

## 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. 44

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**SUNDAY, September 21, 2008 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

8:30 Rosary Society & Nancy Ilardi  
 10:00 Maria & Antonio Colandrea  
 11:30 Purgatorial Society  
 10:00 Spanish Mass (Lower Church)  
 11:30 Italian Mass (Lower Church) Amelia & Gaetano Pisano  
 6:00 Vincent LoBiondo

**MONDAY, September 22, 2008**

7:00 Angelo Ciliberti  
 9:00 Elisa & John Mascaro  
 4:00pm Wedding Ceremony: Al Correa & Agota Fulop  
 7:30pm Padre Pio Mass with Procession (Upper Church)

**TUESDAY, September 23, 2008**

7:00 All Souls  
 9:00 John Modelfino

**WEDNESDAY, September 24, 2008**

7:00 Paul Buccellato  
 9:00 Rebecca Nessin

**THURSDAY, September 25, 2008**

7:00 Leo Bigilda Moran  
 9:00 Concetta Ferrante

**FRIDAY, September 26, 2008**

7:00 Joseph Martori (Anniversary)  
 9:00 Joseph B. Russo & Family  
 6:00pm Wedding Ceremony: Joseph Rotelle & Laura Principe

**SATURDAY, September 27, 2008**

9:00 Irene Malast  
 5:30pm Domenico & Joanne Tripoli  
 7:30pm Rosary for Life (Upper Church)  
 8:00pm Healing Mass with Respect Life Ministries (Upper Church)

**SUNDAY, September 28, 2008 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

8:30 Giacomo Ocello, Biagio & Ida Scotto  
 10:00 Vito Costa (Birthday) & 50th Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. Zelferino  
 11:30 Purgatorial Society  
 10:00 Spanish Mass (Lower Church)  
 11:30 Italian Mass (Lower Church) Marino Del Re  
 6:00 Rose Circosta

**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 7a.m. to 7p.m. & Sundays 7a.m. to 7p.m. Please feel free to pray at the former communion rail next to the Altar of the Blessed Sacrament.

**HOSTS FOR THE WEEK-** *donated in loving memory of Centorrino Family & Michael V. Damiano requested by Eleanor Damiano.*

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

**ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK -** *donated for the continued recuperation of Maria Amadeo requested by Sal Amadeo & Family.*

**SANCTUARY LAMPS** *One sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of Anthony & Maria Theresa Marando requested by The Alvaro & Puccio Families. The other sanctuary lamp is donated in memory of Giuseppe & Maria Margiottiello requested by children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.*

**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)

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."

**JOIN US FOR THE 6PM MONTHLY YOUTH MASS THIS SUNDAY, SEPT 21ST**, as the music is being provided by a group called **Kingship**. After that mass (around 7PM) they will offer us a special concert for about 45 minutes, and then sandwiches and drinks will be served to those in attendance in the parish Hall.

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

**WE HAVE TWO NEW CANDLE RACKS FOR OUR UPPER CHURCH'S SHRINE TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA** if you want to memorialize a rack (and we have two available), we are requesting a **\$5,000 donation per rack**. A plaque with your memorialization will be placed on the wall next to the rack you donate. Please speak to Msgr. Cassato.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008 - 7:00 PM - ITALIAN NIGHT WITH INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED TENOR AND GREAT ITALIAN SINGER AARON CARUSO IN HONOR OF OCTOBER ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH, SPONSORED BY G.I.S.A. GRUPPO ITALIANO SANT'ATANASIO** - Regional songs of Italy and the music of Mario Lanza, Andrea Bocelli, Jimmy Roselli, Lou Monte and others. Tickets are \$20.00. Parish Hall - refreshments at intermission. Tickets before and after 11:30am Italian Mass or **Maria Porcu' 718 - 627-0387, Maria Perniciaro 718 - 351-4764, Freddy Felletti 718- 614 - 9683**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN?** If you are not baptized, baptized in another Christian Church, or baptized Catholic but have not completed received First Communion or Confirmation, **you are invited to join our parish community**. Classes take place on Sundays beginning with mandatory attendance at our 11:30a.m. Mass. You will be done by 2:30p.m. each Sunday. To register for our **information meeting** in **OCTOBER** call Fr. Ron D'Antonio, **DURING SEPTEMBER** at 718-236-0124 Ext. 13, leaving him your name, address, phone number, and which sacraments you need.

**RETREAT AT ST. ALPHONSO** The Rosary Society will have its annual retreat at St. Alphonso's, on the Jersey shore, Tuesday Oct. 14, 2008. The offering is \$45 which includes bus fare, breakfast, and lunch. Please call Laura Taran 718.256.9862 for reservations. ALL WOMEN WELCOME!

**ROSARY SOCIETY COMMUNION BREAKFAST** Sunday Oct. 19, 2008 beginning with the 8:30a.m. Mass. Breakfast and meeting following in the Parish Auditorium. Offering is \$15. Our guest speaker is Sr. Ave Clarke, O.P. **ALL WELCOME!** Please call Ann Curtis 718.256.2803 or Syliva Iordio 718.837.9727, chairladies, for reservations. We look forward to having you join us!

**DEALING WITH THE LOSS OF A RELATIVE, FRIEND OR ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT PERSON IN YOUR LIFE? OUR BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** continues each Monday at 7:30p.m. to 9p.m. in the Library of the Nazareth Institute with **Sr. Barabra Murtha, C.S.J.** until Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 95 Years of Faith & Family here at St. Athanasius

Celebrate with your fellow parishioners

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2008**

At El Caribe Country Club

Cocktails at 2:00p.m.- Dinner to Follow. \$85 a ticket.

