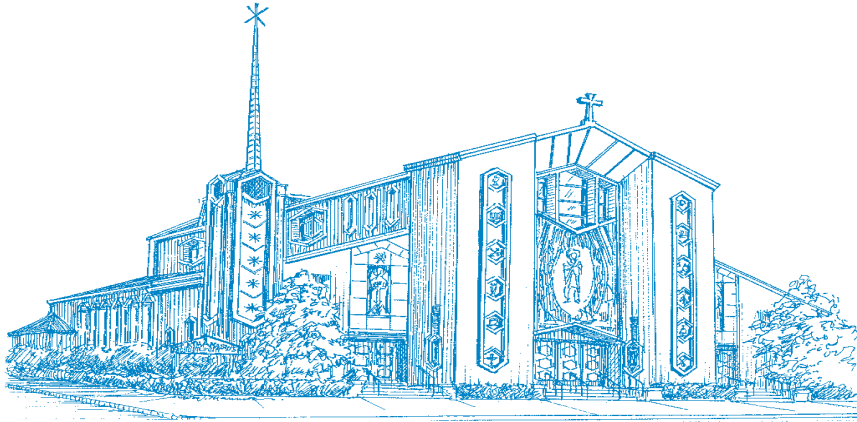


St. Athanasius Church

Brooklyn, New York



WHO IS WELCOME IN ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH?

Are you a sinner? Have you been away from the church for a long time? Are you divorced or separated? Are you physically or mentally challenged? Are you from a different culture? Are you not accepted because of your sexual orientation? Are you elderly, a teen or young adult? Are you discriminated against because of your color? Are you feeling broken? Are you poor or out of work? Have you been imprisoned? Have you a feeling that you are left out? **You are welcome here! This is your home, and we are your family!**

Do you suffer from Celiac Sprue Disease? We are Celiac friendly and, after receiving permission from our Bishop, we can provide you with low gluten hosts and a pyx, in order to enable you to receive Holy Communion at daily Mass and Sunday Mass. To begin the process, please call Fr. Ron D'Antonio at our rectory, 718.236.0124 Ext. 13.

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Mrs. Theresa Simon

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B.A., M.Div., M.S. Ed.

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Rev. Ronald D'Antonio, B.A., M.Div.
Rev. Gabriel Toro-Rivas, B.A., M.Div.
Ministerio Hispano/Spanish Apostolate

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Deacon William Kelly

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The Rectory is also the home of our Parish Priests. We ask you to respect their home by observing Rectory Office Hours and by calling in advance for an appointment.

Our Church is Handicap Accessible.

SUNDAY MASSES:

English

Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 (Choir) & 6 PM

Spanish

Saturday: 7:30 PM (Lower Church)
Sunday: 10:00 AM (Lower Church)
1:00 PM (Upper Church)

Italian

11:30 AM (Lower Church)

WEEKDAY MASSES: 7 and 9 AM

MORNING PRAYER:

Monday-Saturday 8:45 AM

ROSARY FOR LIFE:

Saturday after the 9 AM Mass

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

Every Wednesday after 9 AM Mass

HOLIDAY MASSES:

Eve: 7:30 PM (English)
Day: 7, 9, (English)
Night:
7:30 PM (Italian) Upper Church
7:30 PM (Spanish) Lower Church

First Friday: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament after last morning Mass concluding with Benediction at 7:30 PM. Italian Mass at 8 PM.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

Mondays after 9 AM Mass

CONFESSION (Reconciliation):

Saturdays 4-5 PM or anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM: Sunday at 2:30 PM. Both parents make an appointment with a priest. Both parents & godparents must attend a Baptismal Instruction Class.

MARRIAGE: Couples are to make arrangements six months in advance.

ANOINTING & COMMUNION CALLS: Those who wish to be anointed or receive Communion at home, call one of the priests to make arrangements or call our Pastoral Ministry Office: 718-236-0124 Ext. 44

Sunday, Dec. 4th:

8:30 Rose & Paul De Mola
 10:00 Philip Acciarito
 11:30 PURG. SOCIETY, Fay Cassato & Immaculata, Giuseppe Tarzia
 11:30 ITAL. - Santa Lucia
 1:00 Spanish Mass - Upper Church
 6:00 Ralph Satriano

Monday, Dec. 5th:

7:00 Peter Gambino
 9:00 Inocensia Gomsales

Tuesday, Dec. 6th:

7:00 Michelina Lubrano
 9:00 Carolyn D'Antonio

Wednesday, Dec. 7th:

7:00 Angelina & Everett Rednour
 9:00 Anthony & Dave D'Amico; Madeline & Thomas Greco
 7:30 ENG. - Carolyn D'Antonio, Anniv.

