua del santo  
e la distribuzione del pane benedetto**

**Giugno 10, 2007 alle 3 p.m.**



**Venerato nella cappella dedicata a  
San Antonio  
nella nostra chiesa  
di  
Sant'Atanasio  
Bensonhutst, Brooklyn**

- **Inizio dalla chiesa di S. Atanasio fino alla 62 Strada**
- **Dove girera' a sinistra fino alla 24 Ave.**
- **Dove girera' a sinistra fino alla 61 Strada**
- **Dove camminerà' fino la 18 Ave.**
- **Dove girera' a sinistra fino alla 65 Strada**
- **Dove si continua a camminare fino la 21 Ave.**
- **Dove si gira a destra fino alla 66 strada**
- **Dove girera' a destra fino la 19 Ave.**
- **Dove girera' a destra fino 60 Strada**
- **Dove girera' a destra fino a Bay Parkway**
- **Dove girera' a destra per il ritorno nella chiesa di S. Atanasio**

# City's public education stinks, so I gave Catholic schools \$22.5M

BY ERIN EINHORN  
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

ROBERT WILSON admits he knows nothing about education and doesn't believe in God.

But the 80-year-old atheist millionaire says he decided to bankroll the city's Catholic schools because if people are willing to pay the tuition, the schools must be better.

"Kids' families will pay to get into the Catholic schools when they could go to public school for free," Wilson told the Daily News. "Kids want to get out of the public schools. . . . It's the market. It's what they're doing."

Wilson's \$22.5 million contribution to help poor families pay for tuition at Catholic schools was the largest in the history of the Archdiocese of New York.

In an exclusive interview, Wilson told The News he donated the money because the "helping hand" should extend to people who help themselves.

"And to the extent that they don't help themselves, then f--- 'em," he said.

To qualify for the scholarships, the families he's funding must pay at least \$500 a year for tuition, proving they're helping themselves. Still, he does worry a bit about those who can't afford to pay anything.

"The f--- 'em category is a much smaller number of people than are being f---ed currently," he said.

Despite his profane vocabulary, the retired Wall Streeter speaks in joyful tones, as though everything he says amuses him. He lives a charmed life in an art-filled apartment in the upper West Side's San Remo towers. His wraparound terrace overlooks the lush treetops of Central Park.

He travels to the great opera houses of the world. And while at home, he's been focusing on

giving away 70% of his net worth — reportedly about \$600 million — before he dies.

Born the son of an insurance agent in a stately Detroit neighborhood ("Petit-bourgeois," he said), Wilson worked as a University of Michigan fellow after World War II, teaching economics to the flood of returning vets on the G.I. Bill.

He came to New York in 1949 and soon turned \$15,000 into a fortune, in part through shorting stocks — betting that firms would tank.

As such, he says, he knows a dog when he sees one. And that's what he sees when he looks at the city's public schools.

They're "a horror and an outrage," he said. "I wouldn't give a nickel to the public school system. . . . That's just throwing good money after bad."

Wilson, who was married but

has no children, is himself the product of public schools. But that was back before teachers were unionized, he said.

Wilson angered city teachers union President Randi Weingarten when he used the announcement of his big gift last month to blame unions for the problems with schools.

And, during his 90-minute sit-down with The News, he continued his assault, repeatedly knocking unions for "featherbedding" and creating a "rigidity" that hurts kids.

He said he wants to help Catholic schools both because he thinks they're better and because they're "under siege" from unions determined to "deprive them of a shred of government money."

Until this year, he'd given relatively small amounts — about \$10,000 a year — to Catholic schools. But he decided to donate much more when he real-

ized he could pay for 3,000 kids to attend Catholic schools for five years.

Wilson is a Republican, like his father, but mostly he identifies himself as a libertarian.

"I believe in sodomy and the free market," he said.

Those aren't exactly ideals supported by the Catholic church he's now lavishing with money.

The church also doesn't seem like the perfect beneficiary for the grandson of an Episcopal preacher. (Wilson stopped going to church when, he said, he realized "it isn't true.") But that's not the point, he said.

"I have given to subsidize students to attend schools sponsored by that religious organization," he said. "I would no more give money to St. Patrick's Cathedral so it could burnish its altar than I would give money to the UFT."

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In 2005, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops challenged the church to continue its commitment to Catholic education through its pastoral letter "Renewing Our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium." In December of that year, a 25 page report, "Making God Known, Loved, and Served: The Future of Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools in the United States," was prepared by the University of Notre Dame Task Force on Catholic Education further calling us to take a key role in restoring our schools. Catholic schools matter more now than ever, and they work, as study after study demonstrates," the Notre Dame report stated. The rise of Evangelical Christian schools shows that other Christian communities have learned what we as Catholics already know -that there is no substitute for spending 35 hours each week in an educational environment permeated by faith and Gospel values. Additionally, Charter Schools, with the total absence of faith and Gospel values, attempting to imitate the environment of our schools, now attract more and more students. Perhaps the best way to appreciate the power of our Catholic schools is to imagine the Church in the United States without them. How would we produce generous leaders? How would we serve immigrants? How would we provide educational opportunities to the poor, especially those in Brooklyn and Queens? **LET'S WORK TO KEEP THEM OPEN!**