

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

Eucharistic Worship

Weekends

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am
LifeTeen 5:00 pm

Weekdays

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:15 am
Saturday 8:15 am

Easter Time Delight



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2006

Eucharistic Liturgies

April 30 – May 7, 2006

Sunday 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Delia Tully
 8:00 am † Faye Frank
 9:30 am † Rose Schuba
 11:30 am † Robert H. Huffman Jr.

Monday
 6:30 am † Barney & Angela Richards
 8:15 am † Arthur Stake

Tuesday
 6:30 am Active & Deceased Members of The St. A's Women's Club
 8:15 am † Victoria Glab

Wednesday
 6:30 am † Laurie Murphy
 8:15 am Sarac Family

Thursday
 6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
 8:15 am † Robert Barbee

Friday
 6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
 8:15 am † Anne Calkins

Saturday
 8:15 am † Mary G. Hardgrove
 5:00 pm † Anna Froberg

Sunday
 8:00 am † Michael Delaney
 9:30 am † Rose Schuba
 11:30 am † Ed & Rosemary Brown
 5:00 pm † Michael Rooney



Our Next Leadership Night Is This Monday, May 1

The five Coordinating Groups (Worship, Outreach, Community, Administration and Faith Development) will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, and the Parish Pastoral Council will meet from 8:30 to 9:30 pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend to see how this new structure, put in place following our Parish Assessment and Renewal, works to lead our parish community!

LifeTeen Happenings

All 8th Graders and High School teens are welcome at H₂O every Wednesday. Take a break from your week. We meet from 7-9 pm in the Teen Room.

April 30, 2006 Third Sunday of Easter

“Then he said to them, ‘Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.’”
 Luke 24:38-39

These words from the Risen Christ are good advice when we are troubled or doubtful about our stewardship decisions. Just look at the hands and feet of the Lord. How can we refuse to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth now when Jesus sacrificed His entire self for us?

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year Goal (2005-6)	\$606,579
As of 3/31/06:	
Year To Date Goal	\$463,866
Year To Date Actual	\$423,163
Year To Date Deficit	(\$40,703)
Average Sunday Collection Needed	\$11,894
Average Sunday Collection To Date	\$10,850

Collections for April 16

Easter	\$38,723
Offertory	\$2,551
AIDS Pastoral Care Network	\$600
Holy Land Shrines	\$480

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week: None

Please consider putting a donation into the poor box for St. Vincent dePaul



Next Week: None

Choir Move

A number of people have expressed thanks to our choir and music people for the uplifting music they provided during Holy Week and Easter. Thanks to all of you for your labor of love.

Steve Carson and our choir members continue to seek engaging and inspiring music for enhancing our worship experience. As an experiment to accomplish these goals, the choir will generally be “up front” for the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. To give them a better space that does not block the flow for people entering our church or going to communion, a movable platform has been constructed near the celebrant’s chair. Eventually, new choir chairs will be added. To continue to accommodate those with limited mobility and to provide a smooth way to receive communion, the half-length pews in front of the choir will be removed. We await your feedback.

Immigration Reform Follow-up

Many of you recently signed cards addressed to our U.S. Representatives asking for an immigration reform bill that not only addresses our security issues, but also allows for just ways to preserve families and establishes clear steps to obtain citizenship. A **Monday, May 1 march** is being organized. It will begin at Union Park (Ashland and Randolph) at noon, and proceed downtown to a rally at Grant Park around 2:00 or 3:00, with an ecumenical prayer service at 5:00 and concluding around 6:00. **More information** on this march is posted on our **bulletin board**.

Our Sunday Offering Report

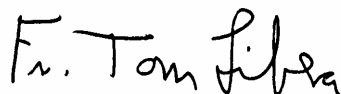
Earlier this year, in order to help close our weekly budget deficit, parishioners were asked to prayerfully consider their yearly Sunday offering and set a **stewardship offering goal**. **Two hundred and five individuals and families returned a commitment card!** Combined with some cost cutting, if we follow through with the offering goals, our deficit situation would be turned into a balanced budget. Since the beginning of the year **our weekly offering has increased an average of \$1,388 a week**. Sixty-eight parishioners have enrolled in the **ParishPay plan**, by which a regular contribution to our parish is assured. The parish office can supply more details. **This generosity gets us close to our stewardship offering goal of about \$12,000 a week**. Thanks to all who are responding to our needs.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City

About 15 years ago, I had the experience of being at the shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe for the December 12 feast day. I still draw inspiration from that memorable trip. It is time to repeat that pilgrimage.

