

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.*



"Altar Servers have a place of honor at Mass because they assist the priest in many ways."

Eucharistic Liturgies

January 24 - 31, 2010

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Beth Bansley McCarthy
- 8:00 am † Richard & Abby Halpin
- 9:30 am † Regina Boczek
- 11:30 am † Tom Harvey
- 5:00 pm † Toula Dorothy Shane

Monday

- 6:30 am † Michalla Rhee
- 8:15 am † John Brosnan

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Irene Hurley
- 8:15 am † Dorothy Nerny

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Genevieve Lubawy
- 8:15 am † Thomas Gibbons

Thursday

- 6:30 am † Rafaela Rhee
- 8:15 am † Norman F. Lawrence

Friday

- 6:30 am † Gabrielle Rhee
- 8:15 am † Aquan Lewis

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Ed Hanlon
- 5:00 pm † Regina Boczek

Sunday

- 8:00 am † Michael Maloney
- 9:30 am † Former St. Athanasius School Principal
Anne O'Neill
- 11:30 am † Former St. Athanasius School Principal
Anne O'Neill
- 5:00 pm † William Murray



The Parent Association of Boys Hope Girls Hope of Illinois is hosting a fundraiser involving the scholars of Boys Hope Girls Hope. There will be game-show-type competitions between the boys and girls and a performance by the parents. This should be a fun event for everyone!!!!

Saturday, February 6

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

St. Athanasius Gymnasium

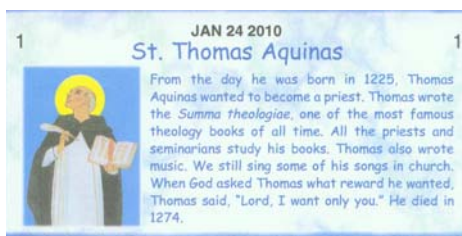
Tickets may be purchased in advance:
\$7.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for
Children twelve and under.

Tickets at the Door: \$10.00 for Adults
and \$7.00 for Children twelve and under

For more details and/or to purchase tickets,
contact Julie Gray, Program Director, at
(847) 920-2785 or jgray@bhgh.org. Visit the
website at www.chicagobhgh.org.

2010 Children's Offertory Envelopes

Boxes of envelopes for this year's children's offertory program are available in the back of church. These colorful envelopes feature a different saint each week, and are a great way for children to learn about our saints and the importance of stewardship.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory January 16/17	\$7,628
Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$1,186
Christmas to Date	\$85,826
ParishPay for January.....	\$13,399

~ Thank You ~
Every Contribution Matters
Every Parishioner Counts

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: Haiti
Earthquake Relief

Next Week: Easter Flowers

Planned Offertory Program

St. A's **Planned Offertory Program for 2010** recognizes the importance of our Sunday collection in fulfilling our parish plans. By setting a yearly personal stewardship goal, we support our parish's commitment to the Lord to "Do this in memory of Me." This initiative not only recognizes the blessings God has granted us, **it also helps us to plan a responsible parish budget.**

We invite all parish households **to actively participate** in our 2010 Planned Offertory Program by **setting a year-long goal** for the financial stewardship of your parish. You may do this by **returning the Planned Offertory Card** that you received in the mail, or by picking one up in the church pews. This action signals an encouraging and visible partnership with fellow St. Athanasius parishioners.

Our **ParishPay Program** is a reliable way to assure your regular stewardship offering to St. A's. It allows us to process donations via **automatic withdrawals from bank accounts or credit cards.** You may sign up online at www.paritypay.com, or by downloading an enrollment form from our website (www.stathanasius-evanston.org), or by contacting Barbara Bonier in the Parish Office (847-328-1430, extension 142). Sign up once and the donations are taken care of for you once a month. We are very grateful for all of your continuing support and hope that this program will provide another option for handling your contributions.

Society Of St. Vincent de Paul National President Calls For Haiti Earthquake Relief Funds

National President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA Joseph D. Flannigan has issued a call to the 120,000 volunteer members of the Society in the United States, as well as to the general public, to help provide assistance for the victims of the terrible Haiti Earthquake.



Flannigan said, "The people of Haiti are suffering with mass devastation. Our sister and brother Vincentian volunteers in Haiti will need our help in what will be an enormous and long term recovery. I ask for your prayers and financial support for the poor of Haiti."

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has a permanent presence in Haiti. Flannigan went on to explain. "Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul volunteers - who we call, 'Vincentians,' are at the scene of disasters long after many other service organizations have left. Our Society volunteers live and work in, and are primarily native to, the communities in which they serve. In the aftermath of natural disasters, this permanent presence is particularly important. Our volunteers already know and understand the people who are suffering. Using Hurricane Katrina as an example, several of our Society units - called, 'Conferences and Councils,' are still working with the many people of the Gulf Coast still impacted by the tragedy of Katrina."

