

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

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Eucharistic Worship

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:00 am
Saturday 8:00 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.*

New Hope Apartment Fund Annual Collection This Weekend

This is the sixth year our parish has been part of the Catholic Charities New Hope Apartment Program, which seeks to end homelessness, one family at a time. Once a family becomes part of the New Hope program, a Catholic Charities social worker visits and works with them every week. Our parish and our partner parishes provide funds for the family's apartment rent.

Two families that we previously helped have completed the program and are self-sufficient.

FIRST: Our New Hope journey began when we saved a mother and her four children from eviction, enabling them to move into an Evanston townhouse. The mother improved her job skills, overcame major obstacles and “graduated” from the program in 19 months.

SECOND: We assisted a young mother of two who began the program without a home and without hope. She struggled for a time, but she was able to train for and begin a new career. She completed the program in just under three years.

THIRD: Since 2010 we've been helping a mother and her three daughters, a 15-year-old and 11-year-old twins. When she began the New Hope program, they'd been evicted from their apartment after she lost her long-time secretarial job. She'd also previously worked in customer service and marketing.

While seeking jobs in her field, she's worked at several part-time jobs - at one point working two jobs. Catholic Charities helped her improve her budgeting and money management skills, and she has been able to save some money. She also moved her family to a less expensive apartment. While this mother has been unable to find the full-time position she wants, with the skills she has acquired and the money she has saved, she now is ready to complete the program and be self-sufficient.

NOW: Once Catholic Charities selects a new family for our participation in the program, we will keep you informed. The agency expects to have a new family screened and in place soon.

We invite you to assist the new family by donating to the New Hope Apartment Fund this weekend and we are grateful to you for your generous support of this program.

—The St. Athanasius Peace & Justice Ministry

Eucharistic Liturgies

August 28 – September 4, 2011

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Bea Biondi
- 8:00 am † Norman F. Lawrence
- 9:30 am † Roberta Myers
- 11:30 am † Salvador Franco
- 5:00 pm † Anne O’Neill

Monday

- 6:30 am † Pauline Kwo
- 8:00 am † Arlice Johnson

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Catherine List
- 8:00 am † Ann Ignoffo

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Parishioners of St. Athanasius
- 8:00 am † Jennie Caronia

Thursday

- 6:30 am † Robert Kapche
- 8:00 am † Jennie Caronia

Friday

- 6:30 am Special Intention for Sue Castagna
- 8:00 am † Terry Hartigan

Saturday

- 8:00 am † P.J. Varua
- 5:00 pm † Bea Biondi

Sunday

- 8:00 am † Salvador Franco, Jr.
- 9:30 am † Jack Quinn
- 11:30 am † Bernard Dentzer
- 5:00 pm † Katherine Taft



Sunday Morning Yoga Continues

I encourage you to come to our Sunday morning yoga class on the lawn at 8:15 am. Every Sunday that I have taught this class, I feel a lingering bliss all day long. It is an extraordinary experience. The class takes place in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue located on the east side of the parish house garage. If the weather is not cooperating, we move indoors to the gym. Doing yoga outdoors is healing and rejuvenating. Last week, we put our bare feet on the green grass and soaked up the sweet energy of Mother Earth. We felt the warm air on our skin, and inhaled its fresh fragrance. The birds sang throughout our class, as we released the energy from yesterday and last week. We will continue offering this class outdoors as long as the weather is good. After that, we may have the opportunity to move indoors. Thanks to Lily Cigan who teaches this class when I am unable. Thanks to everyone who has come out and practiced yoga with us. We have made history, and together continue to create an awesome St. A’s community.

