

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

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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

STANDING

Arise!
Awake, Jerusalem, Arise!
The power of God's holy Word
rallies his holy people,
brings us to our feet.
The Lord is our strength, our salvation,
"The hills stand about Jerusalem;
so does the Lord stand
round about his people..."

We stand with the Lord,
we stand together, side by side,
taking our places among God's own people,
the people he has raised up,
the weak he has taken up from the dust,
the poor he has lifted up from the ashes
with his good news.

Jeremiah proclaims:
"You are in our midst, O Lord,
and you have named us yours."
Arise!
Awake, Jerusalem, Arise!
The Lord stands with you now!

James Field, CFX

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.*



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DECEMBER 10, 2006

Eucharistic Liturgies

December 10 - December 17, 2006

Sunday

5:00 pm (Saturday) † Joe & Marian McGowan

8:00 am † Rose Schuba

9:30 am † Paul Weishaar

11:30 am † Catherine Lorenz

5:00 pm † Virginia Lindley

Monday

6:30 am † Ernest Weider

8:15 am † Dominick Botti

Tuesday

6:30 am † Mary Regina Ganey

8:15 am † Carl Lemasters

Wednesday

6:30 am † Ed Wambach

8:15 am † John Madden

Thursday

6:30 am Elizabeth McCarthy Family

8:15 am † Joanne Arena

Friday

6:30 am † Loretta Carroll

8:15 am † H. William Berning

Saturday

8:15 am † Loretta Carroll

5:00 pm † Mary Walsh

Sunday

8:00 am † Rose Schuba

9:30 am † Dolly Hallstrom

11:30 am † Ed & Rosemary Brown

5:00 pm † Philip Varua

Working With The Scriptures

December 10, 2006 (Luke 3:1-6)

“Winding roads shall be made straight.” When my husband and I were in Colorado recently, we decided to drive through Rocky Mountain National Park. At first, while we were still in the valley, the road was fairly straight. But as we started to climb, the road became less predictable, determined now more by the mountain than by the highway engineers. The higher up we went the narrower the road became and the more likely it seemed that at any moment we might miss a turn and careen down the side of the mountain. All we wanted was to get over the mountain and back to the Ranger Station, so you can imagine our reaction when we realized that the only way back was *up over the mountain the way we’d come!*

Sometimes life feels like that mountain. We start out in a new job and everything is going great, until there’s a change in management and expectations change, things become less predictable, there’s someone new in charge. But gradually we adjust and, for a while, everything goes back to normal – until the merger, or the acquisition, or the closure, at which point everything changes again. We’re afraid that at any moment we might find ourselves out of a job, careening down the side of the mountain, sliding into unemployment or worse. If we’re lucky, we keep the job or get a new one, and things seem OK again. But then there’s another change in management and we realize that the only way back to a feeling of security is *to go through it all again!*

In Colorado, it’s the Park Rangers’ job to help travelers by keeping the roads in good repair and providing clear road signs; but whose job is it in the workplace? Well, maybe it’s ours. If we’re in management we might help by clearly explaining new management practices and procedures. If we’re in Human Resources we might lobby for outplacement services for employees when a business prepares to close. “The winding roads shall be made straight...” – and sometimes it’s our job to help with the straightening!

Vival Van Benthem

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: Retirement Fund

Next Week: St. Agnes,
Our Sharing Parish

St. A's Music Notes by Nadine Di Vito & Steve Carson

Come listen to our St. Athanasius Choir herald in Christmas with a lively, uplifting Caroling Concert **Sunday, December 24, 9:45-10:30 pm**, (*before the 10:30pm Midnight Mass*) and be prepared to join us in singing our favorite Christmas carols!

Christmas Wish Basket Program

St. Athanasius will be providing food baskets and Christmas presents to individuals and families from the Howard Area Community Center. All parishioners are invited to the school gym after the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses on **TODAY** to select one or more items from a Christmas wish list. Food baskets and presents will be delivered to the Howard Area Community Center by volunteers next Sunday, December 17, at noon. Please call Carmelina Stoklosa at 847-328-3257 or Lisa Gobbi at 847-869-7369 with questions, or to volunteer for the delivery.