"The Society of St. Vincent de Paul makes no distinctions in service to the victims of disaster. We address their needs, whatever they may be, and we keep on addressing them," added Roger Playwin, National Executive Director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA, headquartered in St Louis, MO.

Contributions for Haiti Disaster Relief and Recovery can be made via the Society's website www.svdpchicago.org or mailed to: Haiti Earthquake, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 651 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60661. For more information, call (312) 655-7181.

On the cover: *Our altar servers are (l to r) Henry Maltezos, Fiona McMabon and Samantha Maltezos.*

Next Weekend Blessing of the Throats After all Masses

Brunch Bee for Sunday Soup Kitchen

January 31: 10:45–11:00 am in the Gym

The Sunday Soup Kitchen gives each guest a take away bag to make sure they have a meal for the next day. The Family Program invites **all parishioners** to help make this happen. If you can't join us on Sunday, can you help with the shopping?

We need:

125 brown paper lunch bags
125 plastic sandwich bags 125 apples
125 hard-boiled eggs 125 granola bars
125 juice boxes or pouches 250 slices of ham
250 slices whole wheat bread 250 slices of cheese
125 each individual mustard & mayo

Non-perishables may be dropped off during the week and perishables on Sunday morning. Please call or e-mail Cynthia Splatt to let us know what you can bring: 847-328-1430, extension 124 or csplatt@stathanasius-evanston.org.

If you would like to help cook or serve lunch for St. A's Café at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, on Sunday afternoon, please contact Michael Masini at 847-866-9091 or 224-392-3002.

Food Pantry

St. Athanasius 8th Grader

Comes to the Rescue

December's bumper crop of non-perishable food donations was followed by a much more modest contribution in the New Year. That was hardly surprising given the distractions. In fact, our parishioners have stepped up to the plate since the economy sagged and the beneficiary, Hemenway United Methodist Church Food Pantry, has been most appreciative.

Still, it was a wonderful surprise, a week later, to receive a call from Cheryl Lucchesi asking if there was any chance of dropping off a car-load of food that her son, P. J., had collected from his neighbors. She was concerned it would have been a potential hazard if left in St. A's vestibule.

Though it was a Sunday evening, there was activity at Hemenway and we were able to get access to their food storage room. P. J. had collected a remarkable 18 large grocery bags full of nutritious sustenance. Oh yes, it was his school service project.

Terry Myers and the wonderful ladies who run Hemenway's Food Pantry Program must have thought a Christmas angel had arrived late. This angel is, in fact, a very modest and personable 8th grader who put himself out, going door to door, on a biting cold Sunday afternoon.

The Peace and Justice Ministry applauds this initiative and hopes that it garners imitation. We also wish to thank P. J. and his generous neighbors on behalf of St. Athanasius, Hemenway and all the families in need who will benefit from his efforts.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Lori Goszczynski, Amanda Maloney, Mary Didier, Dennis Hebson, Tatiana Cordero, Josie Vorda, Brian Sajdok, Joseph and Carmella Stabile, Marge Bas, Sandy Jarasz, Gerry Lietz, Greg Van Der Bosch, Tim Vernon, Marguerite Cuny, Bibiano Canada, Marcella Hovey, Bud Teipe, Barbara Pearson, Eddie Carr, Kathleen Freestone, niece of Mary Lietz, B.J. Wagner, wife of Harold Kimball, and Mary Alice Micali;**

Those in the military, especially **Ken Razionale, USMC, Catie Staub, daughter of David and Mary Therese Staub, Ensign Anthony Grusich, USN, son of Lois and Bill Grusich, Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan Olsen and PFC Kyle Olsen, grandsons of Jane and Emmitt Ingram, and Matthew Chrobak, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;**

Those who have died, especially **Faith Weller and those who died in the devastating earthquake in Haiti.**

Gospel for January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?” He said to them, “Surely you will quote me this proverb, ‘Physician, cure yourself,’ and say, ‘Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.’” And he said, “Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong.

But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.



After reading the Gospel aloud, in unison, those gathered reflect on the following questions:

- In this passage, what word, phrase or image struck you?
- How does that speak to you personally?
- How does that speak to our community at St. Athanasius? And to the wider Church?

*Conclude by praying the **Our Father** together.*

Visit the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org where you can access the readings for any day, in text or audio form, view a video reflection, or download a podcast.

Scripture Question of the Week

Do we have the courage to speak out, even to those we know best and do we have the courage to listen to them as well?