Thursday, Dec. 8th, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

7:00 Maria Covello
 9:00 Francesco Costa, Anniv.
 7:30 ITAL - Raffaele Innomorato

Friday, Dec. 9th:

7:00 Edward Zawewski
 9:00 Fay Cassato

Saturday, Dec. 10th:

9:00 Nicholas & Grace Cappodonna
 1:30 James Stewart & Fortunata Verna, Wedd.
 3:30 Spanish Wedding
 5:30 John, Carmela, Anthony & John Buoncore
 7:30pm Spanish Mass - Upper Church

Sunday, Dec. 11th:

8:30 Mary Tuohy De Mola
 10:00 Rosary Society
 11:30 PURG. SOCIETY & Vito Marchiano
 11:30 ITAL. - Nicola, Giuseppe & Caterina Brunetti
 1:00 Spanish Mass - Upper Church
 6:00 Rosalie & Paul Campanella

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 one of our Pastoral Administrators.

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.

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. Feel welcome to kneel at the communion rail at the Altar of the Blessed Sacrament or sit on the benches in the Sanctuary.

Memorials for the Week

Hosts: In Loving Memory of Arthur Cappadona, Concetta & Ernest Ferranti requested by Maria Cappadona, Janine, Ron & Ava Petricevich.

Altar Wine: In Loving Memory of John Giustino requested by Jerry & Ann De Vito.

Candles: In Loving Memory of Ralph Satriano requested by Daughter, Joan Guida.

Sanctuary Lamp: In Loving Memory of Charles Pellegrini requested by Elaine M.

Sanctuary Lamp: In Loving Memory of Ralph Satriano requested by Wife, Lucille.

Knights of Columbus Right-to-Life Rose: OPEN

BAPTISMAL IN-TAKE:

Baptismal arrangements are made every Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 pm in the Rectory basement. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate when you come in. Instruction Class is held the last Tuesday of the month in the evening.

Our Call to Christian Stewardship

Nov. 20, 2011 - \$11,001.00

Nov. 27, 2011 - \$12,759.00

From the Pastor's Desk...

We wish to remind you that Thur., Dec. 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Tree Lighting Ceremony - following 5:30pm Mass on Sat., Dec. 10.

Thank You to all who have made a pledge to increase their weekly offering.

Please be generous to the parish this Christmas!

Let's all decorate our homes to welcome Christ.

Msgr. Cassato



Advent Candle Memorials

In Loving Memory of
JoAnn Brincat,
Dolores Herbert
Thomas Morales
Donato Sasanelli
requested by The Family

In Loving Memory of
Barbara H. Settanni
requested by Husband, Ralph
and Children

In Loving Memory of
John Vonelli
requested by Angela & Joan Vonelli and
Grace & Frank Zaffiro

In Loving Memory of Mario De Pinto
requestd by Wife, Jennie

For all the souls in Purgatory &
For Michael Barone

In Loving Memory of
Mario Del Bianco
requested by The Metcalf Family

In Loving Memory of
Ermenegildo & Joseph Franco
requested by Wife, Betty & Daughter, Lucille

In Loving Memory of Joseph Shannon &
Vincent Anello
requested by Louise Shannon

Advent Film Festival

after the 9 AM Mass in the Nazareth Institute



Tues. Dec. 6
The Gift of Love

Tues. Dec. 13
Mary of Nazareth

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Once again St. Athanasius Parish will support Mercy Home's
2011 Secret Santa Project.

The name of a resident and some gift suggestions will be on
the tag. The gift should be in the \$20-\$25 range. Gifts can
be wrapped or unwrapped but each gift should have the tag
provided taped to the gift.

Cut off for returning the gifts is Sun. Dec. 11, 2011 by end of
6 PM Mass.

The gifts need to be back at the Mercy Home Main Agency
no later than Dec. 13, 2011.

Rosary Society Arts & Craft Fair
Sunday Dec. 11, 2011 9am - 4pm
St. Athanasius School Auditorium

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL: will be here on
Dec. 11, 2011 to sell their excellent religious
items. Please support them!

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal \$70,964.00

619 Families pledged \$121,984.00

Received as of 11/25/11 \$103,866.80

*All money collected above the goal returns
directly to St. Athanasius*



Office of the Bishop
Diocese of Brooklyn
310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, New York 11215

November 16, 2011

Dear Friends in Christ:

At the beginning of 2010, I issued a pastoral letter to the people of our Diocese, calling for the start of a comprehensive, strategic planning process called *Christ Jesus our Hope*. The main purpose of this strategic planning process is to identify the challenges we face within our Church and to identify means and resources by which those challenges can be addressed. A central part of the process is the need to assess each of the Diocese's 192 parishes for the purpose of evaluating both their pastoral vitality as well as their financial viability.

