



*The Miraculous Assumption of Mary*

# Saint Athanasius Church

300 Haverhill Street, Reading MA 01867

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday

9 am -12:15 pm 1:15 - 4:00 pm

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www.rc.net/boston/stathanasius

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## Worship Schedule

### Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday 4 pm Sunday 9 am & 11 am

### Daily Mass:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9 am

*Preceded by Morning Prayer at 8:45 a.m.*

### St. Agnes Daily Mass:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 9 am

Tuesday & Thursday at 7 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 or by appointment

### Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrated communally and publicly on the third Sunday at 1pm. Please call the Parish Office to register and obtain information about required Preparation session.

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding date

### Anointing of the Sick

Please notify parish staff when a person is seriously ill. The sacrament is celebrated communally twice a year. Extraordinary

Ministers of the Holy Communion are available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

Please call the Parish Office.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### August 14

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
Flowers in Memory of George MacPherson*

4:00 p.m.

1st Memorial Mass for **George MacPherson**

### August 15

9:00 a.m.

25th Memorial Mass **Salvatore Follo**

11:00 a.m.

**Thelma Nicolson**

1:00 p.m.

Baptism

### August 21

*Twenty-first Sunday*

4:00 p.m.

1st Memorial Mass **Marie McCaffery**

### August 22

9:00 a.m.

**Richard Molle**

11:00 a.m.

13th Memorial Mass **Frank Gorgone**

*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered  
for the repose of the souls of:*

**Angela Gorchar, Anthony Giorgione  
and Charles Ficaro**

*Please call the Parish Office for details.*

## Scripture for the Week of August 15, 2010

Sun	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56
Mon	Ez 24:15-24 / Mt 19:16-22
Tue	Ez 28:1-10 / Mt 19:23-30
Wed	Ez 34:1-11 / Mt 20:1-16
Thu	Ez 36:23-28 / Mt 22:1-14
Fri	Ez 37:1-14 / Mt 22:34-40
Sat	Ez 43:1-7b / Mt 23:1-12
Sun	Is 66:18-21 / Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 / Lk 13:22-30

## LAST WEEK

### ATTENDANCE

479

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

\$4,930.00

### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

\$984.00

### THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

Deficit Reduction

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal

### AUGUST OFFERING FOR THE READING FOOD PANTRY

Juice Boxes and/or Cookies

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### MONDAY, AUGUST 16

4:15 p.m. Trip to St. John's Soup Kitchen

### AUGUST 21 AND AUGUST 22

Bottle and Can Collection Weekend

### Our Prayer Corner † Please Pray For Us

- Brian •Gertrude Berg •Jarrod Bush •John Cadigan
- Sandra Cadigan •Michael Canty •Cecilly
- Willis Griffin •Grampy H.
- Beth Martin •Susan Isbell •Jacqueline •David Jaquard
- Brett Johnson •Jessie •Martha K.
- Fr. Bob Kelleher •Liam •Lenny
- Mary Ann Lucerto •Benjamin Mayo, Jr.
- Jim McGivern •Vincent Miraglia •Kevin J. Mulvey
- Bryan Murray •Marion Murray •Nick •Shirley N. •Nancy
- Adam Nola •Christopher Nola •Ann O. •Mary O. •Colleen
- O'Brien •Fran Packer •Claire Paul •Joan Prekop •Robert
- Lisa Richardson •Stan Robinson •Scott
- Jean Swallow •Thomas L. Venable
- Betty A. Venable •Larry Yetman

Please pray for our military and civilians who defend our freedom, especially for:

- Paul Bertocini •Walter Rosado
- Zachary Johnson •Steven Janvrin

May God protect them and return them home safely.

FROM THE DESK OF

## Fr. Colarusso

### The Work of a Parish

As we say farewell to Dottie our Pastoral Associate, we are confronted with the question of how a parish the size of St. Athanasius should go about doing the work of God. Actually, this is really only a spin-off question of how any parish in suburban Boston (which is most of our parishes) should operate. In short, the answer is WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PARISHIONERS. This is a broad topic that we will address in many ways and at various opportunities, but it has immediate implications for your parish staff. I have asked Jennifer Campagna, our current Youth Ministry Coordinator and one of our Directors of Religious Education to take on the broader role of orchestrating all the faith formation that goes on at St. Athanasius. She and I will be discerning, with your help, that which must be available to the People of God in Reading to grow in faith no matter their age, experience, or status in life.

