

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.*



Summer LifeTeen Mission Trip at Nazareth Farm

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 5, 2007

Eucharistic Liturgies

August 5- August 12, 2007

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Marie Harker Homola
- 8:00 am † Mary Cahill
- 9:30 am † Mac & Marie McCain
- 11:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 5:00 pm † Dorothy Maloney

Monday

- 6:30 am No Mass
- 8:15 am † Sally Ann Elam

Tuesday

- 6:30 am No Mass
- 8:15 am † Marjorie Arnold

Wednesday

- 6:30 am No Mass
- 8:15 am † Robert Crowder

Thursday

- 6:30 am No Mass
- 8:15 am Elizabeth McCarthy Family

Friday

- 6:30 am No Mass
- 8:15 am † Philip J. Varua

Saturday

- 8:15 am † John B. Torrey
- 5:00 pm † June Peterson

Sunday

- 8:00 am † Rose Schuba
- 9:30 am † Elizabeth Collins Moore
- 11:30 am † Noel Shaw Family
- 5:00 pm † Marian McGowan

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week: None



Next Week: St. Agnes, Our Sharing Parish

Pastor's Notes

Christi Thompson – Life Teen Youth Minister

Christi has been our energetic and dedicated Life Teen Director of Youth Ministry for 2 ½ years. Her latest project is leading a team of young people in preparing a **North Side Kairos retreat this coming Friday through Monday** at Bellarmine Retreat House in Barrington. Christi and her team have worked intensely and prayerfully to offer this multi-parish retreat experience to students who have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior years of high school. Keep all who will make Kairos in your prayers during this coming weekend. **Tuesday is the deadline** for signing up. Contact Christi at christina-thompson@northwestern.edu or 630-440-0927 for more information.

The Kairos retreat will be Christi's last major project as a youth minister at St. A's. Her drive, propelled by a lively faith in Jesus Christ, has planted solid accomplishments in a ministry reaching out to our teens and their families. Besides making those essential one-on-one connections with our teens, Christi has organized mission trips the last two summers, continued the Junior Hi Lock-In night. In addition she has recruited young adults to the Core Team and supervised the Sunday 5:00 PM Life Teen Mass. If you have not experienced the Life Teen Mass try it out.

Christi has accomplished all this on a part-time basis! I am proud that our parish can provide such a quality opportunity to our teens. I wish we could do more. Thanks to all parishioners who have supported this ministry through the years.

We will take time soon to thank Christi for all she has done for our young people. **Thank you, Christi!** You have inspired me and assured me that deep and effective faith is alive in young adult Catholics.

We are presently **searching for a new part-time Director of Youth Ministry**. If you have any leads, please contact me at 847-328-1430 ext. 111 or talibera@hotmail.com.

In the Lord's Blessings,

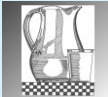
Fr. Tom Libera

There will be no 6:30 am weekday until further notice.

Mom & Tots Playgroup

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am moms and tots play together in the rectory basement (Rosemeyer room). To learn more about this fun group, please contact Christi Harrison at christiharrison@gmail.com or 312-933-6804.

Soup Kitchen

 Our next monthly soup kitchen outreach opportunity will be **Monday, August 6**, at Second Baptist Church, 1717 Benson, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (meal served at noon). Contact Blanche Childs (864-2506) or Katie Maday (475-1538).

Food Drive This Weekend

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!



St. A's Book Club Schedule

The Saint Athanasius Book Club has chosen the books we will be reading for the next six months:

August 16

The Year of Magic Thinking by Joan Didion

September 20

Priests by Andrew Greeley

October 18

Blindness by Jose Saramago

November 15

The Language of God by Francis S. Collins

December 20

The Last Report of the Miracles by Louise Erdrich

January 17

The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian and a Jew – Three Women in Search of Understanding by Ranya Idliby, Susan Oliver, Priscilla Warner