I deemed this evaluative process necessary because of my pastoral commitment to engage in the efforts of the New Evangelization, so often encouraged in the teachings of both Blessed John Paul II, as well as our current Holy Father, Benedict XVI. I have made the New Evangelization the theme of my episcopal ministry since becoming Bishop of Brooklyn. In order to ensure that the Diocese has the ability and necessary resources to effectively continue the work of proclaiming the Gospel to the men and women of Brooklyn and Queens, it has become imperative for us to address many issues and challenges that often impeded our efforts to effectively engage in the work of the New Evangelization.

Through a highly consultative process that sought to engage the pastoral leadership as well as the parishioners of every parish community, each parish was asked to submit a self-study that examined every aspect of its life, including pastoral ministry, finances and the maintenance needs of the parish's buildings. The self-study was designed to highlight both the strengths and challenges each parish faces. Further analysis was done by the Diocesan Planning Commission, taking into consideration such factors as demographics, clergy availability, geography and infrastructure.

Two of the financial criteria by which all parishes of the Diocese are being evaluated for their viability are an ability to maintain a sustainable balanced budget and, where applicable, to create a realistic plan for the repayment of any debts. Pastoral criteria which are signs of parish vitality include but are not limited to levels of weekly Mass attendance, reception of the sacraments, processes such as the R.C.I.A. and evangelization initiatives which draw people into the parish community and the sacramental life of the Church. While we need to be fair and objective in the general criteria for evaluating all of our parishes, I am committed to maintain a Catholic presence in every part of our Diocese, which may at times require extraordinary financial or pastoral measures, particularly in our poorest communities.

One challenge surfaced during both your parish's self-study and the subsequent analysis done by the Diocesan Strategic Planning Commission. It is the need for the parish to create a multi-year financial plan designed to maintain its balanced budget during these difficult economic times. The Commission unanimously concluded that this issue can be effectively addressed without the need for any reconfiguration of the parish.

As a result, allow me to inform you that I have accepted the recommendation of the Diocesan Commission that St. Athanasius Parish be required to submit a strategic plan of action, consisting of specific annual goals and objectives, designed to address this challenge. Once completed, this strategic plan of action will be forwarded to the Diocesan Planning Commission for review and submission to me for final approval. In order to assist Monsignor Cassato in this important task, a committee of lay leaders and staff members will be assembled to help complete this strategic plan of action under his direction.

I have made this decision motivated by my responsibility to ensure that your pastoral needs will be provided for in a sustainable manner, allowing the Church's divine mission to continue at St. Athanasius Parish for many years to come.

Allow me to express my sincere thanks to Monsignor Cassato for his excellent pastoral leadership and generous service to you. I am also deeply grateful for your continued support of the parish.

During these days before our Thanksgiving celebrations, I entrust you and your families to the care and intercession of Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. May our Blessed Lady allow St. Athanasius Parish to prosper with renewed life unto the glory of Father, in the name of Jesus the Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit.


Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.
Bishop of Brooklyn

ADVENT CHOIR CONCERT

PERFORMANCE TO BE RECORDED FOR A CD!

SUNDAY DEC. 11, 2011 4 PM



**St. Athanasius
and Christ Church,
Cobble Hill, Choirs**

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH, BROOKLYN
\$5 admission

Bravo

St. Athanasius Church has become best known for its outstanding music. The Choir has been requested to record a CD and will be performing here on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4PM.

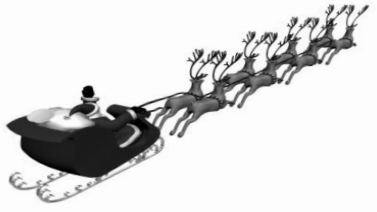
Steven Laplante has been the musical director for the past 12 years and his dedication in educating the choir has brought them to a level of perfection.

The following Weekday Masses for Jan. 2011 are available:

Time	Date
7:00am	5, 6, 11, 13, 18, 24, 26, 30, 31

The following Memorials for Jan. 2011 are available:

Host	Wine	Candles	Sanctuary Lamp	Sanctuary Lamp
Jan. 29	Jan. 8, 29	Jan. 8, 15, 22	Jan. 1, 15, 29	Jan. 1, 15, 22, 29



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2011
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
In the School Auditorium
Free of Charge.
Proudly sponsored by the
St. Athanasius Holy Name Society

All children are invited with their parents to this annual event with Santa. A light breakfast will be served. Join us for some fun and a chance to sit on Santa's lap for a picture

CHRISTMAS WREATHS: the Knights of Columbus will be selling wreaths at the doors of the Church on Sunday. Dec. 4th, 11th and 18th.



Volunteers Needed!!!