A classmate of mine, Fr. Ralph Starus, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church in Posen, and I are **organizing a pilgrimage to the shrine and the surroundings of Mexico City from December 10 to 14, 2006**. **Information on the pilgrimage is at the church exits**.

In the Lord’s Blessings,



Boy Scout Troop 3 Pancake Breakfast

For a mere \$5 (children 2 and under free) per person you can enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast while supporting an organization that has brought leadership, citizenship and life skills to St. Athanasius children. The pancake breakfast will take place Saturday, May 13, from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Trinity United Methodist Social Hall (corner of Lake and Wilmette Avenues in Wilmette). Troop members get credit for outstanding salesmanship, so please see Brent Terry-Penak for advance tickets if you are planning to attend or call 847-328-2182 for more information.

ARE YOU DISTRESSED?

Call Evanston Catholic Counseling
Services



Mary Lee Lally	847-866-6551
Kathleen McGowan Gruber	847-673-5283
Janice Merten	773-775-8349
Lucinda Nieto	847-674-8290

Sliding scale is available.
Brochures are in the back of church.

Food Drive Next Weekend, May 6/7

Non-perishable items such as peanut butter, beans, canned meats and fish, pasta, tea and coffee are appreciated. Donations will be collected in the bin in the church for the Hemenway United Methodist Food Pantry. The Peace and Justice Ministry thanks you for your continuing support!



Soup Kitchen Outreach

The next soup kitchen outreach opportunity will be today, **April 30** at the Hemenway United Methodist Church, 933 Chicago Ave, 1:30-4:30 pm (meal served at 2:45). For further information, please contact Michael Masini at 847-869-4321 or mvmasini@sbcglobal.net. Another opportunity is approaching on May 8 at the Second Baptist Church, 1717 Benson, from 11 am to 1 pm (meal served at noon). For more information, please contact Blanche Childs at 847-864-2506 or Katie Maday at 847-475-1538.

Please Remember In Your Prayers. . .

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Michael Maloney, Betty Kelly, Dona Roper, Dolly Hallstrom, Ruth Pierre, Madre Estela Hernandez Patino, Nancy Sweeney, Joe Williams, Maria Mendoza, Leland Smith, Dorothy Seligman, Gwenda Doyle, Tony Burusu, Joan Watt, Cecilia Willis, Paul Donovan, Frank O'Shaughnessy, Joshua Piene, Lisa Sikorski, Frank Adornetto, Joseph Farley, Suzanne Quigley, Aiden Brennan, Marion Benedict, Carmelo Sabatino, Amy Royer, Phyllis Staub, mother of David Staub, and Mary Regina Ganey, mother of Rita Weinberg;**

Those in the military, especially, **Matthew Chrobak, Jacob Meyers, Chris Straub, Maura Sullivan, Catie Staub, Capt. Chris Brennan, Jay Dettloff, Alex Manettas, Dylan Binder, Michael Prato, Andrew Best, Col. Glenn Wortmann, Sgt. Shannon Gillette, Matthew Grelick, Major Mark Gleisner, Matthew Janicki, Capt. Andrew Webster and Brian McCormick;**

Those who have died.

Training for Ministers of Care

Ministers of Care visit and share the Eucharist of the community with those who are hospitalized or home-bound. The training will take place on 5 consecutive Tuesdays in May in the School Lunchroom at St. Athanasius from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The cost is \$25 per participant. Anyone interested in becoming a minister of care should contact Razia Khokhar at 847-328-1430, ext. 124.