Discussions are at 7:30pm in the Fitzgerald Center with delicious snacks provided.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The newly engaged, especially **Niko Karvunidis** and **Jennifer Myers (III)**; **Dino Canoy** and **Salina Wyant (I)**;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Patricia Harker**, **Angelo Tosti**, **Fr. Rich Sztorc**, **Patrick Nicholson**, former parishioner **Dorothy Fitzgerald**, **Charmayne Swanson**, **Paul Mooney**, nephew of Nancy and Bob Doyle, **Glory Einhorn**, sister-in-law of Mary Lietz, **Baby Jackson Aronin**, **William O'Connor**, father of Nadine DiVito, **Jane Ward**, sister of Pat Schmidt, **Fr. David Dowdle**, **Tina LaJoy**, **Nancy Dunn**, daughter of Dona Roper, **Betty Suttner**, **Edwin Ostranski**, **James Brown**, **Ted Cole**, **Elizabeth Lynch**, **Lloyd Maday**, **Don Godshaw**, **Linda Miller**, mother of Eric Miller, **Sally Patterson**, **Barbara Polston**, mother of Debbie Magnusen, and **John Suffredin**;

Those in the military, especially **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul, and **Catie Staub**, daughter of David and Mary Therese Staub;

Those who have died, especially **Betty Kelly**.

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.

Go in Peace, Go Online, Go Make Peace

We should take literally the command at the end of Mass: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Having gathered together as the church, having listened together to God's word and shared the eucharist, we are sent out to go and give to others what we have received here: fullness of life and love, justice and charity, mercy and peace. Remember sharing the sign of peace? To introduce this significant ritual gesture, the priest says the first words that the risen Christ says to the disciples on Easter evening, "I leave you peace, my peace I give you." In the gospel of John, Jesus completes his greeting of peace with these words: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21). Thus, at the end of Mass, we are sent forth by the presider or the deacon's admonition to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." "Thanks be to God!" we exclaim, and part of that means, "Yes, we will go, I will go, and love and serve the Lord by loving and serving the poor and those at war, the needy and the oppressed."

In one sense, this admonition and our promise is general: Having shared in this eucharist, becoming what we have eaten and drank, we live our whole lives in loving service of God's justice, ready to be broken like bread and poured out like wine so that others may be nourished and live. This is what Saint Paul is talking about when he tells us who are baptized that we must "present [our] bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God" (Romans 12:1).

Having completed our eucharist (for the time being, until next Sunday), we must not merely think good thoughts, we must do something, we must act. In other words, we must "put our bodies on the line," whether it's the soup kitchen serving line or the protest line, whether it's going to the front line or erasing the line in the sand.

So, in another sense, the admonition to go in peace to love and serve, and our resulting promise, is specific: We cannot say, "OK, I'll get around to loving and serving in some way sometime this week." We should leave Mass with a certain sense of urgency: "What— *exactly* what— am I going to do *now*?"

This may help you: Log on to www.PledgePeace.org on the Internet. It is a joint project of St. Anthony Messenger Press and the Cincinnati, Ohio, consortium of vowed Catholic sisters (Sisters United News). The idea behind this website is to encourage each of us to make a specific pledge to spend amount of doing something that is within our means to spread peace in the year 2007. Read what other people have pledged, and make a pledge yourself. Then go in peace and fulfill your pledge!

Monday, August 6: Feast of Transfiguration of Christ and the anniversary of the atomic bomb destroying Hiroshima in 1945



The Face of Hunger

The face of hunger may be looking more and more familiar to you. It might look like your parents whose Social Security and pension just can't keep up with the skyrocketing costs of electricity, gasoline, food and medicine. It might look like your brother, who has just lost his job. It may look uncomfortable to you if you fall victim to a serious and costly illness. A 2005 study by the Greater Chicago Food Depository and America's Second Harvest found that nationwide an estimated 25 million people rely on food and grocery assistance provided by its network of more than 200 food banks and food rescue organizations.

In that survey people tell how they choose to spend money they do have. It makes melancholy reading: 41 percent said they had to choose between paying for food and utilities or heating fuel; 31 percent reported choosing between paying for food and rent or mortgage; 26 percent had to choose between food and paying for medicine or health care; 32 percent said their children skipped meals during the previous year; 26 said they didn't eat for an entire day at least once during the year; and 31 percent reported a situation during the last year where the food they bought "just did not last and they did not have money to get more."