Once again it is time to decorate St. Athanasius for Christmas. If you would like to help call:

Joey Orlando (646) 210-2919

or

Vincent Fiordimondo (718) 510-2436





Keeping Christ in Christmas St. Athanasius



13th Annual Christmas Nativity 2011

Dear Friend,

Please join us in celebrating our Ninth Annual Nativity and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday evening December 10th, following the 5:30pm Mass, on the corner of Sixty-First street and Bay Parkway. Lighted live Christmas trees will be erected around the New Life Size Nativity scene and continue along Bay Parkway in front of St. Athanasius School to Sixty Second street, as well as the opposite side in front of the church and convent. In these dark and sad times we are living through we can all join together in lighting up each other's lives with the Spirit of the Season.

We look forward to welcoming you to what has become an annual community event. I would like to personally invite you to participate in this community endeavor by sponsoring a Christmas tree. Your donation of \$300, \$500, \$750 or \$1,000 in the name of your family, business or in memory of a loved one, will be deeply appreciated. Two or three families may join together in sponsoring a tree. The children of our school will benefit greatly from your generosity.

We look forward to sharing this special season with you, and may God Bless You.

Sincerely and gratefully,

Rev. Msgr. David L. Cassato
Pastor



Sponsor Form
For additional information call rectory at 718 236-0124

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sponsor Greeting or/ in Memory of (how you would like the sign to read) - Please print or type clearly.

Please return this form by Dec. 1st in order to allow us time to prepare signs for the trees

Make check payable to **St. Athanasius Church** mail or drop off to:
St. Athanasius Rectory 2154 61st St. Brooklyn, NY 11204 Attn: Tree Lighting



TREE OF LIGHTS



Request for Lights Form

Please PRINT all information clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Please enclose \$10 per light. Make checks payable to St. Athanasius Church. Return checks and forms to St. Athanasius Rectory either by mail, in person or through the collection at Mass.

I would like ___ gift cards. ___ I will pick up my gift cards at St. Athanasius Rectory. ___ Please mail me my gift cards.

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- * Italian Classes
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Religious Education News

Reminder: All Registration Fees are due at this time.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Grade 2

- * Informational Sheet was due on Nov. 17, 2011.
Please submit immediately.
- * Sacramental Fees are due no later than Jan. 12, 2012

Nicoletta Milo, Director

THANK YOU

A special thank You to all who were so instrumental in the distribution of Thanksgiving dinners and assorted food goods. The St. Vincent de Paul Society, Mr. Brian Long and Mr. George Raiola, Scout Leaders & Boy Scouts of St. A's, also Mrs. Jeanne Mc Feeley.

A note of gratitude to you, our parishioners, who have responded so generously to those in need. May God bless you all!

Fr. Ron & Mr. Nick Cagliuso, Pres. of St. A's St. Vincent de Paul Society

In your kindness please pray for those who are sick

Kathy Adams, Santo Ammirable, Nina Amico, Vivian & Antoni Antonelli, Patricia Aurigemma, Thersa Beddingfield, John Bernard, Al Bergen, John Bernard, Mary Bidmead, Joseph Biuso, Jr., Stacy Bono, Catherine Broderick, Brenda Burns, Christopher Canale, Robert F. Cannone, Anthony Caputo, Ann Centorrino, Sebastian Chiarello, Robert Colosini, Rosemarie Costagliola, Diana D'Alessandro, Josephine D'Auria, Bruce Dalton, Salvatore Davi, Patricia Deasey, Anthony De Fino, Anthony De Luco, Rachel De Pinto, Kristi DeVito-Gregotowicz, Laura D'Antonio, Craig De Lullo, Alex De Marco, Jr., Alex De Marco, III, Joan Demeyer, Leonard De Meyer, Michael & Michael Deorio, Jacqueline Di Palma, Maria Esemplare, Elaine Esposito, Tina Esposito, Vincent Esposito, Patricia Farenga, Anthony Felicito, Lauren Fevola, Sylvia Fiorintino, Mary Fumai, Theresa Garritano, Susan Gentile, Edward Gironachan, Gary Golemi, Barbara Hale, Helen Hauser, William Horgan, Carlo, Diana Ingravallo, Aldo Inguanti, Julie Inzerillo, Carol Jacobson, Cerina Jimenez, Neil, Paul & Stephen Kelleher, Herb Levin, Catherine Linde, Jillian Lasinsky, Sara Marie LoCicero, Lo Piano Family, Michelle LoPresti, Eileen Lucchese, Ellen Mary MacDougall, Maiya Macko, Angela Maddaloni, John Malloney, Anthony Mangone, Katherine Mami, Anthony Paul Marchese, Philip Marra, Grace Martino, Paul Mezzo, A & M. Mohamed, Lucia Montella, Lucy Napoli, Lisa Neglia, Roger Nilsen, Frank Nitto, Joe P., John Palmiero, Jean Palombo, Cathal Quigley, Jennifer Raimonda, Felicia Randolph, Joseph Riccardi, Dorothy Richter, Cira Romano, Ida Russo, Judy Sabatini, Rosemary Sabatelle, Angelina & Jenna Scarponi, Dina Scarponi, Mickey Sasko, Jada Sciacchatano, Antoinetta Selicchi, Concetta Sigona, Jared Speroni, Peter Tarulli, Helen Umhasuser, Vasta Family, Rita Venezia, Carla Vitucci, Angelina Vonelli, Leonard Walder, Josephine & Robert Wise, Jr., Nelson Yates, Fanny Zacchino, Martin Zukowski

To Add a Name, please call ext. 10 on Monday morning, spelling the name. If you wish the name to remain on the list, you must call each week.