For tickets call **SUSAN GENTILE 347-831-8108**

### GRATITUDE TO FR. GERALD AS HE RETURNS HOME TO NIGERIA

After serving for about 18 months in St. A's, Fr. Gerald Umopren will return to his Pastoral Assignment in his home Diocese in Nigeria next month. In appreciation for Father's dedicated services to our Parish, Msgr. Cassato has highly recommended that we as a Parish support him in the purchase of an automobile for his pastoral ministry in Nigeria. We are invited to donate generously towards this cause. You can make a check payable to St. Athanasius Church with a

memo at the bottom: Fr. Gerald's car. For more information call Msgr. Cassato at 718.236.0124 Ext. 11 or Mr. Jim Sweeney 718.236.1668.

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

Kathy Adams, Catherine Arrighetta, Faith Arent, Kimberly Arent, Patricia Aurigemma, Theresa Beddingfield, Maria Bogdan, Ann Bricese, Lisa Calder, Anthony Crimini, Judith Carminette, Cynthia Carponetto, Mark Cascio, Michele Cassata, Ann Centorrino, Arthur Chapnick, Sebastian Chiarello, Carmela Colandrea, Bruce Dalton, Ralph DeBlasie, Celeste DeLeonardus, Joseph Delgado, Gene DelPrete, Al DeMarco, Jr., Al DeMarco III, Louis DeMarco, Joan DeMarco, Joan Demeyer, Mario DePinto, Rachel DePinto, Catalina Diaz, Barbara Doyle, Maria Esemplare, Frances Falzetta, Helen Felcetto, Anthony Felicito, Sunday Giuffanti, Theresa Giuffanti, Gina Giuffanti, Matthew Guadagno, Melissa Grondal, Joe Harrell, Marie Holland, Dolores Horgan, Ruth Hoffman, Diana Ingravallo, Francesca Ingravallo, John Jadazeewski, Neil Kelleher, Lawrence Klein, Lawrence Klein, Jr. Stephen Kelleher, Avdylla Kukic, Igballa Kukic, Marie Liberti, Richard Liberti, John Liberti, Jillian Lasinsky, Sandra Lazinsky, Agatha Lopez, Ellen Mary MacDougall, Ellen Mackey Fontana, Enise Maignan, Eleanor Mirando, Grace Martino, Tom Martocci, Christopher Marzullo, Rosalie Mazzalla, Catherine Minerva, Lucia Montella, Julie Murray, Joe P., Grace Pecorella, Cathy Petrik, Nicholas Perfetto, Ben Porto, Eric Brandon Pinzon, Christine Remmer, Hilda Rodriguez, Evelyn Rossi, Fortunato Salzano, Maria Sassano, Ralph Satriano, Donna Schiavo, Josephine Schiavo, Jada Sciacchatano, Carol Sidoti, Fran Sidorksy, Concetta Sottilaro, Dana Sottilaro, Philip Sottilaro, Lauren Thurgood, William Thurgood, Armando Vecchione, Carla Vitucci, Pasquale Visceglia, Catherine Vermericci, Angelina Vonelli, Lucy Wasieleski, Wanda Wilson.

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

Catherine Cedro, Stephen Fauci, Thomas Martocci, Therese Marie Campbell  
**We send our prayers & condolences to the deceased's family.**

**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.**

## 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.

**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 Sept. 23<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30-9p.m.

**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.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** Our Lady of Angels Human Service Center, an affiliate of Catholic Charities, is beginning a Caregivers Support Group, every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 3:30 -5:30p.m. Questions? Call 718-680-6344.

*We can longer offer counseling here at St. A's so...*

**IF YOU NEED COUNSELING, THE ITALIAN BOARD OF GUARDIANS** offers counseling to adults, teens, seniors, children, couples, and families. Their services are offered in English and Italian. For more information & cost, call 718.232.4242 or E-mail [nyisibg@alo.com](mailto:nyisibg@alo.com).

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

**ST. A'S HOMELESS OUTREACH MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**, with cars, to help collect cooked food and serve meals in the Coney Island area on Saturday mornings, from nine to twelve. Call 718.236.0264.

### NEWS ABOUT OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We have received **\$1,053,000** in contributions towards our Capital Campaign. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

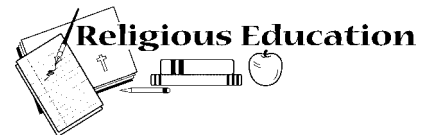


### THE THIRD ORDER OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL



The Carmelite Religious Family is composed of a variety of men & women in different states of life devoted to live the charism of contemplation in prayer & devotion to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. For some, living this charism has called them to observe the vows of religious life in a monastic community. There are also men & women who are married or single, retain their regular work and wish to live the charism of prayer & devotion in the world. They can do so by joining Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapter of the Lay (Third) Order Carmelites which meets monthly in our rectory on the second Saturday of each month at 10a.m. 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 more information, call Mary Patten at 718.980.4919.

### REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Registration for our 2008-2009 continues Monday-Thursday from 10a.m. to 2p.m. Other times are available by appointment with our Director of Faith Formation Nicoleta Milo All present and all NEW students need to be registered in our Religious Education Program. . A new registration form must be completed for all returning students as well as new students. Tuition is \$100. Anyone registering for the first grade must present a copy of their 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. Any questions, call the Religious Ed Office at 718.331.8811. **CLASSES BEGAN SEPT. 17<sup>th</sup> & SEPT. 20<sup>th</sup>!**

**IF THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE BEEN TO MASS IN A WHILE, WELCOME BACK!** We're glad you're here. We promise that if you keep your mind and heart open to God, you'll find what you're looking for here at St. A's. Would you like to talk to someone? We're here to listen, and help if we can. Just call us when you're ready. Staff extensions are listed on page 1 of our bulletin. In the meantime, we'll say a prayer for you and welcome you back next Sunday.

**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.

**Who needs you to treat them with care this 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.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP EACH WEEK WITH YOUR SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

When enclosing a check in your weekly envelopes, please print your PARISH NUMBER on your check. We also ask that you not tape the envelope. It takes us so long to open all those envelopes. Finally, while we appreciate every cent, when at all possible, please do not include change in your envelope.

**ITALIAN SPEAKING WOMAN from our parish available for work in your home.** Daria cooks, cleans, and can do whatever household chores you want. She comes from Naples and also has extensive experience in floral arrangement. She speaks just Italian. 718.282.1892

**THE FOLK GROUP IS LOOKING FOR ACOUSTIC GUITARISTS, VOCALISTS, ELECTRIC BASS PLAYERS, ELECTRIC GUITAR PLAYERS, AND A KEYBOARD PLAYER.** The group provides music 3 times a month at the 10a.m. Mass. Rehearsal is Tuesday night, 7:30-9:30p.m. A commitment to weekly rehearsal is required. Interested? Email our Pastoral Associate John Fruner at [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com) or call him at 718.236.0124 on ext. 44 in the Pastoral Ministry Office.

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

**BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS Sunday Oct. 5 is RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY.** To celebrate life, we invite all expectant parents to receive a blessing at our 11:30a.m. Mass. When arriving at mass, please sit behind our Eucharistic Ministers. (That's the right side of the center benches in front of the Priest's Chair.) To register, please leave your names, possible names you might be considering for your child, and an idea of when you will have your child on ext. 24 of the rectory or email this to [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com). Adoptive and single parents are especially invited to participate.

**THE 2009 MASS BOOK OPENS SATURDAY OCT. 25 from 9am to 2pm in the Parish Auditorium. After that Saturday, reservations for masses (English & Italian) can be made from 5-8pm Monday through Friday in the rectory, Mass offerings remain the same.**

**ST. A's FOOD PANTRY IS DESPERATELY LOW. WE NEED YOUR HELP!** When coming to mass each Sunday, we ask you to please help us feed the hungry here in our parish. We are in need of nonperishable food. The food can be placed in front of St. Joseph's Altar. Presently, all we have to offer people is pasta, pasta, pasta, pasta!

**To better provide more balanced supplemental meals, we are inviting you to use the first initial of your last name or the first initial of your first name to give you an idea of what we need.** Substitutions are always accepted!

A) Vegetables B) Beef Stew C) Cereal D) Canned Fruit E) Juice boxes F) Jelly G) Meatballs and spaghetti (cans) H) Corned beef hash I) Canned ravioli J) Rice K) Tomato Sauce L) Canned potatoes M) Macaroni & Cheese N) Canned Juice O) Peanut butter P) Pork & Beans Q) Powdered Milk R) Cookies S) Chunky Soup T) Tuna U) Rice Mixes V) Canned Fruit W) Instant Coffee or Tea X) Powdered Juice Mixes Y) Cans of Spam Z) Bread.

**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 & there you have the option of e-mailing your request. Otherwise, you can e-mail Joann Rubino at [JRubino215@hotmail.com](mailto:JRubino215@hotmail.com) To check for available space, our parish calendar is online. Visit our parish website (<http://StAthanasiusNY.tripod.com>), The same parish calendar is also in the Rectory Office. **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>)

**WELCOME BACK!** If you've been away, welcome back! With the Fall activities resuming, parish expenses are climbing and we need your help. If you missed some Sundays, won't you please consider making up those regular weekly collections you missed? **Thank you so much.**



## REFLECTIONS ON HOW WE WORSHIP

### HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

There are two ways in which the Eucharist (Communion) can be received: on the tongue or in the hand. The following steps might be helpful, always remembering that the first rule is reverence. To receive Communion on the tongue: Fold your hands in a prayerful manner. (This is the sign you will receive on your tongue.) After the priest, deacon, or minister says "The Body of Christ, bow your head. Then, raise your head,

say "Amen," open your mouth, stick out your tongue and the priest, deacon, or minister will place the Host on your tongue.

**REVERENCE AND RESPECT OF THE EUCHARIST** We as Catholics believe Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. He is present in the Tabernacle (that gold box behind our altar). Here at St. A's, there are always two candles burning on each side of the Tabernacle as a reminder of Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist. We show respect for this Presence by genuflecting, (kneeling on one-knee and then standing) before going into our bench and when passing in front of the Tabernacle.

## 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.**

## 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.

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME; YOUTH MINISTRY OUTING TO SEE THE METS** Get to Shea for possibly the last time, on Wednesday, Sept 24th, against the Chicago Cubs. Game time is 7:10PM, and included in the ticket is a bus leaving from St. Athanasius at 5:30PM, leave the driving, tolls and gas to us. Youth tickets are \$10 each and adult tickets are \$20 each, we have a limited amount, so call 718-234-0614 to reserve your tickets. Free raffle and giveaways to all in attendance.