May 2nd Tuesday

1st Session: Vocation and the Spirituality of the Minister. Presenter: Sally Daniel

May 9th Tuesday

2nd Session: Pastoral Listening Skills. Presenter: Nancy Lou

May 16th Tuesday

3rd Session: Prayer and Sacraments. Presenter: Fr. Rich Sztorc

May 23rd Tuesday

4th Session: The Experience and Theology of Sickness & Suffering. Presenter: Diane Maloney

May 30th Tuesday

5th Session: Ministerial Procedures. Presenter: Sr. Ann Weiler

Outreach Opportunity

Welcoming a Colombian Family Seeking Sanctuary

Our Parish Peace & Justice Ministry has joined a coalition of congregations in Evanston to provide sanctuary hospitality for an Afro-Colombian family that arrived here this month.

The father, Alfonso (a fictitious name for security reasons), is a Colombian of African descent caught in the middle of a complex four-decade civil war that has taken the lives of over 200,000 people; it pits illegal right-wing paramilitaries against illegal guerrillas. He has worked to build peace through cultural programs and a community radio station to revive African-Colombian traditions and give young people constructive activities as an alternative to street violence and brutal war.

Alfonso and his family are targeted for assassination. His actions threaten to remove the support for the illegal armed groups among the youth of his town. By denouncing human rights violations and defending the rights of his people, Alfonso has challenged those who live by intimidation and violence.

Reluctantly, Alfonso and his family have decided they must leave their beloved Colombia, for a time, in order to preserve their lives.

The **Chicago Colombia Sanctuary Project** is coordinating the coalition of congregations and individuals in Evanston. The coalition will provide hospitality for Alfonso, his wife and 12-year-old son for six months beginning this month. While they are in Evanston, they hope to share their experiences and perspectives with the community.

We will invite this family to visit St. A's, probably during May or June. Our Peace and Justice Ministry is making a donation to the project. If you would like to add your contribution, please contact Mary Sotir, (847) 864-4015, or send a gift addressed to Parish Peace and Justice Ministry, Colombian Family Project, to the parish house.

Food Pantry – Body and Soul

On the first Sunday of each month for the last three years, St. Athanasius has been donating non-perishable food items and members of the Peace and Justice Ministry have been delivering them to Hemenway Methodist Church Food Pantry. The sustained commitment of our parishioners is a blessing and the organizers at Hemenway are truly appreciative.

Still, one has to be impressed by how this small and modest church achieves so much with so little. The food pantry program (and a separate food kitchen) is supported by a predominantly black (African-American and Caribbean) congregation with a big heart. The church's mission statement begins, "Our mission is to reflect the grace and love of God as shown to us in Jesus Christ" and this they do.

Nourishment and goodwill are there for anyone who comes to their door every other Friday as it has been for over twenty years. According to Terry Myers who runs the program, they organize the food that they collect into one hundred large boxes for distribution. While unable to include fresh fruits and vegetables they do provide a small amount of frozen meat. Apart from St. A's, the Boy Scouts run a couple of drives a year and these help significantly. Even so, the church has to dip into its own funds to supplement the donations with purchases from the Greater Food Depository of Chicago.

The families (and some individuals) comprise the unemployed, but also the working poor. Perhaps surprisingly, they come from a variety of circumstances, including every ethnicity, both citizens and immigrants, the uneducated and the well educated. About three quarters have children.

Yes, the numbers are increasing, up to 100 families from about seventy-five families in the last five years. Still, they, and all of us, are fortunate that no one has to go hungry in our community.

By the way, if you happen to visit, be prepared to receive an effusive welcome from Terry (or Marilyn or Denise) and to be called sweetie-pie or honey!

Sisters Celebrate Anniversaries

Several nuns of the Sisters of Providence, who had served at St. Athanasius in years past, are now celebrating a significant anniversary in the convent. Wouldn't it be nice if some parishioners remembered them and dropped them a note of congratulations?