See for yourself all that our school has to offer!



St. A's

**Kindergarten
to 8th Grade**

(847) 864-2650

2510 Ashland Ave.

Evanston, IL 60201

www.saintas.net



Open House & Presentation

**10:30 to noon
Sunday, January 31**

Special presentation at 11 a.m.

9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 4

Special presentation at 10 a.m.

- Talk with parents, students, teachers and our principal
- View our outstanding facilities
- Learn how St. A's unique curriculum and programs help children flourish
- Full-day and half-day kindergarten options
- Students of all faiths welcome
- Financial aid available

School Admission Policy

St. Athanasius School endeavors to educate all students within the limits of the school's educational program. Students must be five years old by September 1 to enter kindergarten that year.

During the first round consideration (applications due by February 8, 2010), St. Athanasius School gives preference for admission in the following order:

- Siblings of current students
- Catholic students who are St. Athanasius parishioners
- Catholic students from other parishes
- Non-Catholic students

Admission for those who submit an application after February 8 will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

The classification of a school family as St. A's parishioners assumes a meaningful commitment to the school and parish. The following criteria are used to determine parishioner status:

- The family is registered in the Parish.
- The family regularly participates in Sunday liturgy.
- The family actively participates in various areas of parish life.
- The family contributes a minimum of \$500* during the calendar year prior to admission, by use of the parish envelope system, to the financial support of the parish and its ministries.

* Will increase to \$750 minimum contribution to be made between January 1 and December 31, 2010.

Are you the St. Athanasius Ace?
Poker Night 2010
January 30

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

Must be at least 18 years of age

St. Athanasius Gym

- ♠ Cocktails & Sign in from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- ♣ Incredible Sign-Up Parties from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- ♥ Texas Hold'em Tutorial from 7:30 PM to 8:00 PM
- ♦ Poker Tournament from 8:00 PM to ????

\$100 Buy in. Re-buys are available until 9:00 PM.

Fantastic Prizes will be awarded, including a 52" Plasma 1080i TV.

All players at the final table will win a prize.

Players who sign up early will receive a special bonus amount of chips.
Return the form below to the school office **by January 28** to qualify for bonus chips.

If you have any questions or want to become a sponsor please contact
Chris Betz at bbbetz@aol.com or 773-386-0626.

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Detach here and return this portion with check to the School Office by January 28.

Name of player _____ Sponsor Name _____

Name of player _____ Sponsor Email _____

Name of player _____ Sponsor Phone _____

____ I would like to sponsor a table (\$100) – *Placard displayed on table with sponsor name.*

Name to be displayed _____

____ I would like to underwrite event expenses (\$???) – *Name listed on Sponsor Display.*

Name to be displayed _____

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 24

Monday, January 25

Basketball Practice, 3:30-8 pm, Gym

Tuesday, January 26

Basketball Practice, 3:30-8 pm, Gym
Basketball Games, 4:30-8 pm, Gym
St. Vincent de Paul, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer

Wednesday, January 27

Basketball Practice, 2:30-3:30 pm, Gym
Basketball Games, 4:30-7:30 pm, Gym
Chess Club, 7 pm, Lunchroom
FDC, 7 pm, Hartke
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church

Thursday, January 28

Basketball Practice, 7:30-8:30 am, Gym
Basketball Games, 4:30-6:30 pm, Gym

Friday, January 29

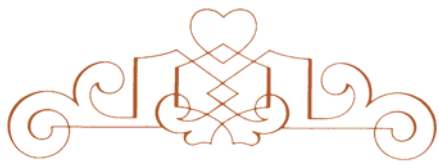
Basketball Practice, Noon-4:30 pm, Gym

Saturday, January 30

Basketball Practice, 8 am-12:30 pm, Gym
Poker Night, 7 pm, Gym

Sunday, January 31

Catholic Schools Week Open House, 10:30 am-Noon, School
Interfaith Union, 10:45-11:45 am, Rosemeyer
Basketball Practice, 12:30-6:30 pm, Gym



Staff Extension List 847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	116 Jean Lauri
100 Janice Moore	120 Jim Potthast
101 School Office	123 Mary Lietz
103 Fr. Rich Sztorc	124 Cynthia Splatt
105 Marion Amling	125 Steve Carson
107 Judy Berg	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
111 Fr. Tom Libera	142 Barbara Bonier
114 José Moreno	143 Karen Sellers
115 Susan Castagna	157 Lori Goszczynski

Weekday Servers January 25 - 30

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Ava Hanlon, Fiona Harrigan
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Henry Hebson, Katherine Kermgard

