

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

www.stathanasius-evanston.org

Eucharistic Worship

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:15 am
Saturday 8:15 am, 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am
LifeTeen 5:00 pm

Our Mission

*"Do this in memory of Me."
We, the members of the
Catholic Community of
St. Athanasius Parish,
are each called by baptism
to continue the work of
Jesus Christ embracing all.
We aspire to worship, love,
thank and serve God.
We are open to what
God calls us to become.*



St. A's 8th Grade Teen Talent Showcase in Full Production

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAY 18, 2008

Eucharistic Liturgies

May 18 - 25, 2008

Sunday

5:00 pm (Saturday) † Joe & Marian McGowan
8:00 am † Dave Kaiser
9:30 am † Mary Joan Robinson
11:30 am † Lee Ann Chisholm
5:00 pm † Rose Schuba

Monday

6:30 am † Elizabeth Collins Moore
8:15 am † William Joyner

Tuesday

6:30 am † Richard Sonnicksen
8:15 am † Dorothy Maloney

Wednesday

6:30 am † Willa Wallace
8:15 am † Thomas Patton

Thursday

6:30 am † Julie Happ
8:15 am † Sally Elam

Friday

6:30 am † Viola Burkhart
8:15 am † Bernard Gotta

Saturday

8:15 am † Tom Claffey
5:00 pm † Madeleine Koziorowski

Sunday

8:00 am † Blanche Childs
9:30 am † Rose Schuba
11:30 am † Thomas Hermes
5:00 pm † Thomas Patton



Rummage Sale 2008

Last month's St. A's annual Rummage Sale was a great success. Thank you to all who participated in this year's sale!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

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| Offertory May 10/11 | \$8,451 |
| Catholic Charities | \$6,041 |

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week: None
Please consider putting a
donation into the poor box for
St. Vincent dePaul



Next Week: None



Pastor's Notes

Meeting at the Table

Last Sunday was like an Ernie Banks double-header. A Pentecost Feast coupled with Mother's Day, made for a potent spirit-filled time, calling for gathering and celebrating. Many St. A's people were blessed with mother visits or calls. Whether it is that signature mother recipe prepared for a family gathering meal, or that restaurant reserved banquet, coming to the talk, taste, and appreciation table is central to this holy day.

I would suggest that we have eyes to see and hearts open to be nourished at all of our weekly gatherings at Mass (gathered by personal invitation at the Lord's altar-table), then we can **bring with us the best of a Pentecost-Mother's Day celebration, every Sunday.**

This weekend and next, Fr. Rich and I will focus our homily reflections on how we can best prepare to gather at Mass as a believing community who need each other. As we switch from the Easter season into that long stretch of "Ordinary Time" that will lead us back to Advent, we are nourished and enticed with the revealed truths of two Feasts. Today, the Feast of the Trinity catches a glimpse of the inner love life of God. Next Sunday, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ strains to express Christ's obsessive wish to be as life-giving to us as bread or drink.

Priority's Tug-of-War: Seeing the Mass Again for the First Time

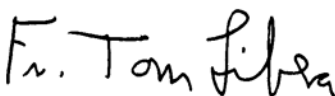
What are the pathways of choice and priorities you navigate each week in deciding where you will spend weekend time? Where is Mass in this decision making? What wins and why?

May I make these **suggestions that might help bring some freshness** into the Mass:

- In trying to be present for the gift of the Mass, **think about it positively.** As I suggested last week, presume that somewhere in the Mass, **God has a special message for you.** Expect a response to the request, "Lord, show me one way I can become a better person this week."
- **Take home, read, and discuss** with those who are closest to you, the **brochure found in the pew, "Why Do We 'Have to' Go To Mass?"** I find the suggestions have helped focus my attention at Mass.
- **Confront the cultural expectation** that the model for our **worship time together must be entertainment.** Allowing the Mass to shape us is about willingly giving ourselves to God and being open to discover and live the purpose God invites us to live.
- **Mass does not begin when we arrive at the church door** in time to be a part of the entrance hymn (This is plainly a challenge for many of us.). Mass begins when we awake, when we become aware that we have been gifted with a new day. And as we might anticipate, a wonderful time later with your mother or a cherished friend, we say, **"Thank you, Lord."** **This sets a tone,** not of rushed obligations, but for a grace filled anticipation, even if complications arise.

Welcome to the Lord's tables!

In the Lord's Blessings,



Parish News

Moms & Tots

The last day for Moms & Tots will be Tuesday, May 27.