St. Francis

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI** St. Francis' feast day is **Saturday October 4.** We will celebrate our annual BLESSING OF ANIMALS Saturday Oct. 4 at 11a.m. in the parking lot of the parish. In the event of rain, it will be moved indoors. **ALL CREATURES, GREAT AND SMALL,**

**AND THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS ARE INVITED.** Feel free to pass the word about this celebration to people in our neighborhood. Catholic and non-Catholic pets are welcome to participate! **Fr. Ron is bringing Rusty!**

## THE ROSARY SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our annual Christmas Fair will beheld on Saturday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in reserving a table please call Eleanor Damiano at 718.331.0450 or Eleanor Mattia at 718.256.4321.

## ROSARY SOCIETY MEETS SUNDAY SEPT. 21

We begin with Mass at 10<sup>a</sup>.m. Our meeting with a light breakfast follows Mass in the Parish Auditorium. **ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED. Please note: Mass is now at 10 a.m.**

## HEALING MASS Saturday September 27th at 8pm

Join the Respect Life Ministries in celebrating a Healing Mass in honor of Blessed Mother Maria Bambina for illnesses and problems of any sort. We will include prayers in honor of St. Therese and

## FEDERATION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS is sponsoring a BRUNCH on Sunday

**Oct. 5 at Siricos** located at 8015 13th Avenue at 12p.m. The Brunch honors Grand Marshals and outstanding individuals whose achievements and contributions expemplify traits we all value. For information call 718.259.2828.

**RAGAMUFFIN PARADE** The 42nd Children's Ragamuffin Parade will take place on Saturay Sept. 27 on 3rd Ave from 72nd to 92nd Streets. On-site registration with a parent is at 67th Street & 3rd Avenue from 11<sup>a</sup>.m. to 12:15p.m. For more information call 718.833.4928.

**OUR FALL WEEK OF PRAYER begins Monday October 20 and concludes with Thursday October 23**  
**MONDAY Oct. 20: 9am Mass-** How Christians See Reality. **7:30pm Vespers-** People of the Book : Entering into the Story. **TUESDAY Oct. 21: 9am Mass-** Encountering God in Unexpected Places **7:30pm Penance Service-** God's Forgiveness: Closing the Gates of the Past. **WEDNESDAY Oct. 22: 9am Mass-** Prayer: Being Attentive to God **7:30pm Prayer Service:** Living the Mystery of the Eucharist. **THURSDAY Oct. 23: 9am Mass-** Eye Opening Experiences. **7:30pm Service of Healing-** If I Could Only Touch His Garment: God's Healing Love.

**WE HAVE ALTAR CANDLES & SANCTUARY LAMPS AVAILABLE FOR MEMORIALIZATION** If you want to reserve these memorials for one of your loved ones, these are dates that are available: **Sept. 27** Altar Candles. **Oct. 4:** Altar Candles Sanctuary Lamps (2). **Oct. 11:** Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps. **Oct. 18:** Sanctuary Lamp. **Oct. 25:** Sanctuary Lamps (2). **Nov. 1:** Sanctuary Lamp. **Nov. 15:** Sanctuary Lamps (2). **Nov. 22:** Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp. **Nov. 29:** Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps (2). **Dec. 6:** Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamps (2). Jan. 3: Sanctuary Lamp. *If you are interested, come to the Rectory Office to make your reservations.*

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES**  
**Cathedral Preparatory Seminary**, 56-25 92<sup>nd</sup> Street in Elmhurst Queens, invites all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys to visit the school on **Sat. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>** from 10a.m. to 1p.m. The website is [www.cathedralprepseminary.com](http://www.cathedralprepseminary.com)

**Bishop Kearney High School** will host its annual Open House on **Sunday Oct. 5** from 1-4p.m. and again on **Tues. Oct. 21** at 6:30p.m. All sixth, seventh, and eighth graders and their parents are invited.

**Regis High School**, 55 East 84<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan, invites 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys to an Open House with their parents on **Mon. Oct. 13** from 1-4p.m. For more information, call Mr. DiMichele at 212.288.1100 or email [edimiche@regis-nyc.org](mailto:edimiche@regis-nyc.org) Regis is a full scholarship school. Boys must pass Regis' entrance exam.

**Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School**, a coeducational school, will have an Open House on Sunday Oct. 26 from 10a.m. to 1:30p.m. and Thurs. Nov. 6 from 6:30p.m. – 9p.m. The Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn along with a lay faculty, staff the school. The website is [www.bishopfordhs.org](http://www.bishopfordhs.org).

### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SERVING GOD AND OTHERS AS A PRIEST?

**FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** The Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Vocation Offices are sponsored a High School Vocation Retreat from Friday, November 14 through Sunday, November 16 at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. This retreat is designed to offer young men (high school aged or older) time for prayer and socializing, along with open discussions about the priesthood. How one knows God is calling him to be a priest, what the real life of a priest is like, and how a person becomes a priest, will be just some

of the topics covered. The Cathedral Seminary Residence is home to the college-aged men of our dioceses who are studying for the priesthood. There is no registration fee to attend this weekend, but pre-registration is required.

**FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:** The Cathedral Seminary Residence is hosting an Open House of their **College Seminary** (in Douglaston) on **Thursday, November 6**, from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The Open House is an opportunity for young men (and their families) to "come and see" our diocesan seminary, talk with college age men who are currently attending the seminary, meet the rector and faculty, share a meal and participate in liturgy with the seminary community. **If you would like to be included in these two experiences, please contact The Vocations Office at 718-827-2454 or [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org). no later than Monday, November 3.**



### Ringling in 2009!

**SAVE THE DATE!** December 31, 2008 – New Eve Party in our Parish Hall. Celebrate the new year with your St. A's family and friends. More information soon!

**HAVE YOU HAD AN ABORTION? DO YOU WANT SPIRITUAL HEALING FROM THIS EXPERIENCE?** Rachel's Helpers sponsors a program called **FORGIVEN AND SET FREE**. The program takes place with a weekly meeting in a small group meeting setting from 7:30-9:30p.m. for 11 weeks beginning Mon. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Please call 718.939.6646 for more information and location.

**SCOUTING AT ST.A'S CONTINUES EACH WEDNESDAY AT 7:00PM IN THE PARISH AUDITORIUM.** Cub Scouts are from ages 6-10; Boy Scouts are from ages 11-18. Please contact Anthony Papandrea at (347) 728-8681 or [Pack99BSA@optonline.net](mailto:Pack99BSA@optonline.net) for Cub Scouts. Anthony Cullen may be reached at (646) 354-9084 or [Troop99Scoutmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:Troop99Scoutmaster@yahoo.com) for those interested in Boy Scouts or Venturing.

**G.I.S.A. GRUPPO ITALIANO SANT'ATANASIO- FIRST MONTHLY MEETING – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 4:30PM IN PARISH HALL.** Everyone welcomed. Guest speaker Rev. Father Gerald Emen Umren. Recitation of Holy Rosary. Coffee and refreshments at conclusion of meeting. Join us for a delightful afternoon



Parrocchia Sant'Atanasio

Bollettino Settimanale

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

21 settembre 2008

XXII domenica del

**LUNEDI', 22 SETTEMBRE 2008 - 7:30pm**  
**VIGILIA DELLA SOLENNITA' DI SAN PADRE PIO DA PIETRELCINA**  
**MESSA CON VENERAZIONE DELLE RELIQUIE**  
**SEGUITA DA PROCESSIONE**

**Dal nostro DIACONO DANTE COLANDREA****Riflessione del mese di settembre****L'ALFABETO DI DIO**

A - Anche se non sei corrisposto, ama lo stesso, mi assomiglierai.

B - Benedici sempre, perché tu sei una benedizione di Dio.

C - Chiamami Padre, solo così potrai chiamare tutti gli altri fratelli.

D - Dona con gioia. I muscoli lunghi sono figli delle tenebre.

E - Esci dal guscio del tuo egoismo: troverai un mondo che ti aspetta.

F - Fa della tua vita una sinfonia di gioia; darai frutti saporiti.

G - Gira l'ago della tua calamita sempre dove ti porta il cuore: sempre e solo a Dio.

H - Hai un dono straordinario, per cui mi assomigli: l'amore; sfruttalo con gioia.

I - Intorno a te c'è tanta morte, odio e tenebre; ma tu sii sole che illumina e riscalda.

L - La terra non è la tua patria. Sei di terra, ma hai la mia vita: guarda allora in alto.

M - Metti la tua vita nel cuore di mio Figlio e di Maria: sarai dono d'amore.

N - Non permettere che il maligno deturpi la tua libertà. Aggrappati a me e sarai libero.

O - Odia il peccato, ma ama il peccatore: impara a perdonare e ama chi sbaglia, lo conquisterai.

P - Porta la pace di Dio col tuo sorriso: c'è bisogno di un raggio di sole e luce negli occhi.

Q - Quadro stupendo ti ho dipinto col sangue dell'Agnello; sei il mio capolavoro.

R - Resta un po' con me, figlio, quando si fa sera: io ti guardo e tu mi guardi ed è pace.

S - Senza il tuo mattone, la costruzione è vuota. Sii strumento docile nelle mie mani.

T - Tutto ho messo nelle tue mani, sei il signore della natura: conservala senza macchia.

U - Unisci cuore e mente: con la mente progetti, ma è col cuore che salvi e realizzi.

V - Vuoi essere felice? Sgombra tutto ciò che ti impedisce di volare e sciogli le vele.

Z - Zaino di eucaristia, preghiera e servizio sarà il tuo compagno di viaggio: farai miracoli.

**G.I.S.A. (GRUPPO ITALIANO S. ATANASIO) TERRA' LA PRIMA RIUNIONE GENERALE DELL'ANNO SOCIALE 2008-2009 DOMENICA 21 SETTEMBRE ALE ORE 4:30 POMERIDIANE NELL'AUDITORIO DELLA NOSTRA SCUOLA.** A questa riunione avremo con noi come ospite

il Rev. Padre Gerard prima del suo ritorno in Nigeria. Vi preghiamo di venire numerosi. Come sempre la nostra riunione finirà con caffè e dolci. Siete tutti invitati soci e non soci. Freddy Felletti, Presidente - 718- 614 - 9683.

**SABATO, 27 SETTEMBRE - 8:00pm - MESSA DI GUARIGIONE** in onore della Madonna Benedetta Maria Bambina con preghiere a Santa Teresa e gli angeli. Rosario alle 7pm. Per informazioni 718 - 837- 0477.