These served at St. Athanasius School:

Sister Catherine Hayes (Catherine Ursula) - 70 Years

Sister Catherine Ellen Joy - 70 Years

Sister Annette Cecile Holmes - 60 Years

Sister Lois Ann Stoiber - 60 Years

Also Marywood High School (now Evanston City Hall):

Sister Mary Eymand Campeggio - 75 Years

Sister Mary Joanita Walsh - 75 Years

Sister Beth Kelso (Thomas Aquinas) - 70 Years

Sister Mary Michael Lager - 70 Years

Notes could be sent to the individual nun's name at

Sisters of Providence

St. Mary of the Woods, IN 47876



These are dedicated people and we owe them our gratitude.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 30

Family Program, 9 am–Noon, School
Youth Choir Practice, 10 am–2 pm, Hartke
LifeTeen, 7–10 pm, Teen Room
Men's Basketball, 7–9 pm, Gym

Monday, May 1

PAR Leadership Meeting, 7:00 pm, Gym
Pastoral Council, 8:30 pm, Gym

Tuesday, May 2

Women's Club, 9 am, Rosemeyer Room
First Communion Rehearsal/Bread Celebration
7 pm, Church/Gym/Hartke
Ministers of Care, 7–9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Peace & Justice, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer

Wednesday, May 3

RCIA, 7–9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Choir Practice, 7:30 pm, Church
Men's Basketball, 8–10 pm, Gym

Thursday, May 4

Scriptures, 9–11 am, Fitzgerald Chapel

Friday, May 5

LifeTeen 1st Friday, 8–11 pm, Teen Room

Saturday, May 6

First Communion, 11 am, Church

Sunday, May 7

Family Program, 9 am–Noon, School
May Crowning, 9:30 am Mass, Church
LifeTeen, 7–10 pm, Teen Room
Men's Basketball, 7–9 pm, Gym

Staff Extension List

100 Parish Office	120 Christi Thompson
101 School Office	124 Razia Khokhar
103 Fr. Sztorc	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
105 Marion Amling	130 Carolyn Groves
111 Fr. Libera	142 Barbara Bonier
114 José Moreno	143 Karen Sellers
115 Mary Lietz	

Past *Chimes* Available Online

Remember that if you miss reading *The Chimes* in any given week, you may access them on our website: www.stathanasius-evanston.org.

Weekday Servers May 1 - 6

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Colleen Handel, Patrick Harmon
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Kieran Howard, Emily Kreid

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend May 6/7

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider TBD
Lector Chris Talbot
Servers Connor Braasch, Dominique Ford,
Matthew McCareins

Eucharistic Ministers

Bob Costello, Jackie & Mike Brennan,
Ellen Beyer, Helen Stake

8:00 am

Presider TBD
Lector Jerry Garner
Servers Conner Berg, Daniel & Eileen O'Malley
Eucharistic Ministers
Robert Coats, Nancy Taylor, Sally
Hageman, Tom Meany, Steve Jennings

9:30 am

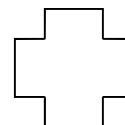
Presider TBD
Lector David Staub
Servers Nora Charron, Julia Brucks, Jamie Davis
Eucharistic Ministers
Rita Bambrick, Michael Sultan,
Bridget Hotchkiss, Kevin Leonard,
Barbara O'Connor

11:30 am

Presider TBD
Lector Jean Peters
Servers Christine Brown, Kevin & Connor Cole
Eucharistic Ministers
John & Troy Dentzer, Carol Ekman,
Eunie & Jim Nondorf

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider TBD
Servers Monica Cardenas, Emmie Cagney





Readings for the Week of April 30, 2006

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/ Jn 6:22-29/ Mt 13:54-58
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/ Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/ Jn 14:6-14
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/ Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/ 1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18

Working with the Scriptures

April 30, 2006 (Lk. 24:35-48)

Today is one of those warm spring days when it seems that you can see things turning green right before your eyes. This morning I went out to clear away the leaves I had put over my plants in the fall to protect them. It ended up being more work than I had anticipated and before I knew it I had filled five yard bags with leaves. But the rewards were well worth it, for there, under the debris, I found pale green shoots and tiny green leaves just waiting to be set free from their winter prison.

But there were other, less happy, surprises. I found that some of my chrysanthemums hadn't made it over the long cold winter. Their dead brown stalks stood hollow and brittle under their autumn blanket. In another place, I found the flat, smelly remains of a black squirrel. Perhaps he had burrowed under the leaves, looking for shelter, and found himself trapped when the winter winds began to blow. Life and death – side by side.