Soup Kitchen



Our next monthly soup kitchen outreach opportunity will be **Sunday, June 1**, at Hemenway United Methodist Church, 933 Chicago Avenue, 1:30 to 4:30 pm (meal served at 2:45 pm). Contact Michael Masini (869-4321) or mvmasini@sbcglobal.net.

Mass Intentions

may be reserved for \$10 each, with cards available to send to the family of the intended. Stop by the parish office or call the parish administrative assistant, Janice Moore-Rivas at extension 100.

Missed *Chimes* Available

If you have been away from St. Athanasius and have missed attending Mass on a weekend, the Chimes is available weekdays in the vestibule of the church. You may also access them on our website at www.stathanasius-evanston.org; click "Resources".

Outreach Ministry of the Week

Toddler Care Ministry

Mission: To directly serve Parish members who need assistance looking after young children during the 9:30 Sunday family liturgy.

Activities: Volunteers assist, or are available as substitutes, in looking after children while their parents attend the 9:30 am Mass. Greater awareness of this ministry helps achieve the parish goal of increased Sunday Mass attendance and a more involved membership.

The archdiocese provides the training required for all volunteers who work with children.

Contact: Karen Sellers at (847) 869-8968, or (847) 328-1430 or by email at Sellersx6@aol.com.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Mass this year will be held on Sunday, September 7 at 2:30 pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State Street in Chicago. Couples married in 1958 should contact the parish office to register.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

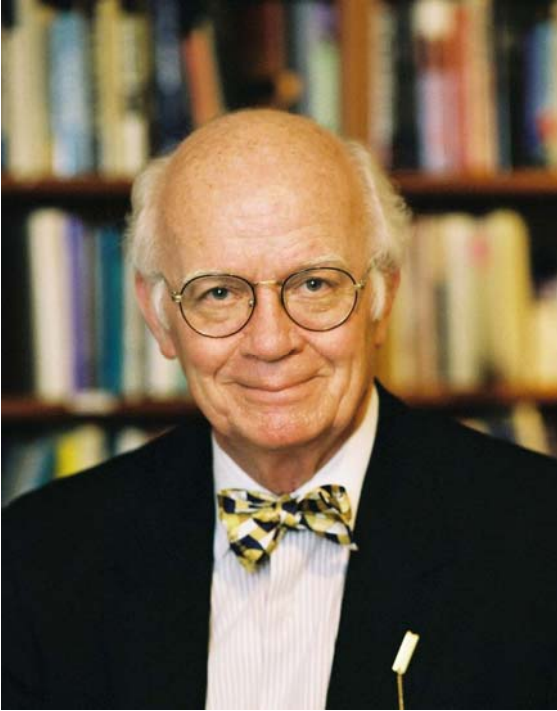
The newly baptized, especially **Owen Donald McBride**, son of Jason McBride and Kathleen Hogan, and **Thomas Gregory Scalzo**, son of Justin and Emily Scalzo;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Jennie Schneider, Olga Chappel, Nancy Doyle, Renee Walsh, Mary Beth Egner, Jim Ward, Robert Grisby, Baby Henry Pollack, Baby Adrian Patino, Patrick Nicholson, Christopher Cronin, Norman Seligman, Gene Jones, Helene Joelo, Ursula Peghini, Pawel Chlipala, Victoria Neckel, Mary Rhee, Annie Beck, and George Gordon**;

Those in the military, especially **Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan Olsen** and **PFC Kyle Olsen**, grandsons of Jane and Emmet Ingram; and **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;

Those who have died, especially former parishioner **Louis Patino**.

PLEASE NOTE: Names of the Sick recommended to our prayers will remain in the bulletin for **one month**. If you wish their names to remain beyond that time, please call the parish office.



Martin Marty

speaking

Friday, May 23

7:30 pm

in the school gym

**“RELIGIOUS ISSUES IN
PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS”**

Saint Athanasius Church

1615 Lincoln Street

Entrance and Parking Lot in Rear

Enter on Eastwood Avenue

Scrap from the heart



Friends of the Orphans
Evanston Corridor invites you to
join us for a day of scrapbooking.

Come do what you love and hang
out with friends while helping
raise funds to support orphanages
in nine Central and South
American countries.



This amazing day will be filled with goody-bags, games,
raffles, vendor tables where you can shop, and make and take.