Bollettino Settimanale
Messa in Italiano ogni Domenica alle 11:30am (Chiesa di giu')
SABATO, 13 DICEMBRE 2011
DOPO LA SANTA MESSA DELLE 5:30 PM
CERIMONIA ANNUALE DELLE LUCI SU BAY PARKWAY

Dal nostro DIACONO DANTE COLANDREA

Riflessione del mese di DICEMBRE

**PREGHIERE IN FAMIGLIA NEL TEMPO DI
 AVVENTO - NATALE**

(da recitarsi prima del pranzo insieme)

PREGHIAMO INSIEME IN FAMIGLIA:

**(TEMPO DI AVVENTO – NATALE 2011) – Continuazione
 Dalla Scorsa Settimana**

Quarta domenica di Avvento 18 dicembre 2011

Papà: Tu, o Dio, parlasti al cuore di Maria, e all'umile Giuseppe, chiedendogli di accogliere il grande dono del tuo Figlio Gesù.
 Figli/a: Signore, fa che impariamo ogni giorno l'ospitalità di Maria e di Giuseppe.

Mamma: Effondi la tua grazia, o Padre, su noi tutti, donaci la gioia di accogliere insieme al tuo Figlio Gesù, ogni povero che bussava alla nostra casa.

Natale del Signore 25 dicembre 2011

Papà: Grazie Gesù perché hai accettato di nascere in una famiglia con una mamma e un papà come noi.

Figli/a: Gesù aiuta tutte le famiglie che non riescono ad avere bambini, oggi noi vogliamo dirti il nostro grazie insieme a mamma e papà, perché ci vuoi bene.

Mamma: Signore ti ringraziamo perché oggi sei in mezzo a noi. Aiutaci a essere sempre uniti a Te e a volerci sempre bene.

AVVENTO – Tempo di preparazione per il Santo Natale – Oggi, domenica 4 dicembre, e' la seconda domenica d'avvento. Prepariamoci alla nascita del Signore.

ALBERI DI NATALE intorno alla chiesa e scuola in memoria di un defunto oppure in onore di un vostro familiare — Per informazioni telefonare al 718-236-0124. La cerimonia annuale per accendere gli alberi e il presepe avra' luogo sabato, 10 dicembre dopo la Messa delle 5:30pm. La vostra offerta di \$300, \$500, \$750 oppure \$1000 per questi alberi va alla nostra scuola. I bambini della nostra scuola apprezzano molto la vostra generosità.

SABATO, 24 DICEMBRE 2011 – VIGILIA DI NATALE: LA tradizione continua. Come ogni anno da ben 45 anni la Santa Messa di mezzanotte in Italiano si terra' nella chiesa sottopiano. Come sempre portate i vostri bambini per vestirli da pastorelli e angioletti.

ALBERO DELLE LUCI DI NATALE ACCANTO ALL'UFFICIO PARROCCHIALE – tutti i membri della nostra parrocchia sono invitati a comprare luci SULL'ALBERO DELLE LUCI come regalo particolare per qualche vostro familiare oppure in memoria di un vostro defunto. Avete tempo fino a dicembre. Offerta per ogni luce. Come ogni anno l'albero delle luci sara' posto sulla 61esima strada, a sinistra dell'ufficio parrocchiale, accanto alla statua di San Giuda.

FIERA DI NATALE – come ogni anno la nostra parrocchia avra' la fiera di Natale organizzata da Rosary Society. Quest'anno sara' domenica, 11 dicembre dalle ore 9am alle 4pm nell'auditorium della nostra scuola. Da annotare questa data sul vostro calendario. Ottima occasione per fare i vostri regali natalizi.

LE SORELLE PAOLINE – saranno nella nostra chiesa domenica, 11 dicembre per vendere i loro articoli religiosi. Libri e cassette in lingua inglese, italiano e spagnolo.

SOCIETA' ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ha bisogno del vostro aiuto in modo particolare prima di Natale. Donate cibo per chi non ha cibo. Cibo in scatola come riso, pomodori, pasta e cereali sono preferibili. Cortesemente portate la vostra offerta in Chiesa. Grazie.