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead...” Farmers and gardeners understand about dying and rising. They understand about dropping grains of wheat into the ground and about vines that need pruning. Working the land provides an apt metaphor for life. Perhaps that's why Jesus used these images so often when He taught. The leaves of spring are torn and scarred by the time September comes around. The flowers of summer drop their blossoms, and autumn's harvest lays split and rotting on the ground. Winter arrives; but always there is spring.

Today leaf buds are forcing their way outward and leaves that held fast when winter winds whipped the old oak's branches are letting go and falling to the earth. Crocuses push up from under the dead flowers and grasses of last year. Easter dawns, and it is as though the sins of winter – icy rain and freezing winds, sharp cold sun and long darkness – have been forgiven and washed away in the Baptismal waters of a spring shower.

Vinal Van Benthem

“Raising Cain”:

Evanston Boys in Focus

On Saturday, May 6, 1-5 pm, in the community meeting room of the Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington, a screening of “Raising Cain” will take place (as shown on PBS January 12). Be a part of an action-oriented discussion, facilitated by Derrick Blakley, WBBM/Channel 2, of how Evanston can help our boys and young men meet the challenges facing them. For more information or to register, call Marybeth Schroeder at 847-492-0990.

Late Night Catechism

Whether handing out glow-in-the dark rosaries or confiscating lipstick and chewing gum, Sister has the last word in Late Nite Catechism. Laugh your sins off at this “habit forming” comedy. Saturday, May 6 at the Performing Arts Center on the Des Plaines Campus of Oakton Community College. Reserved seats are \$60. The reception will begin at 7 pm with a wine bar and snacks followed by the show at 8 pm. To order tickets, please call 847-635-1893. Proceeds will go to supporting scholarships and programs that promote the mission and goals of Oakton Community College.

Tea at Techny

Spiritual Refreshment

Raising the Dead: Women Leaders Throughout Church History presented by Judy Logue, May 3rd from 4:30 to 5:30 pm at the Divine Word Mission Center, 1835 Waukegan Road in Techny. For more information, please call Marcia Fischer at 847-272-7600.

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Rev. Richard Sztorc, *Associate Pastor* (rsztorc‡)
Rev. James Stoeger, S.J., *Weekend Assistant*

Parish Office

847-328-1430 (fax) 847-328-1809
Admin. Assistant's Hours: Monday 8:30 am-1:30 pm
Tuesday - Friday 11:30 am-4:30 pm
Reception Hours: Monday/Tuesday 4:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 pm
Saturday 10 am-4 pm; Sunday 10 am-1 pm

Parish Office Staff

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Deacon

Richard S. Jay

Music Ministry

Pastoral Associate

Razia Khokhar (rkhokhar‡)

Religious Education

Carolyn Groves, *Director* (cgroves‡)
Bridget Hotchkiss, *Coordinator* (bhotchkiss‡)

Youth Ministry

Christina Thompson, *Director* (cthompson‡)

Chimes Articles

The deadline for submitting information to the parish office is Friday at Noon, **10 days prior to publication date**. Best method is to email the document as an attachment to chimes@stathanasius-evanston.org.

‡ - @stathanasius-evanston.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

is a several-month process for an adult wishing to become a Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) or through a Profession of Faith. These rites are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Please contact a staff member.

Infant Baptism

is generally celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:00 pm in the Church. The Baptism Preparation Program for parents and godparents, if possible, is held each month. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Confirmation

preparation begins in the middle of 7th grade and is celebrated during the winter of 8th grade. For adult/high school confirmation, call the Religious Education Office.

The Eucharist

is brought to the homebound by Care Ministers. Arrangements are made by calling Razia Khokhar. First Eucharist preparation for children begins in 1st grade and is celebrated in the spring of 2nd grade.

Matrimony

arrangements are made by contacting one of the priests at the Parish Office. Arrangements a year in advance allow for adequate reservation time, participation in marriage preparation programs and liturgical planning.

Anointing of the Sick

is celebrated in the Fall during a communal celebration. Special requests for this sacrament can be arranged by calling the Parish Office.

Reconciliation

is celebrated on Saturdays, after the 8:15 am Eucharist until 9:30 am, in the sacristy near the front doors of the Church during the Holy Hour. Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Advent and Lent.



Jack Kelly enjoys the Easter Egg Hunt