Soup Kitchen

The next **Monday** soup kitchen will be **December 11** 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). The next **Sunday** soup kitchen will be **December 17** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1004 Greenwood Street, 1:30-4:30 pm (meal served at 2:45). Contact Michael Masini (847-869-4321). The next **Thursday** soup kitchen will be **December 21** at First United Methodist Church, 1630 Hinman Avenue, 4:30-7:30 pm (meal served at 6:00). Contact Karen Ryan (332-1850), Kris Koenig-Morel (475-2104) or Christine Carlson (869-4160).

It's a LifeTeen Christmas

LifeTeen meets Sunday, December 17. All high school teens are invited to our Christmas Party in the Teen Room from 6:15 to 8:30 pm.

Ministers of Care

If you, a family member, or friend are not able to get to Mass because of illness or home confinement, please call Lori Goszczynski at (847) 328-1430, ext. 124, or leave a message at the Parish office and we can have someone come to you for holy communion.

Lectors

Please pick up your new Cycle C Workbook from the Lincoln Street sacristy. They all have *names* on them so be sure to get the right one.

The "Little Blue Book"

Advent and Christmas Seasons 2006-2007: six-minute reflections on the Infancy Narratives according to Matthew. "Little Blue Books" are available in the pews, please take one.

Play Willy!

We are offering free organ lessons, 20 minutes each, after the Sunday 9:30 am Mass, to all interested youth, ages 8-18, that have taken piano lessons for a year or more. Music choices include Christmas carols, classical favorites, and Broadway show tunes. Please contact Fran Walker at 847-962-1925 or franwalk@gmail.com. See you in the choir loft!

Please Remember In Your Prayers. .

The newly baptized, especially **Robert MacNeil Gallun**, son of Alby and Tracy Gallun;

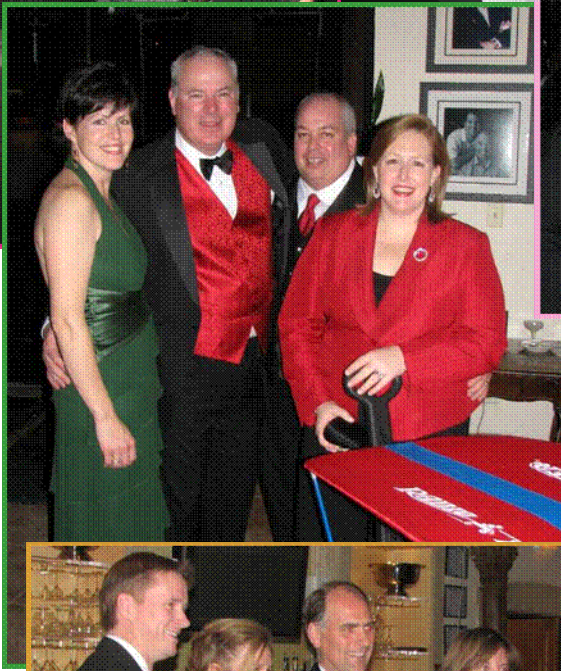
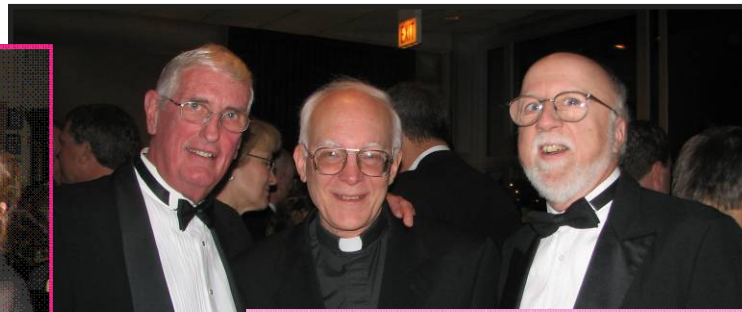
The sick and their caregivers, especially **Sheri Payne**, sister-in-law of Jeff Bolle, **Peter Black**, brother of Mary Rooney, **Vickie Burke**, **Renee Walsh**, **Mary Ellen Seeger**, mother of Carol Teske, **Cory Stejskal**, **Tim Gobat**, **Norman Seligman**, **Rosalie VerPlancke**, **Milton Watson**, **Leland Smith**, **Margaret Shanafield**, **Sally Elam**, **Lisa Hildebrand**, **Charles Derrickson**, **Jane McDonough** and **Jennifer Klandrud**;

