

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

Refresh My Ashes

Refresh My Faith

Don't Give Up on Giving Up

Inspired by Jesus' desert struggles, enter a Lenten discipline of **Giving up the practice of the familiar...**

In my faith family

- At Mass, sit in a different part of the church and greet those around you
- Check the listing of opportunities for prayer, faith sharing groups, and special Lenten programs. Surprise yourself by attending something new.

Among my family and friends

- Share something with someone close that you regret not yet sharing.
- What do you need to give up in order to enhance a close relationship?

In the larger community

- Step into the life of an immigrant by visiting www.justiceforimmigrants.org
- Try a new food, ask for assistance, learn the name of someone in a group that brings you apprehension

Eucharistic Liturgies

February 25 - March 4, 2007

Sunday

5:00 pm (Saturday) † Thomas Gorey
8:00 am † Mr. & Mrs. Martin Kostrzab
9:30 am † Mary Ellen McDuffie
11:30 am † Suzanne Draths
5:00 pm † Rose Schuba

Monday

6:30 am † John Hendon
8:15 am Sarac Family

Tuesday

6:30 am † Pauline Later
8:15 am † Barney Richards

Wednesday

6:30 am † Estelle Schmitt
8:15 am † Dorothy Murray

Thursday

6:30 am † Marie Harker Homola
8:15 am † John Joseph Alvino

Friday

6:30 am † Ruby Eady
8:15 am Elizabeth McCarthy Family

Saturday

8:15 am † Steve Sarac
5:00 pm † Marie Harker Homola

Sunday

8:00 am † Dorothy Sansonetti
9:30 am † Rose Schuba
11:30 am † Mary Rose Vernon
5:00 pm † Paul Glavin

From St. Agnes of Bohemia

Dear Fr. Libera:

On behalf of St. Agnes of Bohemia, I have written to your parishioners to thank them for sharing the love, joy, and peace God has granted them. We cannot thank them enough for being a beacon of light for the St. Agnes of Bohemia School students.

I applaud their spirit of giving that is a blessing and recognize the valuable support they provide the St. Agnes School. Their efforts assist in securing the students' education and endow them with a stronger foundation.

Your parishioners demonstrate the true spirit of God's love through their contributions and each gift bestows upon the children your parishioners' goodwill. It is my hope more people will emulate that wonderful sharing spirit.

In Christ,

Rev. Matthew E. Foley

“The Story of Life”

On **Monday, February 26**, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Rainbow Hospice will host a workshop to explore the story of our loved ones' lives and share their legacies. Rainbow Hospice is located at 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge. Registration is required. For more information or to register, please call (847) 692-8882. The registration fee is \$15.00.

First Sunday of Lent

“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given me.”

(1 Corinthians 13:4)

This simple line from the Old Testament presents us with two challenges. First, do we bring God our first fruits - the best that we have to offer? Second, do we remember that everything we have has been given to us by God? We brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing from it. So why not share what we have while we are still here?

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: Lenten Charity:
St. Vincent dePaul

Next Week: Easter Flowers

M.O.M.S.

Ministry of Mothers Sharing is a parish-based program, for mothers of any age, affirming the vocation and unique role of mothers, encouraging learning with, praying for, and ministering to each other. We offer peer support to women who are mothers and add reassurance to your family relationships. The next meeting will be **Sunday, March 4**, 8:00 - 10:30 am, in the Teen Room. Contact Pat Schmidt at 847-673-2621 or mptschmidt@comcast.net. for more information on this group.

Elizabeth Ministry Informal Gathering

All expectant mothers and moms of children under one year of age are welcome to join in for support and information next Sunday, **Sunday, March 4**, after the 9:30 am Mass (about 10:30 am), in the Teen Room. Questions? Call Pat Schmidt at 847-673-2621 or email mptschmidt@comcast.net.

In the Hospital?

Please notify the Parish Office when you or a family member is admitted to a hospital or tell the hospital personnel that you are a member of St. Athanasius and want us to know you are there. Because of privacy requirements or some hospital policies, we are not always notified. We'd like to keep you in our prayers.

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 Janice Moore-Rivas at extension 100.