God Bless and Namaste,

Lisa Faremouth Weber

PeaceAble Cities: Evanston

9/11 Walk and Talk

Transforming Our Community Through Dialogue
Beginning at 2:00pm on Sunday, September 11, everyone is welcome to gather at Dar-us-Sunnah Masjid and Community Center, 2045 Brown Avenue, and walk to the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, 303 Dodge Avenue, all the while talking with someone you do not know and “switching partners” every 10 minutes. For more information, visit the website at www.PeaceAbleCitiesEvanston.org or call 847-475-5740.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory August 20/21 \$5,459
ParishPay for August..... \$16,138

*~ Thank You ~
Every Contribution Matters
Every Parishioner Counts*

OUTREACH COLLECTIONS



This Week: New Hope
Apartment Fund

Next Week: None

Tethered to our Mobile Devices

The indispensable cell phone. One survey finds that, by multi-tasking, 8 to 18 year olds pack nearly 11 hours of activity into 7.5 hours a day. Most of us share some portion of that statistic. Feeling tethered to a growing inventory of mobile devices all AM and PM, at times may seem enslavement. A spiritual challenge for our tethered age is finding a balance that includes a space for solitude, slowing down, and for personal interaction face to face.

Recently, Fr. Tom Sweeter, S.J. and Wendy Rappé, parish consultants who have worked with us, asked for comments on mobile device etiquette and useful norms that could assist in the adventure of un-tethering. Here is a sample of responses:

- 1) Use terminology. For example, a “message break” during meetings. This implies both respecting the fact that folks are connected to others and that there should be times when we do not check our messages. This is good with youth and young adults particularly. It keeps things positive. Instead of “cell phones off,” say “We will take a message break halfway through our meeting,” or even ask “Should we take a message break at X o’clock?”
- 2) Don’t say anything with a text or cell phone call that you wouldn’t say in person. The anonymity of texting allows for some dumb stuff to get sent.
- 3) If, when I am with someone, I receive a call or text I believe NEEDS to be answered now, I should explain why I’m answering and, from time to time, re-establish eye contact with the person I am with.
- 4) If you were talking with Jesus and your cell rang, what would you do? If Jesus were saying Mass, would you text a friend or focus on the Mass? If you and Jesus were meditating or he was sharing his wisdom, would you say to him, “I need to answer this text” or “take this call”? In all cases, I would hope the person would turn the units off for the duration. But we posed these questions to elementary religious education students and, amazingly, they all responded that they would shut them off, but only after they knew it REALLY WAS JESUS!
- 5) When I am attending a class, I will attend to my teacher and not to texts, Facebook, tweets or other technological distractions. To do otherwise is disrespectful to those around me and to my potential to grow into the person God intends me to be.
- 6) Why not engage the technology at church? At the end of the Liturgy, ask everyone to pull out their mobile devices and send out a text and request to share a meal with family members or friends sometime that day or during the week? (or a tip on evangelization, sign of peace...)

In the Lord’s Blessings,

Fr. Tom Libera

Evanston Farmer’s Market Bake Sale for the Iraqi Student Project

The Iraqi Student Project (ISP) welcomes your baking, buying, and farmstand-tending help on Saturday, September 10, anytime from 7:30am to 1:00pm at the Evanston Farmer’s Market. The Iraqi Student Project, at DePaul University and three other colleges in the Chicago area, helps young people whose education was disrupted by the war to pursue a college education here in the U.S. At the Farmer’s Market, we’ll have wonderful home-baked treats available for you to purchase and all proceeds will benefit ISP DePaul.

If you’d like to donate baked goods, you can drop them off at St. Nicholas Parish’s Oldershaw Hall (behind the church at 806 Ridge in Evanston) between 5pm and 7pm on Friday, September 9. We’ll have a crew there prepping and re-packaging. We ask that you list all ingredients (farmer’s market regulations) on each item. To volunteer to bake or wrap or sell, please call Elizabeth Mertic at 847-424-0957. We are grateful for the many hands that make this fundraiser a success!

For additional details about ISP, visit the websites at www.iraqidepaul.org or <http://iraqistudentproject.org>.

Food Drive Next Weekend, September 3/4

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!

Soup Kitchen

Our next monthly soup kitchen outreach opportunity will be **Monday, September 12**, at Second Baptist Church, 1717 Benson, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (meal served at noon). Contact Katie Maday (475-1538) or Helen Madden (866-8875) to help out.