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend January 30/31

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Barbara Zapszalka
Servers Clementine Creevy,
Marina & Marcus Schmitz
Eucharistic Ministers
Tom Meany, Jackie & Mike Brennan,
Lori & Stan Goszczynski

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector John Labbe
Servers Caitlin & Eleanor Sweeney,
Rebecca Suennen

Eucharistic Ministers

Bill Kauffman, Joseph Walsh,
Adele Martel, Mary Pat Schmidt,
Kausar Allahrakha

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Sheila Fenn
Servers Christian & Ian Swenson,
Isabelle Rodriguez

Eucharistic Ministers

Anne Swoboda, Dennis O'Malley,
Tim Burke, Lisa Weber,
Bridget Hotchkiss

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Jean Peters
Servers Christopher & Clare Affinito,
Molly Braasch

Eucharistic Ministers

Joan Harvey, Karen Sellers,
Joan Johnson, Mary Ann Harvey,
Jim Rooney

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Libera

Readings for the Week of January 24, 2010

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or 13:4-13/
Lk 4:21-30

Working with the Scriptures

January 24, 2010 (Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

Like Luke, Anne Frank was a chronicler of events. This week, Miep Gies died. Ms. Gies was the woman who helped hide the Frank family in an Amsterdam attic during World War II. After the family was betrayed and arrested, she found Anne's diary, the famous journal that was to become *The Diary of a Young Girl*, and kept it until the war ended.

Tom describes himself as an independent journalist, writer and communicator. While he is temporarily without fulltime employment, he continues to write for companies who hire him for short-term assignments. Like Luke, Tom writes about people and events that he believes others will find interesting. As a writer, Tom both informs and entertains – because that is what writers do.

Ted is also a writer' or, to be more specific, a poet. But, Ted is not just *any* kind of poet; Ted is a political poet. For Ted, writing is less a way to make a living than it is a way to record life. Ted writes about what he sees around him, even though doing so means that he can no longer return to his beloved Poland without running the risk of imprisonment or, at the very least, losing his passport and the ability to ever leave the country again. Like Luke, Ted writes what he sees and hears with little thought for his personal safety.

Laura is a reporter for a local newspaper. She is the mother of two young children. The benefit of being able to schedule her interviews around family responsibilities more than makes up for the fact that she doesn't draw a huge salary. In addition, like Luke, having lived in the community for much of her life, Laura knows most of the people she writes about.

"Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative... I too have decided...to write it down..." In the beginning of this Sunday's Gospel Luke identifies himself as a writer. Then, saying nothing more about himself, he begins his narrative. Like Isaiah before him and Anne, Tom, Ted and Laura after, Luke writes for the benefit of the reader. And we, like Theophilus, continue to be enriched by what we receive.

Vinal Van Benthem

Catholics Come Home: Proclaim a Year Acceptable to the Lord

Do you know someone whose faith is so on fire that he/she is willing to tell anyone about all they believe? St. Luke the Evangelist must have been like that. In today's Gospel (Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21), we hear his introduction to the life story and teachings of Jesus. Luke writes it all down so that many generations later, we will know the truth.

In our country we honor freedom of religion. We do not confront the same obstacles as those early Christians. Our greatest challenge is overcoming our silence. In American society we have absorbed the law separating church and state to the extent that faith has become a personal matter, something to keep to ourselves.

The Catholics Come Home TV ads have helped many to become aware of the accomplishments of the Church. We have seen an increased sense of pride in the Catholic Church that encouraged people to talk about the great things that the Church is doing in the world. Did you know that Catholic Charities USA is the 5th largest charitable organization?

Be proud of all that the Church does to welcome, serve and support people in need all over the planet. Even though the TV ads end today, we can continue inviting our Catholic brothers and sisters to come home.

For those who want to return to the sacramental life of the Church, there are **opportunities for Reconciliation on Sunday, January 24 from 2 to 4 pm and Monday, February 1 from 7 to 9 pm at St. Joan of Arc** in Evanston, and **St. Andrew and Holy Name Cathedral** in Chicago. You can find the locations by calling 312-534-5100 or visit the website at www.CatholicsComeHomeCHICAGO.org.

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Pastors

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Rev. Richard Sztorc, *Associate Pastor* (rsztorc‡)

Parish Office

847-328-1430 (fax) 847-328-1809

Admin. Assistant Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Reception Hours: Monday/Tuesday 4:30-8:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 pm

Saturday 10 am-1 pm; Sunday 9 am-1 pm

Parish Office Staff

Karen Sonnicksen Sellers, *Parish Administrator* (ksellers‡)

Barbara Bonier, *Office Manager* (bbonier‡)

Marion Amling, *Business Manager* (mamling‡)

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Deacon

Richard S. Jay

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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.



Think Spring!