Soup Kitchen

There are two soup kitchen outreach opportunities next month. The **Monday** soup kitchen will be on **March 12**, 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 **Thursday** soup kitchen will be on **March 22** 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).

Food Drive Next Weekend, March 10/11



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!

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 the bulletins on our website: www.stathanasius-evanston.org; click "Resources".

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The newly baptized, especially **Maureen Kate Hartmann**, daughter of William and Nonette Hartmann;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Geno Fernandez, Gloria J. Teske**, mother of Jeff Teske, **Lloyd Maday, Don Godshaw, Pat Schmidt, Vickie Burke, Ernst Güenter**, former parishioner **Mardy Lepo, Norman Seligman, Helen Jarzab, Linda Miller, Katie Nogal, Mike Lopez, Sally Elam**;

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 **Gladys McIlrath**.

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.

RCIA Candidates 2007

We introduce our RCIA Catechumen and Candidates for this year.

Perhaps you have seen these people at Mass with you. Today they will be going to Holy Name Cathedral for a special liturgical rite called *The Rite of Election*. As they begin their final preparation to be welcomed into the church we pray for them and assure them of our support.



Patrick Brennan

Patrick grew up in Athens, a small town in northeastern Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Dayton in Ohio, graduating with a degree in Industrial Engineering Technology and staying on to earn a Master of Public Administration degree. He was subsequently hired by the City of Highland Park, where he currently works. Patrick recently married Jeanne DeCara and they now reside in Evanston. They believe in the importance of having a home and family under a single religion, which led to Patrick's decision to convert from Methodist. He has found the conversion process lengthy, but rewarding and educational and he wishes to thank the Saint Athanasius community and his wife for their support during his journey.



Greg Hughes

Greg grew up in the Kansas City area and moved to Evanston to attend graduate school at Northwestern. Greg met his wife Katie, who was raised Catholic and attended OLPH and Regina High School. Greg and Katie's one year old son, Ben, was baptized at St. A's and Greg wanted to join the Catholic community so that his family would have a united faith.



Pauline Kaiser

Pauline grew up in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, where she attended Glenbard North High School. She completed her B.S. in Nursing at Loyola University of Chicago and subsequently worked at various hospitals in the Chicagoland area as a transplant and trauma/ICU nurse. She spent several years living in Florida and Texas, working in clinical research. Prior to returning to Chicago in September 2006, she spent two years living in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she met her fiancé, Matthew Kalemba. It was at this time that she realized not only was her life missing Matt, but also her connection with God and the Catholic faith. They decided to take this journey together as they prepare for marriage this September at St. A's.



Joe Nedoss

Joe is a native of Wilmette and son of Bertrand and Carol Nedoss. Joe's family ascends from Jewish and Baptist traditions. He lived several years on the east coast and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. In his spare Joe is an avid sailor and enjoys triathlons. In 2001, he married his wife Amy in the Catholic Church. After a long personal search, he decided to convert to Catholicism and looks forward to his baptism into the Church as a Catechumen.

Lenten Charities 2007

The following is a list of charities we have chosen to support through our second collection during Lent:

February 25	St. Vincent de Paul
March 18	Sunlight African Community Center
March 25	Center for Interchange and Solidarity (CIS)
April 1	Kristin Lietz – Missionary Work in Mexico

Holy Thursday	AIDS Pastoral Care Network
Good Friday	Holy Land Shrines



February 25 - St. Vincent dePaul Society

Working in pairs, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society personally visit the homes of all whom they seek to help. By their personal presence, they bring the presence of the Lord and the caring concern of the Church into troubled lives. Their goal is to help people become self-sufficient. After home visits and conferences with landlords, utilities or other creditors, the society, to the extent its resources allow, will make payments for its applicants, supply food certificates or give out vouchers to shop in a St. Vincent de Paul store. Your contribution can extend their resources and thus expand their ability to reach out to those who seek help in their time of need.

Lent

A Sense of the Season

The word Lent means springtime. This word comes from the same root as lengthen. Daytime lengthens during Lent. The northern hemisphere turns toward the sun, the source of life, and winter turns into spring. In Hebrew, the word for repentance is the same as the word that means to turn, like the turning of the earth to the sun, like the turning of the soil before planting.