SAVE THE DATE! OktoberFest Saturday, October 1

The St. A's Parish Pastoral Council is proud to be bringing back Oktoberfest this fall! If you are interested in helping with the planning for this wonderful community event, please call Shamus Hanlon at 312-450-4373. We would love to have participation from all Parish groups!

Family Program Seeking Catechists

The St. Athanasius Family Program offers religious education to all children, 4 through 14 years of age, who attend public and secular schools. Classes meet on Sunday morning in the Parish School building, from mid September to May. All catechists are volunteers. Training is offered and the curriculum, *Finding God*, from Loyola Press, offers excellent support to teachers.

Thanks to our recent volunteers! **We still have a few openings** for teachers aides and room parents. We are also planning to expand our *Children's Liturgy of the Word* Program. Would you like to help the younger parishioners discuss the Gospel during Sunday Mass?



Anyone who has shared their faith experience with others is a potential catechist. If you would like to consider helping with the Family Program, please contact Cynthia Splatt, Director of Religious Education and Faith Formation, at 847-328-1430, extension 124 or cynthiasplatt@gmail.com.

Wedding Banns

Christopher Mazella and Jessica Suennan I



Please Remember In Your Prayers

The newly baptized, especially **Nigel Lopez**, son of Oscar Lopez and Nancy Gonzalez, and **Emily Cecilia Stanczak**, daughter of William and Jessica Stanczak;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Jamie Merrell**, daughter of Joan and Larry Conroy, **Dorothy Hughes**, mother of Pat Hughes, **Celilia Baltazar**, **Mary McFadzean**, **Dennis Pfab**, son-in-law of Peter and Anne Gamber, **Pat Schmidt**, **Lauren Runzel**, **Pat Harker**, **Danilo Marcelino**, **Doug Winger**, **Jack Biel**, brother-in-law of Mary Lietz, and **Tim Vernon**, nephew of Ed and Mary Ann Brown;

Those in the military, especially **Caleb Hopkins**, nephew of Jo Ann Minear, **Alexander Ellis**, son of Georgie Ellis, **Ken Razionale**, **USMC**, **Catie Staub**, daughter of David and Mary Therese Staub, **Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan Olsen** and **PFC Kyle Olsen**, grandsons of Jane and Emmitt Ingram, **Lt.j.g. Anthony Grusich**, **USN**, son of Lois and Bill Grusich, and **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;

Those who have died, especially **Jack Quinn**, father of Sheila Fenn.

F A I T H † F I R S T

GOSPEL FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MATTHEW 18: 15-20

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."



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.*



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



With open arms and heart we welcome you into our Community of Faith!

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, or would like to know more about our faith? The RCIA is a process through which non-Christians, those baptized in other Christian confessions, and those baptized Catholic, but who have not celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, are brought into the church and complete their initiation.

The faith journey of each individual soul is unique and so the RCIA offers the opportunity to make the journey in a way that best suits each person. A team of parishioners and staff members, under the direction of Father Hernan Cuevas, will welcome all who wish to learn more about the process to a gathering on September 12, at 7:00pm, in the Fitzgerald Chapel. For further information, contact Father Hernan at 847-328-1430, extension 103.

The St. Athanasius Women's Club
2011-2012 Membership and Dinner

FALL DINNER

Wednesday, September 14

Mass at 6:00 pm in the Church
Social Hour and Dinner follow in the Gym

The St. Athanasius Women's Club Board invites all women of the parish to gather at the Fall Dinner to renew old friendships and make new ones. Your general membership has only one obligation: to foster camaraderie among our parish women.

Your membership dues provides the funds that enable us to contribute to the parish and to local charities. We hope you will join us for the bake sale (December 10/11), the Morning of Reflection with Mary Ruth Broz, RSM (February 25), and the Spring Luncheon at Westmoreland Country Club (April 14). Mark your calendars!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Membership Fee \$25 enclosed _____

Dinner Reservation \$15 enclosed _____

Guests Welcome \$15 enclosed _____

RSVP by Tuesday, September 6 Total _____

For your convenience, you may include both on one check, payable to the St. Athanasius Women's Club. Please return your check and updated information (for the membership directory) to

Bridget Hotchkiss
2503 Eastwood Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201.