CERCASI VOLONTARI – il sabato mattina per portare cibo ai poveri e senzatetti. Per informazioni telefonare a Fred Rubino al 718.236.0264.

DOMENICA, 18 DICEMBRE 2011- G.I.S.A. Gruppo Italiano Sant'Atanasio - FESTA BABBO NATALE – La riunione generale G.I.S.A. Gruppo Italiano Sant'Atanasio si terra' domenica, 18 dicembre alle 4:30 pomeridiane nell'auditorium della nostra scuola. A questa riunione avremo la visita di Babbo Natale che portera' i doni ai soci della G.I.S.A. Come sempre la riunione si concludera' con caffè e dolci. Sara' un piacevole pomeriggio. Venite numerosi. Freddy Felletti, Presidente - 718-614 – 9683.

IL PRESEPE aprira' il 10 dicembre – la tradizione continua – come ogni anno il presepe nella chiesa sottopiano e' aperto. Da ricordare che il nostro presepe ha avuto molti articoli scritti su giornali importanti ed e' stato nominato dalle stazioni televisive come uno dei 5 presepi piu' belli di New York.

PRIMO VENERDI' DEL MESE – Vi ricordiamo che ogni primo venerdi' del mese il Santissimo Sacramento e' esposto tutto il giorno. Benedizione alle ore 7:30 di sera seguita dalla Santa Messa. Venite numerosi.

II DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO
4 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2011

Hemos iniciado esta preparación a la venida del mesías con una meditación constante a cerca de volvernos a Dios . Hoy por hoy vivimos en una sociedad que en muchos de los casos nos aleja de la realidad espiritual , de la conciencia de conservar valores y principios con tal de salir adelante y dejar de lado lo positivo que podemos aportar a nuestro alrededor.

La preparación a la venida del mesías requiere de una separación metafórica (por decirlo asi) de lo que el mundo nos pide. Un desierto que nos prepare , pero a la vez que Cristo mismo entre por medio de nuestra aceptación en el Corazón.

El desierto es adentrarnos en nosotros mismos aun en los momentos de tinieblas, pues aun en la mas profunda oscuridad ,alli estara Cristo esperandonos con los brazos abiertos, para decirnos cuanto nos ama y cuan misericordioso es.

Continuemos este camino de preparación a la venida de Jesucristo . Donde él vendra resplandeciente . LLeno de su luz y majestad.

Que en noche Buena habite en los hogares la imagen de Jesus misericordioso que con su amor incondicional irradia en cada uno de nosotros el portal de belen . AMEN !!!!

AVISOS PARROQUIALES

- PROXIMO BAUTIZOS SABADO 31 DE DICIEMBRE REGISTRARSE CON TIEMPO EN LA RECTORIA.
- RETIRO DE ADVIENTO LOS DIAS 2 Y 9 DE DICIEMBRE A PARTIR DE LAS 7 PM EN EL TEMPLO DE ABAJO Y FINALIZAREMOS EL DIA 23 DE DICIEMBRE CON UN COMPARTIR NAVIDEÑO DANDO CLAUSURA AL TIEMPO DE PREPARACION PARA LA VENIDA DE NUESTRO SALVADOR . EL MESIAS , JESUS NUESTRO SEÑOR !!!!!!!
- MISAS EN ESPAÑOL :
 - SABADOS 7:30 PM (TEMPLO DE ABAJO)
 - DOMINGOS 10 AM (TEMPLO DE ABAJO)
 - 1 PM (TEMPLO DE ARRIBA)
- ATENCIÓN AL PUBLICO EN ESPAÑOL : MIERCOLES A SABADO DE 10 A 5 PM Y LOS DOMINGOS DE 11AM A 12:30 PM
- MISA DEL DIVINO NIÑO JESUS TODOS LOS ULTIMOS SABADOS DE MES EN EL TEMPLO DE ABAJO A LAS 7:30 PM
- DOMINGO 11 DE DICIEMBRE NO HAY MISA DE 10 AM , TENDREMOS MISA A LA 1PM (TEMPLO DE ARRIBA) Y LAS 11 PM (TEMPLO DE ARRIBA) EN HONOR A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE Y EL 12 DE DICIEMBRE A LAS 7 PM PROCESION CON LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE SEGUIDAMENTE LA MISA EN EL TEMPLO DE ARRIBA.