**DUE SPETTACOLI TEATRALI - BROADWAY SHOWS mercoledì, 8 ottobre - A TALE OF 2 CITIES - \$150.**

**mercoledì, 5 novembre - YOUNG FRANKSTAIN - \$155.**

L'autobus parte da Sant'Atanasio. Cena in ristorante prima dello spettacolo. Per informazioni dettagliate telefonare a Diacono Dante al 917-602-3793.

**DOMENICA, 19 OTTOBRE - DATA DA RICORDARE -**

**G.I.S.A. Gruppo Italiano Sant'Atanasio** in occasione di - ottobre mese della cultura Italiana- presenta spettacolo di musica e canzoni italiane con il famoso tenore Aaron Caruso noto tenore in Canada e USA presso l'auditorium Sant'Atansio - 62 Street e Bay Parkway, Brooklyn. Giorno - domenica 19 ottobre 2008. Costo biglietto - \$20 a persona. Rinfreschi durante l'intervallo. Biglietti prima e dopo la Messa Italiana - chiesa sottopiano oppure chiamare **Maria Perniciaro 718 - 351-4764, Maria Porcu' 718 - 627-0387, Freddy Felletti 718- 614 - 9683.**

**SABATO, 25 OTTOBRE, 2008 - IL LIBRO DELLE**

**MESSE PER IL 2009 SI APRE** dalle 9:00am alle 2:00pm nell'auditorium della scuola. Dopo il 25 ottobre, si prega di recarvi nell'ufficio parrocchiale per Messe (in Italiano oppure in Inglese) dalle 5:00pm alle 8:00pm dal lunedì al venerdì. L'offerta rimane la stessa dell'anno scorso.

**S. PIO DA PIETRELCINA** - Preghiera per ottenere la sua intercessione. - O Gesù, pieno di grazia e di carità e vittima per i peccati, che spinto dall'amore per le anime nostreolesti morire sulla croce, Ti ringrazio per aver voluto innalzare agli onori degli altari il tuo umile servo Padre Pio da Pietrelcina che nella partecipazione generosa ai tuoi patimenti tanto Ti amo e tanto si prodigo per la gloria del Padre tuo e per il bene delle anime. Ti supplico, perciò, di volermi concedere, per la sua intercessione, la grazia ....che ardentemente desidero. - 3 Gloria al Padre. Padre Pio era solito recitare ogni giorno la coroncina al Sacro Cuore di Gesù per tutti quelli che si raccomandavano alle sue preghiere. I devoti di Padre Pio sono perciò invitati a recitarla quotidianamente per unirsi spiritualmente alla preghiera del venerato Padre.



**Parroquia de San Atanasio  
Boletín Parroquial Hispano**

**Misa en Español cada Domingo en la Iglesia de Abajo a las 10 de la mañana**

**Domingo XXV del Tiempo Ordinario: (Mt 20,1-16)**

**“MIS PENSAMIENTOS NO SON SUS PENSAMIENTOS” (Is 55,8)**

“La generosidad, el amor y la justicia de Dios son valores importantes que enseña la parábola de los viñadores que leemos hoy. En un sentido, la parábola aborda el problema de los judíos y los gentiles, a quienes Dios llama en ocasiones diferentes. En otro sentido, se refiere a la crítica de los fariseos cuando Jesús predicaba a los pecadores y cobradores de impuestos. Al final, lo que queda a la vista es la generosidad y la bondad de Dios en Cristo Jesús.

Los viñadores contratados al comienzo del día simbolizan a los judíos, que Dios escogió desde el principio para su servicio. Los contratados más tarde durante el día, representan a los gentiles, pecadores o publicanos a quienes Dios aceptó en su viña y los de la tarde, son todos los paganos y demás hermanos que fueron aceptando la fe alrededor del mundo. Todos recibieron la misma paga sin importar cuántas horas hubieran trabajado. Esta generosidad representa el amor de Dios con todos los hombres: Los judíos y los gentiles, tanto justos como pecadores, reciben el compasivo amor de Dios cuando deciden ponerse al servicio del Señor.

Quizá esta parábola nos parezca injusta, porque estamos tan acostumbrados a reclamar nuestros derechos. Pensamos que los que trabajan más horas merecen mejor paga, pero Jesús no hablaba de valores monetarios; pues la parábola se refiere al amor y la generosidad con que Dios trata a su pueblo; a lo muy desprendido que es con todos sus hijos, sin importar cuándo uno decida ponerse a su servicio. Si creemos que podemos esperar hasta la tarde del día para comenzar a trabajar, no hemos entendido la bondad de Dios.

**AGRADECEMOS DE MANERA ESPECIAL A TODOS LOS QUE  
DE ALGUNA MANERA COOPERARON Y COMPARTIERON  
NUESTRA CELEBRACION DEL DECIMO ANIVERSARIO DE LA  
COMUNIDAD HISPANA EN SAN ATANASIO EL PASADO  
DOMINGO: CELEBRANTES, COMITÉ HISPANO, GRUPOS  
PARROQUIALES, FAMILIAS, GRUPO DE DANZAS, INVITADOS  
ESPECIALES...  
MUCHAS GRACIAS Y DIOS LES BENDIGA SIEMPRE.**

**QUIEN ES BIENVENIDA A NUESTRA PARROQUIA? TU!**

Pecador? Alejado de la iglesia por mucho tiempo? Incapacitado? De una cultura diferente? No te aceptan por tu orientación sexual? Te sientes herido y abandonado? Eres pobre o no tienes trabajo? Has estado preso? Eres uno de los Santos de Dios? Tienes la sensación de que te ha dejado afuera de todo?

**AFIRMACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN**

Nosotros, la Parroquia de San Atanasio, somos una comunidad Católica, llena de fé que alaba, que reconoce a Jesucristo como Señor y Salvador en nuestro camino y lo hace presente por medio de nuestra alegre celebración de los sacramentos, nuestra proclamación y nuestra vida en el Evangelio, nuestra buena disposición y servicio, en especial a aquellos que mas lo necesitan. Reconocemos la necesidad de la gracia de Dios en nuestras vidas incompletas. Reconocemos que somos incompletos y comprometemos nuestras vidas con fé a trabajar para formar una comunidad donde la igualdad del pueblo de Dios que flue desde el Bautismo sea celebrada con esperanza y pasión. Nos comprometemos completamente a la creación de una comunidad donde los que tienen preguntas y buscan respuestas sean bienvenidos, donde los olvidados y los marginalizados sean reconocidos, y donde el pueblo de Dios sea refrescado, reconciliado y renovado.



# Pelligrinaggio Italiano alla Basilica dell'Immacolata Concezione, Washington DC

## Italian Pilgrimage to The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC

**Dedica e Benedizione della nuova cappella italiana dedicata alla  
Madonna di Pompei**

4 ottobre 2008

*Sciegliete e prenotate alla parrocchia più vicina / Prezzo \$40.00*

**Dedication and Blessing of the new Italian Chapel dedicated to  
Our Lady of Pompei**

October 4, 2008

*Choose and reserve at the closest parish / Price \$40.00*

**Partenze da Departures from**

<b>Queens</b>	<b>Brooklyn</b>
Our Lady of Hope Anna & Gino 718.476.1443	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Giuditta 718.384.0223
St. Pancras Francesca 718.366.6576	Our Lady of Grace Carol o Joanne 718.627.2020
St. Luke Fr. Vincent Chirichella 718.746.8102	St. Rosalia Fr. John Tino 718.236.0909
Immaculate Conception (Astoria) Maria 718.278.0274 o Anna 718.932.4261	St. Frances Cabrini Eleanor (giorno) o Maria (sera) 718.236.9165
St. Mel Geri 718.353.9349	<b>St. Athanasius</b> <b>Dcn. Dante Colandrea 917.602.3793</b> <b>o 718.236.0124 ex 23</b>

*Gli autobus partiranno dalla parrocchia alle 7:00 AM con arrivo alla Basilica verso le 11 AM. Ci sarà tempo per il pranzo e le spese. La S. Messa sarà celebrata alle 2 PM nella Basilica. Alla fine della Messa verrà recitato il S. Rosario. Il ritorno a New York è previsto verso le 10 PM. Ci sarà una fermata per la cena.*

*Departure from the parish at 7am with arrival at the Basilica around 11 am. Time for lunch and gift-shopping. Solemn Mass at 2 pm in the Basilica and Rosary in Italian after. Return to NY around 10 pm with a stop for dinner.*



**WE INVITE YOU TO LIGHT A CANDLE OR RENEW A CANDLE  
THAT REMAINS LIT FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR,  
at our Shrine to Saint Anthony of Padua.**

**Each candle is lit for a year, beginning on St. Anthony's Feast Day, June 13.  
Your intention is printed on a plaque, placed on the front of the candle.**

**JUNE 13, 2008 to JUNE 13, 2009**



Dear Msgr. Cassato,

Please light a candle in St. Athanasius Church's **Shrine to St. Anthony of Padua.** Enclosed is my \$150 donation and my intention.

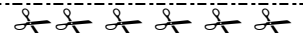
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ This is a NEW CANDLE. My candle and intention are NOT in the Shrine.

\_\_\_\_\_ This is a RENEWAL and my candle and intention are already in the Shrine.

***Please PRINT your intention EXACTLY as you wish it to appear on the candle's plaque:***



**DEACON DANTE COLANDREA INVITES YOU TO**

**TWO GREAT BROADWAY SHOWS**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 – A TALE OF 2 CITIES**

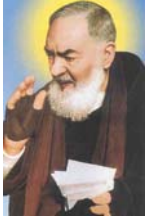
**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5 – YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN**

**BUS FROM SAINT ATHANASIUS Dinner before the show**

**FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATION Deacon Dante – 917-602-3793**

# SAINT PADRE PIO

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008



- 7:30PM VIGIL MASS  
TO SAINT PADRE PIO IN ITALIAN & ENGLISH  
-VENERATION OF RELICS AFTER MASS  
-A CANDLE LIGHT PROCESSION WITH THE PILGRIM  
STATUE AND RELICS OF SAINT PIO WILL FOLLOW THE  
MASS

*JOIN US FOR OUR 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
PARISH CELEBRATION  
WITH THE RELICS OF SAINT PADRE PIO  
THE SAINT OF ALL CURES*

**FIRST RELIC - The Hair of Saint Pio**

**SECOND RELIC - The Scab of Saint Pio From the Stigmata**

*"Always humble yourself lovingly before God and man, because God speaks to those who are truly humble of heart, and enriches them with His gifts." Padre Pio*