“Even now, says the Lord, turn to me.” (Joel 2:12) The word sin means separation. We are called to turn from our separate selves, from our sin, to come together in community. Self-denial is the way we express our repentance. In the lengthening brightness from Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday afternoon, our holy Lent, we turn to God as our source of life.

Self-denial is threefold, advises Matthew’s gospel. We pray: “Go to your room, close your door, and pray to your Father in private.” We fast: “No one must see you are fasting but your Father.” We give alms: “Keep your deeds of mercy secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” Through the Lenten exercise of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we spring-clean our lives, sharpen our senses, put tomorrow in its place and treasure the day at hand.

Why are there forty days in Lent? It took forty days for sinfulness to drown in the flood before a new creation could inherit the earth. It took forty years for the generation of slaves to die before the freeborn could enter the promised land. For forty days Moses and Elijah and Jesus fasted and prayed to prepare themselves for a life’s work.

At the beginning of Lent the bishop calls out the names of the catechumens who seek to be baptized at Easter. Their names are written in the book of the elect, the chosen. God has chosen them, and they have chosen to turn to God. Lent is the forty days before the baptism of the catechumens. The already baptized can share the excitement and the struggles of the elect and rediscover the meaning of baptism in their own lives. During the forty days, both catechumens and the faithful journey together to the holy font.

We keep Lent together. We put aside our business-as-usual to support each other in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We turn to God to enlighten us and purify us throughout the lengthening brightness of our holy season of Lent. “For now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation!”

Readings for the Week of February 25, 2007

Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15p
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36

Working with the Scriptures

Feb. 25, 2007 (Luke 4:1-13)

“Is that all there is?” It’s an old song, but an even older question. “Is that all there is?” I saw a commercial on TV the other evening. A well-dressed, 60-ish man was telling the viewer not to stop dreaming just because you’re over 65. I’m not really sure what product the commercial was selling, but what stayed with me was the look on that man’s face. He was following his dream at an age when many people are tempted to believe that they’re too old to dream, and the passion in his voice declared that for him ‘that’ is definitely NOT all there is!

What are we passionate about? In Luke’s gospel, Jesus is led by the devil out into the desert to be tempted, to see what Jesus is passionate about. Jesus is hungry. He hasn’t eaten in 40 days. Perhaps he will be passionate about food? That certainly wouldn’t be unexpected, as anyone who has ever been on a diet can attest. But Jesus is not passionate about food. His passion is to give himself as bread for others.

Perhaps, then, power and glory might be Jesus’ passion? All one has to do is pick up a newspaper or turn on the television to see how ancient rivalries over power and glory continue to rage in the streets of cities and towns across the globe. But Jesus is not passionate about power and glory. Rather, his passion is to stoop down and wash feet.

Danger, then – perhaps Jesus will be passionate about risk-taking, a kind of biblical stock trader or Nascar driver? But Jesus is not passionate about taking risks, either. His passion is more about calming stormy seas and healing injured travelers.

“You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve.” Do we believe that? Are we as passionate as the man in that commercial about what we believe? Or are we tempted to care more about the size of our waistline – or of our bank account? “Is that all there is?” I guess it all depends on what our “that” is...

Vival Van Bentem

Eyewitness to Occupation: Reflections on Journeys to Israel and Palestine



Fr. Robert Oldershaw, Pastor

Emeritus, St. Nicholas Church and Miryam Rashid, Middle East Project Coordinator American Friends Service Committee, will reflect on recent journeys to the Middle East. Sunday, March 11, at 10:30 am, St. Nicholas Church, 809 Ridge, Evanston. This event is co-sponsored by the Neighbors for Peace, St. Nicholas Peace and Justice Committee, and the St. Nicholas Adult Faith Enrichment.

Common Ground Evanston

“Immortality: Can Religious Liberals and Humanists Still Believe?” is the issue addressed by Rabbi Herbert Bronstein on **Tuesday, February 27**, at 7:30 pm. Belief in life after death and the immortality of the soul has been increasingly doubted since the Enlightenment. Rabbi Bronstein will take a post-modern look at an age-old question. Common Ground Evanston is located at Westminster Place, 2300 Grant Street, Evanston, in the Kimball Fitness Center. The fee is \$10.