SAINT ATHANASIOUS
Presents
NIGHT AT THE RACES



Saturday January 28th 2012

St. Athanasius Auditorium 6120 Bay Parkway

Doors open at 6:30pm, Post Time 7:15pm

Tickets \$25 per person

Includes: Sandwiches, Beer, Wine, Soda, Chips, Cookies & Coffee
(Must be over 21 years of age to attend)

Tickets available at the St A's Gym on
Saturdays from 9am to 1pm

or call

Bill Finn (718-236-6680) Mike Garthaffner (718-331-2406) Joe Orlando (646-210-2919) Bob McKenna (718-676-2102)

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You may also complete this form and return it along with the appropriate amount of cash or check payable to St. Athanasius to the Rectory (2154 61st Street) Attention: "Bill Finn - Night at the Races Tickets". Tickets will be delivered or mailed to your address.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Please enclose the following: Number of tickets: _____ X \$25 = \$ _____

Tickets for this event are limited and seating will be assigned. Tables of 10 can be reserved. Please note below the names of people attending with these tickets or if you wish to be seated at a specific table:

Youth Ministry Bowling League

Calling all youth, any age, do you like to bowl? Going pro or just learning? Every other Friday in the late afternoon at Shell Lanes, we have a youth league, with teams of all ages desired. Have some friendly competition and be part of a team! Program just restarted so if you want to join call/email Frank Morale at (917)566-0768 or moviefan79@aol.com for more information and to register. This program is fully supported by the Bensonhurst Cluster Youth Ministry program.

Youth Ministry Outing to see the New Jersey Devils

7PM - Wednesday - December 28th

Tickets only \$50 each and include a food voucher for \$10 and free bus transportation if needed!

Seats are limited so call/text now to reserve and make payment! Kenny (718) 490 4469 or kenwodz@optonline.net

We have great seats in section 109, Rows 4-7!

Candlelight Rosary Procession

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Thursday December 8th

St. Frances Cabrini Parish

16 Ave & 86 St

Mass 7:30pm

Procession following Mass.

Procession Route:

16th Ave. to Bath Ave, Bath Ave. to 17th Ave, 17th Ave., through park, over the pedestrian walkway to the water by the Belt Parkway.

Rosary Society

The Rosarians welcome all women of the Parish. The Society is dedicated to the Blessed Mother, the growth of the love of God through Mary. We honor the Blessed Mother by the constant and reverent praying of the rosary in our daily life.

We are involved in all Parish activities, liturgical and social – and keep informed about civic community activities.

Spiritual activities include an Annual Retreat, Annual Communion Breakfast and Baby Shower for Unwed Mothers. The Society raises money to help our Church continue outreach efforts. The fundraisers include: Christmas Fair, Basket Night, Chinese Auction.

We attend the 10:00am Mass on the Third Sunday of the month (except July & August) followed by a meeting & light breakfast in the School.

If interested, please call Palma @ 718-837-1752 or just come to the Mass & meeting.

Bensonhurst Youth Ministry

Youth Center - Every Tuesday from 6:30-9:30PM at St. Frances Cabrini. For youth 6th grade through high school. Come where faith and fun are one!

Soul Team - Meets every first and third Wednesday at St. Frances Cabrini. This is a High School and College Leadership Team.

Youth Mass - at St. Athanasius and meets either the 2nd or 4th Sunday. Afterwards a post confirmation youth group, and confirmation leaders group will meet from 7-9PM. Meets Nov 13th and Dec 11th

Faith Formation: Youth and Adult Lead sessions. meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at St. Simon and Jude from 7-9PM.

Passion Players: Youth drama group meets on Tuesday evenings at the Youth Center

SYP- Saturday Youth program meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday at St. Athanasius from 10:30-2PM.

Open Gym/Youth Center at St. Simon and Jude meets every first and third Friday from 7-9PM.

Calling all confirmed Youth!

Have you received your confirmation last year, year before or more? Looking to learn more, share more with your faith? Then we need you and you need us, join the NEWLY formed Post Confirmation Youth Group.

Come to Nazareth Institute on Sunday, Nov. 13th and Dec. 11th from 7 to 9 for our next gathering! If you know someone who was confirmed remind them they need to be more involved in the church, that is what they confirmed with the bishop, now time to live it.

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.

**John the Baptist pointed to Jesus.
Who has pointed to Jesus for you?**

The 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.

The St. A's Scouting Program meets every Wednesday night in the school auditorium at 7:00 p. m. All boys ages 7-18. Boys and Girls 14-21 can join the Venturing Crew. Come and learn skills that will last a lifetime.

Community Outreach Program

Where there is despair, let us bring hope. Volunteers are needed to serve food to the poor and the homeless on Saturday Mornings. For more information, please call Fred Rubino at (718) 236-0264 or Dawn Aiello at (718) 232-3113

Figlia Maria SS Addolorata

Join them every First Friday to pray the Rosary in the Nazareth Institute at 8pm.

Holy Name Society

New members are welcome to help with our community service work. The Society is a spiritual organization, a fraternity of the Catholic Church, spreading devotion to the Name of Jesus. Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow!

The present Holy Name Society members dedicate themselves to corporal works in helping our Parish Organizations and School, with various fundraising. The Holy Name meets every second Sunday of each month (after the 10 a.m. Mass), except for July & August.