This will include adult catechesis opportunities, outreach to young professionals, young families, etc, etc. Obviously this means she will not be running the programs herself. For example, Youth Ministry must broaden out to include many diverse adults and young people for it to be successful. Jennifer will be facilitating that shift in focus. Another example would be religious education. It is incumbent upon all of us to take a vested interest in the faith formation of our youth. We need catechists every year, all year. I ask you to please consider being a catechist if you have a concern for the spiritual and moral development of our next generation. I am aware of the high pace of activity in our contemporary culture and the number of programs in which our youth are involved. Nevertheless, I would say that their relationship with God should rank as one of the top priorities. As your Pastor, I am grateful to Jen for taking on this important leadership role in the parish, and I am thankful in advance to you for the consideration that always goes into contributions of time, talent or treasure on behalf of St. Athanasius.

Next Weekend's Second Collection is for

# The Catholic Home Missions



This year, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal turns its focus to youth ministry, an essential component of the life and vibrancy of the Church. In youth ministry programs, young Catholics grow in faith and gain valuable leadership skills. Without this Appeal, poorer dioceses in the United States cannot sustain vital youth programs. Next week we will take up a collection for this Appeal. Please be generous and help **strengthen the Church at home**. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/hm](http://www.usccb.org/hm).

*Thank You*

Thank you for all the gifts, celebrations, and most of all kind words over these past couple of weeks. I am so touched by the love and generosity you have shown. You made me feel so special.

Tennyson wrote "I am part of all I have met." This quote reminds me of the story of Jesus with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. These two disciples have an encounter with the God of life and unconditional love and are forever changed. In our lives we meet people along our path who love us, teach us, and help us grow. We too meet Jesus through them. We are then transformed by the encounter - never to be the same. This is how I feel about all of you at Saint Athanasius Parish. By your lives and your Faith you have changed my life and I am so richly blessed.

*Dottie Parker*



We are the Good News! Save the Dates!  
Sign Up Weekends Sept 11-12 / Sept 18-19  
Prayer Commitment weekend is Sept 25-26  
Faith Sharing begins the week of October 3, 2010

## MISSIONARY DIOCESE OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

As in the past, our summer project focuses on the mission Church, this year, on our country's only missionary diocese.

Please use the donation envelopes in the Pews and drop in the regular Offertory collection baskets at Mass (also, see the bulletin board display where you can get more information).

Thank you for your generosity.

### DESSERTS NEEDED FOR SOUP KITCHEN

Desserts are needed for the soup kitchen. Please drop them off at the Parish Office by 4:00 pm, August 16.



### SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

To host one of our Sunday Coffee Hours during September, please sign up in the Parish Activities Center during the Coffee Hour or contact Sophie Beninati 781-944- 9085.

Coffee Hours will only be held if there is a host available, otherwise, there will be no Coffee Hour.

All coffee, supplies, and money for donuts are provided along with instructions.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

### **IS JESUS CALLING YOU TO SPREAD HIS GOOD NEWS?**

As we begin the process of setting up classes for the new Religious Ed season and preparing new Lesson Plans, we realize there are still many teacher slots not filled on most levels of our Program. Couldn't you share some of your time and talent to give something back to the God who has gifted you in so many ways? In the words of a former catechist, "if I knew it would be this easy and rewarding, I would have been teaching for many years." If you have any questions, please contact Nancy or Jen at the at 781-944-0330, or email them at nmacallister@parishmail.com or jcampagna@parishmail.com. We promise that the phone call or email will not automatically mean that you are committed! It is ultimately your decision. The big question is: is God calling you?

### **ATTENTION NEW RELIGIOUS ED. TEACHERS & NEW VOLUNTEERS**

Everyone in the Parish that works with youth in any way, must participate in the Protecting God's Children Program. This program is to help all youth and the adults that work with them be safe. If you are planning on or thinking of volunteering to work with the children of our Parish, please attend one of the following training sessions: Tuesday, August 24 at 6:30pm, Saturday, September 11 at 1:30pm, or Thursday, September 16 at 6:30pm in the Parish Activities Center. Please contact Jennifer Campagna or Nancy MacAllister at 781-944-0330 or jcampagna@parishmail.com or nmacallister@parishmail.com to sign up for a training session.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT AND FAMILY MEETINGS**