March Madness Craft Sale

Sacred Heart Convent is having a craft sale on Friday, March 2 from noon to 5 pm. The proceeds are for the support of their ailing and retired Sisters. The Convent is located at 2221 Elmwood Avenue in Wilmette.

Willows Academy Open House

The Willows Academy, 1012 Thacker Street in Des Plaines, is hosting an Open House on Sunday, March 4, noon - 2:30 pm. A luncheon will be provided for attendees. This is an independent school in the Catholic tradition, offering a college prep curriculum for young women in sixth through twelve grade. For more information, please call (847) 827-6927 or visit www.willows.org.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 25

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

Monday, February 26

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
St. Vincent DePaul, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer

Tuesday, February 27

Brownies, 3:30-5 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet, 6 pm, Gym
PSO Meeting, 7:30 pm, Hartke

Wednesday, February 28

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

Thursday, March 1

Scripture Study, 9-11 am, Fitzgerald Chapel
Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym

Friday, March 2

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym

Saturday, March 3

Athletics, 8 am-2 pm, Gym

Sunday, March 4

MOMS, 8-10:30 am, Teen Room
Elizabeth Ministry, 10:30 am-Noon,
Teen Room
St. Vincent DePaul presents Dick Houk's
"An Adriatic Adventure", 2 pm, Hartke
Athletics, 1-5 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Weekday Servers February 26 - March 3

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Angel Toledo, J. T. Vilus
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Patrick Walsh, Nolan Winkler

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend March 3/4

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Steve Carlson, Sheila Fenn
Servers Matthew & Michael McCareins,
Mickey McLaughlin

Eucharistic Ministers

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

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Eileen & Bob Parkinson
Servers Alexander Miceli, Patrick Mulica,
Will Nawrocki

Eucharistic Ministers

Nancy Taylor, Sally Hageman,
Mary Sullivan, Robert Coats,
Kerry Hubata

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Rick Blabolil, Robert Coats
Servers Matthew & Michael Consolo,
Abby Blabolil

Eucharistic Ministers

Barbara O'Connor, Rita Bambrick,
Donna Consolo, Jill Blabolil,
Bob Curley

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Larry Wojcik, Bill Harmon
Servers Fiona & Seamus McMahon,
Thomas Miles

Eucharistic Ministers

John & Troy Dentzer, Carol Ekman,
Rosemary Welch, Jim Rooney

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Servers Jake Miller, Carlin O'Brien

Staff Extension List

847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	123 Mary Lietz
100 Janice Moore-Rivas	124 Lori Goszczynski
101 School Office	124 Diane Maloney
103 Fr. Sztorc	125 Steve Carson
105 Marion Amling	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
111 Fr. Libera	130 Carolyn Groves
114 José Moreno	142 Barbara Bonier
115 Susan Castagna	143 Karen Sellers
120 Christi Thompson	



Get your tickets today
for

St. A's Saint Patrick's Party

**Saturday, March 10, 2007
5 – 9 p.m.**

Sham-rock 'n roll to **Shannon Rovers** Irish Pipe Band, Disc Jockey & **Irish Music, Irish Dancers**, a **cakewalk**, a **moonwalk**, games, treats and prizes for the kids, *plus* the ever-popular corned-beef [and other] sandwich buffet, and beverages-a-plenty to cure what 'ales' you.

\$15/adult, \$12/seniors and children

Invitations and Raffle Tickets available in Church vestibule!

For more information contact Rachel Harrigan 475-7173 or email rachelharrigan1@yahoo.com or Lori Hartigan at 864-4412 or ljhartigan@comcast.net.

Take a break from Winter!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is pleased to present another visit with St. A's "traveler extraordinaire"

Dr. Richard Houk

who will bring us

"An Adriatic Adventure"

taking us

From Venice to Dubrovnik

Sunday, March 4 at 2:00 pm

in the Hartke Room

Refreshments and snacks will be served. Come and bring a friend.

St. Athanasius Parish

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

Parish Office

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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

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

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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.



Happy 90th Birthday Elizabeth Adamson!