Men of all ages are welcome, especially the fathers of children attending St. A's School and Catholic War Veterans are cordially invited to attend. For more info., call Ed DiGiacomo at:718-836-7917

Rentals

(Monthly Rental Fee)

APARTMENT FOR RENT: 2 br/ 4 rms, in a 3 family, on 2nd fl. Utilities not included. Available 12/1. Credit check & references. Call: 1-347-866-2233

APARTMENT FOR RENT: 6 rooms for rent. Move in condition. No pets. Close to parish. Call Maria (718) 331-0962 or Charlie (212) 583-6066

Community News

We are happy to announce that two members of our Parish have now opened:

Right-at-Home

In Home Care and Assistance

7102 20th Ave

1-347-554-8400

Anyone looking for work - or help, is urged to contact Mr. Billy Valentine for an appointment.

Golden Age Club

Meets every Wednesday at 12:45pm in the School Auditorium.

(During the school year)

All Golden Agers are welcome to join us.

The St. Athanasius Respect Life Ministry

Rosary and Prayers all dedicated to the Child Jesus for an end to abortion.

Every Saturday after the 9:00am Mass

Intention for December

God himself was born a child. The greatness of a person does not depend on size for the Newborn King is very small. Let us pray for an end of prejudice against the tiny babies threatened by abortion.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Meets every Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Lower Church.

Food Pantry

Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Panty is requesting donations of the following items:

Cereal, canned vegetables, soups, peanut butter & jelly, tomato sauce & pasta.

Leave all donations in front of the St. Joseph Altar. We thank you in advance for helping the needy of our Parish.

The **District Attorney's Office** is located in the **Rectory Conference Room** on **Wednesdays from 9 - 4**. Call **718.234.8709**.

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.

St. Athanasius is Going Green

Msgr. Cassato is happy to announce that our parish is starting a parish-wide fundraiser with Viridian Energy. Viridian Energy is licensed by New York State in Con Edison market. Parishioners can save money on the electric utility bill and St. Athanasius makes money from Viridian.

Msgr. Cassato is the Fundraising Director, along with Billy & Christine Valentine. You can bring your Con Edison bill for a free analysis on savings and explanation of how Viridian can save you money.

Msgr. Cassato requests that all ministries and parishioners assist us in making this ongoing fundraiser a huge success.

Further info. call Billy Valentine at 917-885-0874

www.Viridian.com/MsgrCassato

Home Assistance

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Right-at-Home
In Home Care and Assistance
7102 20th Ave
1-347-554-8400

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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.

Support Groups at St. A's

Bereavement Support meets in the **Nazareth Institute** with Sr. Barbara Murtha, C.S.J. on **Mondays, Dec. 5, 12, 19 at 7:30pm.**

Divorced & Separated Support Group will meet in the **Nazareth Institute** from **7:30-9:30p.m. on Tuesdays**. Call Enza at: 917-613-3959 for more information (after 7 p.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. Meeting every **Friday night at 7:30p.m.** in the **Nazareth Institute**.

Overeaters Anonymous members talk about their struggles with compulsive eating. 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 must first 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 in the **Nazareth Institute every Friday 8-9:30p.m. & Saturday 7:30-9:30p.m.**

Flea Market

The Knights of Columbus Council #4884 will have a monthly Flea Market on the second Saturday of every month.

Next Flea Market is Dec. 10, at our Council from 9am-4pm.

Vendors are welcome to call Chairman Bob at: 347-874-2792.

Our Council is located at 7211 20th Ave. Our Hall is for Hire for special occasions. For more information about rental call (732) 861-1297 or (718) 259-5080

In order for designated Parish Ministries & Organizations to reserve one of our rooms at St. A's, we require you to fill out our **Parish Calendar & Room Request Form**. The form is available in the rectory or can be downloaded from our website. We even have an E-form so you complete this form without writing. Just e-mail it back to us, or print it out and drop it off. **All Requests must be made using our form**. E-mail completed form to AnnaMarie Scuteri at annamariesta@hotmail.com. This is the **ONLY** way to reserve a room here at St. A's. **The group 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, and a lease agreement completed in order to use space.

Sunday Bulletin Deadlines The Sunday Bulletin must be e-mailed to our printer by **10a.m. Monday**. **All announcements must be submitted in WRITTEN form only** (handwritten, typed, computer, fax, e-mailed, etc) by **3p.m. Friday**. 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 Flyers need to be approved by a staff member and submitted by **Email only** to MrsAthanasius@aol.com.

Our Printer Requires all Black or Grayscale Print, Clip Art & Graphics. *If you submit color graphics, the printer will NOT print your flyer.* Please email announcements to MrsAthanasius@aol.com no other email addresses!