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

Those who have died, especially **Gloria Harris** and **Katherine Klassen**.

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.

Angel Ball 2006



Clockwise from top left: Angel Ball co-chairs; Juli Carlin, Beth Miles, Tracie Miller; Men in black; Dave Burden, Fr. Tom, Art Schmidt; Puppy love; Dance, dance, dance!; Auctioneer extraordinaire, Joe Flanagan; In the diamonds; Terry & Ginny Meehan and Kit & Laura Meehan; Ruth & Paul McMahan with Liz & Matt Connelly take home their auction items.

Thank you!!

Last Saturday, over 400 people gathered at the beautiful Galleria Marchetti to celebrate the wonderful parish community of St. Athanasius. We thank EVERYONE for their support- we couldn't have done it without you!

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Thank you to Father Tom, Father Rich, and all the parish and school faculty and staff for your help and support!



Readings for the Week of December 10, 2006

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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Holiday Happenings

Annual Christmas Concert

On Sunday, December 17, at 3:00 pm, the Chicago Boy Choir, will present its annual concert of carols and other songs of the season. The concert will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church, 5212 W. Agatite, Chicago. Free admission. For more information, call 773-286-2950.

Catholic Woman's Club Party

The Catholic Woman's Club will hold its annual Christmas party at the Clubhouse, 1560 Oak Ave., on Wednesday, December 13, at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. There will be Christmas music, singing, and a reading by Joan Ehrenberg. All are welcome. Members are asked to bring \$10 as a charitable donation. For more information, contact Barbara Kobe at 847-492-0598.

Holly Carol

OLPH Women's Club Guild 34 presents this classic Christmas concert featuring Mark Forrest, an Irish Tenor, **TODAY**, at 6:30 pm, at 1775 Grove Street in Glenview. Tickets are \$25 at the door. For more information, call 847-729-5818.

Life-Size Nativity Scene

The Nativity Scene Committee of Chicago wishes the people of your parish a happy and holy Advent and Christmas. They invite you to visit their beautiful, life size nativity scene on display through December 30 in Chicago's Daley Plaza, Dearborn and Washington Streets.

Christmas Tree Hunt

Pick out a great Christmas Tree in the Marmion Abbey Pine Forest. Families can enjoy choosing and cutting down your own tree. Trees cost \$25 or \$30 per tree. For more information, call 630-897-3011 or visit the website: www.marmion.org/trees.



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Monthly Parish Programs

The Saint Athanasius Book Group meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Fitzgerald Chapel. Check the *Chimes* for notices of books being discussed.

The Ecology Group met for the first time on Monday, November 27. If you would like to join this group or you have ecological concerns that you think we should be addressing, please contact Carolyn Groves.

The Elder Care Discussion Group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Fitzgerald Chapel. The next meeting is December 13.

If you are interested in seeing an event or program in the parish that we don't have, please contact Fr. Tom, Fr. Rich or Carolyn Groves, extension 130.

Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready today? Are you being called to consider priesthood or religious life to make the Lord's way ready? For more information, contact Sr. Peter Mary Hettling, CSJ, in the Archdiocesan Vocation Office, 312-751-5245 or email phettling@archchicago.org.

Catholic Charities LOSS Meeting

Catholic Charities invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide Program, December 28, at 7:00 pm, at Carmel High School, One Carmel Way, Mundelein. For more information, call 312-655-7283.