### ST. ATHANASIUS BASKETBALL PROGRAM



Boys and Girls ages 5 through 13

Saturdays at St. A's Gym (6120 Bay Parkway)

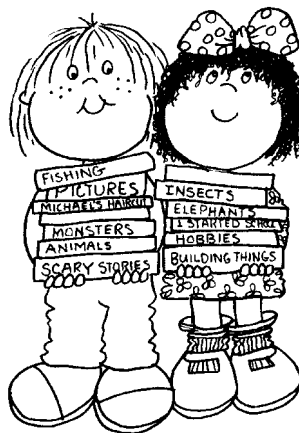
Intramural Program Starts  
October 18th

Registration at St. A's Gym

Saturdays:	September 27th	(9:30am-Noon)
	October 4th	(9:30am-Noon)
	October 11 th	(9:30am-Noon)

For more information call Jim McCaffrey 917-476-5093

*Come join us for a*  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**



beginning on  
**Sunday September 21, 2008**  
**at the 10a.m. Mass**  
**and continuing each week.**

Children are invited to participate by sitting with their parents/guardians/families. During the Penitential Rite of Mass (when we say, "I confess to almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault...") the Priest will invite children to stand and then follow the catechists to the Upper Church Sacristy to listen to the readings from a Children's Bible. There, they also listen to a homily, preached at their level, pray the Creed & offer intercessions. The children return to their families as we present the gifts of bread & wine for the Eucharist.

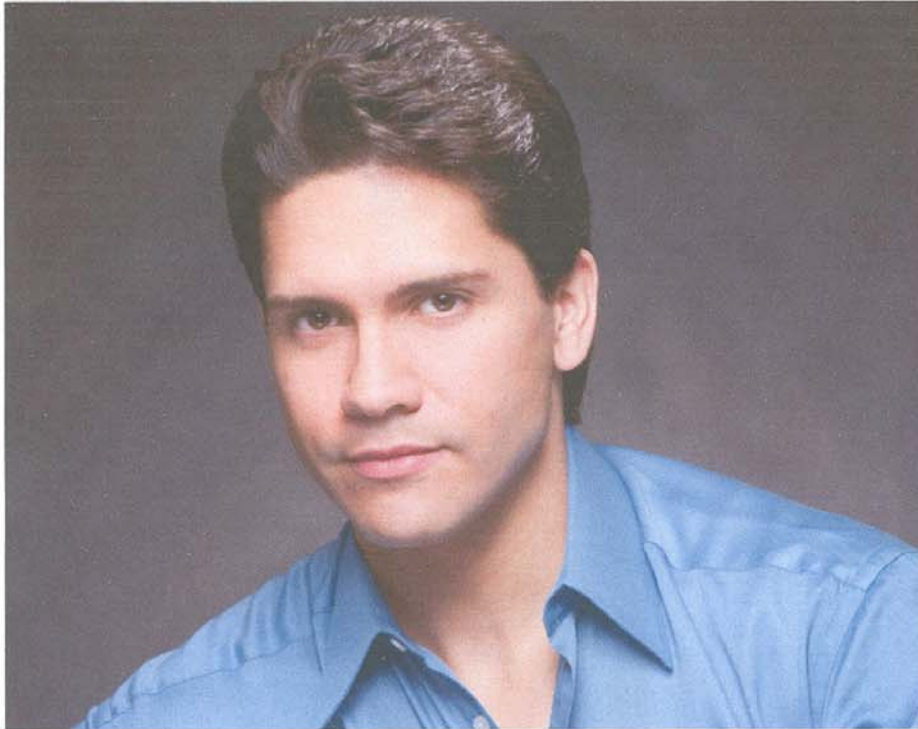
**WHERE DO WE GET THIS IDEA FROM?** In 1973, a document entitled The Directory for Masses with Children, encourages us to "celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, including a homily, with children in a separate, but not too distant room. Then, before the Eucharistic Liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own Liturgy of the Word."

**WHY NOT JUST A SEPARATE MASS FOR CHILDREN LIKE A "CHILDREN'S MASS?"** Sunday is the day of assembly for the local church. This principle of the unity of the assembly precedes other considerations of the day. This is why our children do not celebrate "a children's mass" totally apart from adults. The overall celebration is not geared exclusively for one section of the assembly. Children's Liturgy of the Word is a liturgical experience of God's presence in the ritual proclamation of the Word of God.

**COME JOIN US EACH SUNDAY AT 10a.m. MASS!**

# ITALIAN NIGHT WITH AARON CARUSO IN HONOR OF ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

SPONSORED BY GRUPPO ITALIANO SANT' ATANASIO



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JOIN INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED TENOR AND GREAT ITALIAN SINGER, AARON CARUSO, IN A NIGHT OF FUN AND SONG. COME HEAR AARON SING THE REGIONAL SONGS OF ITALY AND THE MUSIC OF: *MARIO LANZA, ANDREA BOCELLI, JIMMY ROSELLI, LOU MONTE AND OTHERS.*

PLACE: ST. ATHANASIUS AUDITORIUM, 62<sup>nd</sup> ST. AND BAY PARKWAY, BROOKLYN. TICKETS ARE \$20.00.

DATE and TIME: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008, 7 PM – REFRESHMENTS AT INTERMISSION.

FOR TICKETS: PLEASE CALL FRED FELLETI: (718) 614-9683 or (718) 256-5268.

[www.aaroncaruso.com](http://www.aaroncaruso.com)