When: May 31, 2008 10:00am - 10:00 pm

Where: St. Athanasius School Gym

2510 Ashland Ave. Evanston, IL 60201

Ticket : \$ 55.00 pre- registration

\$65.00 at the door

(includes snacks and lunch)

To register please visit:

www.friendsoftheorphans.org/scrapbook

For information about Friends of the Orphans and for a list
of things you should bring to a scrap visit our website or you
contact Christi Harrison - christiharrison@gmail.com or
Berenice Pond sarahio217@yahoo.com

Human Concerns

Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Consider sharing some summertime fun - spend some of your free time with an older adult at McGaw Care Center. Members of our church are residents of the Presbyterian Homes community. Consider the opportunity to take a resident outside to see one of the outdoor gardens or escort a resident to a musical program - you can enjoy the show with them. Your gift of time will earn you smiles and appreciation. The Presbyterian Homes offer training, and are open to flexible scheduling. Cafeteria and Fitness Center benefits are included. Please contact Pat Fiorio, Westminster Place, at (847) 492-2980 for more information on this great volunteer opportunity.

Secure the Call Foundation

Last month a coalition of Law Enforcement Agencies and Non-Profits across the United States came together to collect and redistribute used cell phones to any community member who needs a 911 phone in the event of an emergency. The coalition is led by the nationwide organization "Secure the Call Foundation." The Foundation takes the phones, inspects and cleans them and then reprograms the phones to be used as free 911 emergency phones. Any phone that can be turned on can access 911 services without a carrier service plan. The phones are distributed to domestic violence shelters, senior centers, neighborhood watch groups, school crossing guards and other agencies with an immediate need for 911 access. For additional information on the program, prepaid mailing labels or to download a tax receipt for your donation, please visit the website at www.donatemycellphone.org or call (888) 883-6628.

In the Community

Guest Speaker at Our Lady of the Brook Parish

Our Lady of the Brook Catholic Church will welcome Rev. Marty Barnum on Thursday, May 22 as part of their on-going Speaker Series. The event is sponsored by the Spiritual Life Commission of the Parish Pastoral Council. Fr. Marty will speak on the topic, *"The Lord Takes Delight in You: Living in Joyful Hope,"* at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 22. This theme is directly related to Pope Benedict's latest encyclical, *Spe Salvi* (On Christian Hope). Fr. Marty is currently Director of Spiritual Life at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. He has served at several area parishes, including Sacred Heart in Winnetka, St. Isaac Jogues in Niles, and Our Lady of the Wayside in Arlington Heights. He holds a Masters of Divinity from St. Mary of the Lake, an M.A. from Mundelein College, and a Doctorate in Ministry from Catholic Theological Union. This event is free and open to the public. Our Lady of the Brook is located at 3700 Dundee Road in Northbrook. For more information, contact Deacon Peery at the parish office at (847) 272-5131.

St. Francis Xavier Summerfest

Join St. Francis Xavier HSO under the stars as we kick-off summer in style at the second annual, community-wide Summerfest. Enjoy a casual dinner and drinks while listening to the music of:

- **Tailfin**, the best of the best of rock and roll
- **The Neveryly Brothers**, Rock 'n Roll Evolution
- **Elevation**, The Greatest U2 Tribute Band on the Planet

Saturday, June 7, beginning at 6:00 pm. \$30 admission includes dinner from Backyard Barbecue or The Fresh Market. Park in the lot at 9th and Linden in Wilmette. In case of rain, the event will be held in the gym. *This is a 21 years and older event.*

Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 18

Teen Ministry Senior Dinner, 6 pm, Lunchroom
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Monday, May 19

Tuesday, May 20

Mom & Tots, 10 am-Noon, Rosemeyer
Brownies #2466, 3:30-5 pm, Hartke
School Board, 7 pm, Hartke

Wednesday, May 21

Talent Show Auditions, 3:30-6 pm, Gym
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church
Men's Basketball, 9-11 pm, Gym

Thursday, May 22

Fine Arts Night, School

Friday, May 23

May Crowning, 9 am, Church
Theology on Draft, 7:30 pm, Gym

Saturday, May 24

Sunday, May 25

Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Trinity Sunday

"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."
John 3: 16

How do you say "thank you" to the God who has given His only Son to us? What can you give back in return? A life of stewardship is the only way to truly show your love and appreciation to God. A life of stewardship is a life of giving back time, talent and treasure to God.