Last Minute Gift Idea

The Archdiocese of Chicago ~ A Journey of Faith. Books are still available for \$35 in the Parish Office.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 10

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
Athletics, 1-5 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Monday, December 11

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
Peace & Justice, 7:30 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
St. Vincent DePaul, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer

Tuesday, December 12

Athletics, 3:30-6 pm, Gym
Cub Scouts Pack Meeting, 7:15-9 pm, Gym
PSO, 7 pm, Hartke

Wednesday, December 13

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
Chess, 7-8 pm, Lunchroom
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Fundraising Development, 7:30 pm, Hartke
Men's Basketball, 9-11 pm, Gym

Thursday, December 14

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
Brownies#882, 3:30-4:30 pm, Hartke
Music Recital, 6:30 pm, Church

Friday, December 15

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym

Saturday, December 16

Athletics, 8 am-1 pm, Gym

Sunday, December 17

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
Athletics, 1-5 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

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8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
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Thursday/Friday/Saturday
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Next Weekend December 16/17

5:00 pm Saturday

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Lector Steve Carlson
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Eucharistic Ministers
Barb Zapszalka, Anne Swoboda,
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8:00 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Tom McRaith
Servers Robert Staub, Devin & Derek Schmitz
Eucharistic Ministers
Steve Jennings, Mary Sullivan,
Jerry Garner, Morley Robbins,
Deborah Haracz

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector David Staub
Servers Bradley & Rebecca Suennen,
Isabelle Rodriquez
Eucharistic Ministers
Tom & Sue Laue, Joan Conroy,
Dennis O'Malley, David Ozar

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Jean Peters
Servers Allison, Eleanor & Elizabeth Sweeney
Eucharistic Ministers
John & Troy Dentzer, Nancy Murray,
John Syvertsen, Rosemary Welch

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Watts
Servers Daniel O'Malley, Quinn Ryan

Sunlight African Community Center Appeal



We of St. A's Peace and Justice Ministry have been a major contributor to the Sunlight African Community Center (SACC) on the north side of Chicago for the past three years through personal donations and active membership on the board of directors. We are proud of the fruit of these efforts and now ask you, as members of the parish family, to consider this program for African immigrant children of elementary school age when you're making year-end charitable donations.

Many Africans fleeing situations in Africa arrive here to build new lives. With limited education they take low paying jobs and work long hours to build opportunities for their children.

Ruphina Pettis, an African immigrant herself and a Chicago Social Worker in the neighborhoods of Uptown, Edgewater and Rogers Park, saw what was happening when both parents were working long

hours. Many children were left vulnerable in a neighborhood rife with homelessness, public drunkenness, substance abuse, and violence.

She conceived the Community Center as a haven for those children. She acquired space and material and recruited students, initially offering just warmth and homework assistance. As time passed, she reached out to different communities, such as St. Athanasius Parish, to bring the essential elements together. Children and adults from the program have generously provided music for the Sunday Masses for the African Project and Martin Luther King Day. Last year, the Center was one of the designated charities from the Lenten Collection. Access to computers and the internet are important benefits resulting from this support.

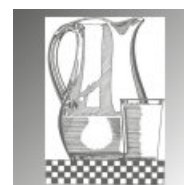
Ms. Pettis reached out to local colleges for partners in a tutoring program. DePaul University Steans Center is one partner. Its Education Majors students receive community involvement credit by committing to working sessions with students from the Center and providing homework assistance and mentoring. Currently, there's a group of 25 college students, making it possible to have at least four or five volunteers available each day to work with the children, ages six to thirteen.

Now, we are helping the Center achieve a consistent revenue source from foundations. This takes time and, meanwhile, the expenses continue unabated.



Contributions of any amount are welcome and may be made to Sunlight African Community Center or SACC and mailed to 4554 N. Broadway, Suite 226, Chicago 60640, Attention: Ruphina Pettis, Executive Director.

Contributing time to tutor, tell stories, or play cards and board games with the children is equally welcome. Both types of gifts are most appreciated.



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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.

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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.



Kim Rak & Christi Thompson at the Angel Ball