That increase in need is felt most acutely by families as the end of the school year approaches. While most students greet the summer as a time of freedom from school and homework, for some, it means the beginning of a three-month period of hunger resulting from the lack of discounted and free breakfast and lunch at school. The food depository knows this phenomenon as "summer hunger."

What's clear is the number of people seeking help is on the rise. And unfortunately, donations to many food pantries are down. Please donate what you can this weekend during the food drive and whenever you can give.

Peace: Hiroshima Memorial Anniversary Visit



On August 6, 1945, the U. S. dropped the atomic bomb “Little Boy” on the city of Hiroshima.

The Peace and Justice Ministry shares this reflection by member Harold Kimball regarding his memorial visit to Hiroshima in July. Harold was named Parish Vision Keeper at the Interfaith Action of Evanston recognition dinner in February. In deed. Harold’s reflections appear below.

Blessed are the Peacemakers, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

In early June of this year, my wife, her granddaughter, and I visited Japan for the first time, and included the city of Hiroshima in our itinerary, arriving by bullet train from Fukuoka. It had been over 61 years since U. S. bombing of that city. On August 6, 1945, a U.S. B-29 bomber plane, the Enola Gay, dropped the first atom bomb on a population.

I have recalled the event many times since it happened; not only because of the suffering of the 100,000 people who died, but also because of the precedent it established and the implication it held for the human future. That famous image of the Atomic Bomb Dome Monument, with its roof blown off, leaving exposed the twisted steel supports, remained in my mind. I spotted it from a distance as our guide took us from the train station through the present day Hiroshima, a modern bustling city, to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park.

The Atomic Bomb Dome Building is a two-story blown-out brick and concrete building located only 100 yards from the epicenter of the blast, which generated a fireball with a temperature of a million degrees Celsius at its center. Everyone in the building was killed immediately, of course. The guide told us that he had one visitor who didn’t want to go near this building because his aunt had died there.

According to the guide, the Matoyasu River, which flows past the atomic dome building, was so clogged with bodies crammed side by side that there was no opening left in which to get to the water. The survivors were dying from radiation burns and were afflicted with a terrible thirst. They were crying “mizu, mizu!” (Water, water!). Their skin hung from their bodies like loose strips of cellophane. Mercifully, many of them died from shock as soon as they hit the water.

The Atomic Bomb Dome Building at that time had been surrounded by residences, mostly of wood and by several school buildings, also of timber construction. Everything within two miles of the epicenter was flattened by the bomb, which detonated about 2,000 feet above ground to obtain maximum effect. The Peace Park, with its attractive lawn cover, occupies a large part of this area.

When I first viewed the Atomic Bomb Building, it surprised me that it looked so small and ordinary. It had been a trade center before the war, like a U.S. Chamber of Commerce office, in what had been an ordinary neighborhood with ordinary people. I didn’t expect this. I expected a building of a much larger dimension, because what happened here had been so immense in history.

The Peace Museum at the other end of the Park includes photos and artifacts. There are photos of people so badly burned, charred is a more accurate word that you know they could not have lived for long. A part of a concrete stair and wall of the old post office is displayed. You can see the shadow of a human being on the stair and wall. Apparently, this person was sitting on the steps at 8:15 AM, waiting for the post office to open when the atom bomb struck. With the light of a thousand suns this person was vaporized in the intense heat, leaving only a shadow on the stair and wall.

In another exhibit, there’s a toddler’s little tricycle. He had been sitting on the bike in front of his home when he was killed instantly by the radiation. The tricycle, twisted by the intense heat, was buried by the father in the backyard, together with the little boy’s remains. Later, he exhumed his son’s body to place in the family plot and gave the tricycle to the museum.