Staff Extension List 847-328-1430

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| 100 Parish Office | 120 Jim Potthast |
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| 111 Fr. Libera | 130 Carolyn Groves |
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| 115 Susan Castagna | 143 Karen Sellers |
| 116 Jean Lauri | |

Weekday Servers May 19 - 24

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Mickey & Liam McLaughlin
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Alana Natke, Billy Nondorf

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend May 24/25

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Jean Peters, John Labbe
Servers Paul & Therese Cushing,
Emma Regnier
Eucharistic Ministers
Jackie & Mike Brennan,
Henrietta Berning,
Stan & Lori Goszczynski

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Eileen Parkinson, Jude Quinn
Servers Patrick Walsh, Kevin Cole,
Aidan Crowe
Eucharistic Ministers
Jerry Garner, Chris Talbot,
Walter Farrell, Bruno Jaselskis,
Steve Jennings

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Sheila Fenn
Servers Joe DeGrand, Moira Dillon,
Alena Dowdle
Eucharistic Ministers
Bob Curley, Gabe Rodriguez,
Michael Sultan, Rita Bambrick,
David Staub

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Dan Delaney
Servers Colin Sellers, Billy Nondorf,
Clementine Creevy
Eucharistic Ministers
Bill & Sue Harmon, Claire Labbe,
Mary Ann Harvey, Carol Ekman

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Watts

Readings for the Week of May 18, 2008

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Working with the Scriptures

May 18, 2008 (Ex. 34:4b-6, 8-9; Jn 3:16-18)

“Disciple” – one who embraces and assists in spreading the teachings of another; an active adherent, as of a movement or philosophy; one of the original followers of Jesus.” (*American Heritage© Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition*)

There was a time in the early days of Christianity when admitting that one believed in God could be dangerous. Today, however, things have changed. Believing in God has become a kind of litmus test, especially when talking politics. Questions about whether or not someone is saved are commonplace, with the questioner generally feeling quite certain about the answer. If, however, one’s response is that only God can answer that question, (“...a merciful and gracious God...” we might add) it almost always leads to an argument, with these verses from John’s Gospel being used as a ‘proof text’ for the validity of the questioner’s position.

But if these words of Jesus are meant to be a proof text for anything, it is to assure us of God’s love, not of God’s desire to condemn. Jesus isn’t talking about a God who picks and chooses who’s ‘in’ and who’s ‘out’. Jesus is describing a God who desires eternal life for *all* of God’s children. “The Lord...slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.” This is the God of whom Jesus speaks. And as disciples of Jesus these are the teachings which we are to follow and the philosophy of life to which we are called.

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” From these passages it would seem obvious that our God is a loving God and that God’s Son, Jesus, is a reflection of that love in divine fellowship with the Spirit. Why is it then, that we who claim to be disciples of Jesus are so quick to become angry on God’s behalf, ready to condemn those who do not believe as we do? If God is “...slow to anger and rich in kindness...” are not we, as disciples of God’s Son, called to do likewise?

Vinal Van Benthem

Women’s Voices Conference

Naomi Ruth Cohen Charitable Foundation will hold the Seventh Annual Community Mental Health Conference on Sunday, June 1 at Beth Emet the Free Synagogue, 1224 Dempster Street, Evanston. The conference title is “*Women’s Voices: Understanding the Mental Health Issues of Women and Girls.*” St. Athanasius is one of the 130 sponsoring organizations.

A panel of experts will address this issue, Dr. Laura Miller, Director of the Women’s Mental Health Program at the University of Illinois-Chicago, Mary Jo Barrett, Executive Director of the Center for Contextual Change, and Tracy Harris, internationally renowned flutist who has lived with a schizoaffective disorder for over 20 years.

Included in the day are 12 discussion group sessions led by professionals and experts in the field of mental illness.

The program begins at 12:45 pm and goes to 5:30 pm. The cost is \$25, after May 25, \$30. Call the Conference hotline at (847) 869-4230, extension 335, for more information, or visit the Foundation’s website at www.naomicohenfoundation.org or pick up a brochure in the church vestibule.

Relevant Radio

Relevant Radio, at 950 AM on your dial, is a Catholic talk radio station that provides discussions of catechesis, family ministry, pro-life issues, matters of social justice and other faith-related topics. For informative, engaging and thought-provoking shows about your Catholic faith, listen in every weekday. Visit www.relevantradio.com for programming schedules.

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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 Fr. Rich Sztorc.

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 Lori Goszczynski. 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.



Our Pentecost Birthday Party