Grade 1	Family Meeting
Grade 2	Family Meeting
Grade 3	No Meeting
Grade 4	Family Meeting
Grade 5	No Meeting
Grade 6	Parents Meeting
Grade 7	Parents Meeting
Grade 8	Parents Meeting
Confirmation I	Parents & Student Meeting
Confirmation II	Parents & Student Meeting

Saturday, September 25, at 9am in the Church Hall  
 Saturday, September 11, at 9am in the Church Hall  
 Teacher will call about 1st Class  
 Saturday, September 18, at 9am in the Church Hall  
 Teacher will call about 1st Class  
 Monday, September 13, at 6pm in the PAC  
 Monday, September 13, at 7pm in the PAC  
 Monday, September 13, at 8pm in the PAC  
 Sunday, September 12, at 7pm in the PAC  
 Sunday, September 19, at 7pm in the PAC

### **LAST CHANCE FOR YOUTH SERVICE WEEKS**

The middle school service week starts Monday, August 16 at 9am in the Parish Activities Center. The high school service week starts Monday, August 23 at 9am. It is not too late to sign up. Permission slips are available on the brochure rack by the main door of the Church.

Contact Jennifer Campagna at 781-944-0330 or jcampagna@parishmail.com to sign up and bring the form and money on the first day (check made out to St. Athanasius Parish).

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

Religious Education Registrations are long overdue. Please send them in so we are able to place your children in the classes that we are starting to set up. Forms may be downloaded from the Parish Website, [www.rc.net/boston/stathanasius](http://www.rc.net/boston/stathanasius) or by calling the Religious Ed. Office at 781-944-0330 for forms or with any questions.

**OVERDUE**

## PARISH FUNDRAISING / SOCIAL EVENTS

### Lowell Spinners Game on Saturday, August 21st

Tickets are \$12 per person and includes the bus and tip for the driver.  
For tickets call Larry Mullen at 781-245-1623.

### RED SOX VS. BALTIMORE ORIOLES

Monday, September 20th 7:10 p.m. game ~  
Tickets are \$35 per person ~ Bleacher seats ~ includes bus and tip for driver  
For tickets please call Tricia O'Brien at 781-944-5007

## THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC / AUGUST 29 / 1:00 P.M. / CHURCH GROUNDS

Please bring your own chairs, blanket, tables. We will supply the hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks.

There will be sign-up sheets at the back of the Church and we ask that you please put your name and the number of people attending and if you would like to bring a salad (potato, garden, pasta, etc.), munchies or a dessert. We will be having children's activities, laughter and conversation for all, and maybe a little Bingo!

If you have any questions or if you are able to help with set up (the morning of the picnic) or with the children's activities, please call Tricia at 781-944-5007

## AROUND & ABOUT

### RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES WITH FR. BILL

March 11-13, 2011

A Lenten Weekend:

“In The Desert with the Lord”

Taking a fresh look at the spiritual practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Eastern Point Retreat House

37 Niles Pond Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930

Phone: (978)-283-0013

[www.easternpoint.org/weekend.html](http://www.easternpoint.org/weekend.html)

May 24, 2011

Day of Prayer

”The Spirit is a Movin’ in some wonderful, marvelous, and surprising ways”

Saint Joseph Retreat Center

339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025

781-383-6024 or 781-383-6029

[www.csjretreatcenter.org/programs/daysofprayer.htm](http://www.csjretreatcenter.org/programs/daysofprayer.htm)

**To register for either of these retreats please contact the appropriate Retreat Center. Hurry as space is limited and fills fast!**

### A RETREAT FOR MEN

Last month we announced that a group of men from St. Agnes and other parishes gather on retreat at the Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, Massachusetts. The retreat, open to all men 18 and above, will be held September 24-26, 2010. It is an opportunity to get away, to refresh ourselves spiritually and to refocus our priorities with respect to God and our neighbor.

Now is the time to make a decision to join us. As we mentioned last month, this year’s theme is “**Do Whatever He Tells You**”. It focuses on how do we hear Him, how should we listen, how do we know its God speaking and not our imagination or something else (the process of discernment) and how do we act on His word to us. Jesus says “any man who desires to come to me will hear my words and put them into practice”. We hope it will be your desire to join us whether it will be your first time or your 25<sup>th</sup> time.

We need to advise the staff at Miramar how many men are coming in the next few weeks. If you are interested, have any questions or need more information, please email us at [MensRetreat@comcast.net](mailto:MensRetreat@comcast.net) or call one of the team members listed below:

Ed Chisholm 781-944-3696  
Jim Fandel 781-944-1158  
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