The bombing of Hiroshima, followed three days later by the bombing of Nagasaki, was another victory for the U.S. military. It was, in my opinion, a terrible blow to human kind.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 5

Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Monday, August 6

Tuesday, August 7

Wednesday, August 8

Men's Basketball, 8-10 pm, Gym

Thursday, August 9

Friday, August 10

Saturday, August 11

Sunday, August 12

Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym



Staff Extension List

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100 Janice Moore-Rivas	124 Lori Goszczynski
101 School Office	124 Diane Maloney
103 Fr. Sztorc	125 Steve Carson
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111 Fr. Libera	130 Carolyn Groves
114 José Moreno	142 Barbara Bonier
115 Susan Castagna	143 Karen Sellers
120 Christi Thompson	

Weekday Servers August 6 - 11

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Jack Daffada, Jamie Davis
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Karina deHueck, Joe DeGrand

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend August 11/12

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider TBA
Lector Chris Talbot
Servers Tommy & Peter Leinenweber,
Roman Krasnitsky

Eucharistic Ministers

Virginia Davidson, Bill Quinlan,
Jan Zeller, Tom & Rita Kent

8:00 am

Presider TBA
Lector Michael Bansley
Servers Ben Maloney, Samantha Maltezos,
Aidan Crowe

Eucharistic Ministers

Jerry Garner, Bill Kauffman,
Mary Sullivan, Jean Lauri, Josie Vorda

9:30 am

Presider TBA
Lector Rick Blabolil
Servers Seamus & Fiona McMahon,
Colleen Handel

Eucharistic Ministers

Gabe Rodriguez, Bob Curley,
Kevin Leonard, Tim Burke,
Bridget Hotchkiss

11:30 am

Presider TBA
Lector Jim DeNardo
Servers Katy Rose & Carlin O'Brien,
Christopher Polinski

Eucharistic Ministers

Bill & Sue Harmon, Joan Harvey,
Marge Foley, Mary Sotir

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider TBA

Readings for the Week of August 5, 2007

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/
Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/
Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Working with the Scriptures

August 5, 2007 (Lk. 12:13-21)

Sometimes (not nearly often enough!), when I sit down to write my weekly column the connection between the Scriptures and the world of work jumps right off the page. This week is one of those times.

“My father is dying.” I called a friend last night. When I asked her how things were going in her life those were her first words. I knew that her father had been struggling with early Alzheimer’s and had been hospitalized briefly when it became obvious that he could no longer live alone. Since then he had been in assisted living and things seemed to be looking up until he fell and broke his hip. Now he’s back in the hospital with pneumonia and it looks like there will be no coming home this time.

“How is your family taking this?” I asked, knowing that she and her siblings had been having problems since the onset of her father’s illness. Her response didn’t really surprise me. Since her father had been living near her and she had been his primary caregiver she had also been named Power of Attorney. Now family members who had managed to remain uninvolved in her dad’s care are coming forward to claim their share of what he might leave behind. “Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.””

Bookstore shelves are filled with titles related to simple living as we become more conscious of the fact that natural resources are limited. Finally, we seem to be developing a respect for the earth. Unfortunately, however, this respect doesn’t always carry over to the way we treat one another, especially when it comes time to distribute the inheritance left behind by a family member. Ask any funeral director and you’ll hear the stories; eavesdrop at any family reunion and you’ll probably hear more.

“Take care to guard against all greed...” “You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?” When a loved one draws close to death we may each have to answer the same question.

Vinal Van Benthem

Healing Service & Charismatic Mass

The North Suburban Region of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is hosting their summer Mass and Healing service at Techny Towers - Divine Word International Church, 2001 Waukegan Road in Techny on **Monday, August 6**. Music starts at 7:05 pm and Mass at 7:15 pm. For more information, call (773) 792-1083.

Soles 4 Souls

Is a non-profit organization that gives away shoes to the hurting worldwide. They collect new and lightly worn shoes. The shoes are sorted organized and prepared for donation worldwide. The shoe drive is currently going on from now until September 30. You can donate shoes in Evanston at ATE20, 820 Dempster Street. For more information contact Soles 4 Souls at (888) 840-7074 or visit the website www.soles4souls.org.



Fall Into Place!

Many adult members of our community need help improving basic reading, writing or speaking skills. Fall into place! The Volunteers In Teaching Adults (VITA) Program of Oakton Community College in Skokie needs tutors. A three-part training will be on September 8, 11, and 29. For more information, call (847) 635-1426.

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Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 pm

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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.