43rd Annual J. Barry McRaith St. Athanasius Golf Classic

Friday, September 9

Peter Jans Golf Course

Registration/Lunch at Noon Shotgun Start at 1:30pm

Dinner follows under the big tent

Awards and Prizes will be given at Dinner.

We will match singles, twosomes and threesomes,
and notify everyone of their starting tee location.



Can't golf? Join us at the "19th Hole" for Cocktails and Dinner under the stars!



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| Lunch, Golf, Gift Bag, and Dinner | \$125.00 per person |
| 19th Hole Dinner only | \$50.00 per person |
| Hole Sponsorships | \$200.00 each |

Online Registration: <http://www.saintas.net/golf>

Registration by mail: Tom Leinenweber
2915 Colfax Street
Evanston, IL 60201

Make checks payable to St. Athanasius

Questions? Please call Tom Leinenweber at 312-403-1312,
Jim Daffada at 847-436-4836,
or Mike Cashion at 847-736-6869.

First Responders Mass

Everyone is invited to Notre Dame College Prep's Annual Mass Honoring First Responders on Friday, September 9 at 9:30am at Our Lady's Grotto at 7655 W. Dempster Street in Niles. All police officers, fire fighters, paramedics, nurses, etc. and their families are welcome and are encouraged to wear their uniforms, if possible. For details, contact 847-779-8610 or visit www.nddons.org/firstrespondersmass.

Consider the Priesthood

Men 22 to 40 years old are invited to participate in the INSEARCH discernment program. Pray, learn about and discuss with other men who are also discerning the possibility of diocesan priesthood in Chicago. INSEARCH meets every Tuesday night at Quigley Pastoral Center beginning October 18. Contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or bwelter@archchicago.org.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 28

Back To School Ice Cream Social, 2-4 pm, Lindley Park

Monday, August 29

Tuesday, August 30

Wednesday, August 31

Thursday, September 1

Parent Welcome Coffee, 9 am, Lindley Park

Friday, September 2

Kindergarten Parent Coffee, 9 am, Lindley Park

Saturday, September 3

Sunday, September 4

OLPH Phoenix Group to Meet September 2

This group of Catholic singles, age 60+, share a social life by attending events of common interest. Each first Friday, they get together to plan activities and work out the details. They plan movie nights and day trips in the Chicago area to supplement their monthly bridge group, restaurant group, and book group. If you would like to meet new people and make new friends, they would like to have you join them at **7:30 PM on September 2**. They meet in the Francis Room of the Lafayette Building of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Glenview. For more information, call Mary Jane at 847-398-3528.

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| 105 Marion Amling | 111 Fr. Tom Libera |
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Weekday Servers

August 29 - September 3

8:00 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Oscar Michel, Madeline Quackenbush
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Annabel and Ellie Richards

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend September 3/4

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider TBD
Lector Barb Zapszalka
Servers Thomas and Bryan Giella, Ava Hanlon
Eucharistic Ministers
Tom Meany, Barb Zapszalka,
Jackie and Mike Brennan, Helen Stake

8:00 am

Presider TBD
Lector Larry Wojcik
Servers Evan Foley, Emmet Harrigan,
Henry Hebson
Eucharistic Ministers
Jean Lauri, Debbie Haracz, Nancy Taylor,
Sally Hageman, Kerry Hubata

9:30 am

Presider TBD
Lector Sheila Fenn
Servers Genevieve and Michael Kerns,
Darci Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers
Rita Bambrick, Jill Blabolil, Lisa Weber,
Bridget Hotchkiss, Barbara O'Connor

11:30 am

Presider TBD
Lector Dan Delaney
Servers Christopher LeCompte, Gannon Lee,
Tony Loverdi
Eucharistic Ministers
John and Troy Dentzer, Carol Ekman,
Eunie and Jim Nondorf

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider TBD

Readings for the Week of August 28, 2011

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Working with the Scriptures

August 28, 2011 (Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt. 16:21-27)

”Do not conform yourselves to this age.” “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself...” Surely these words aren’t meant for us! Every time I go online I get a pop-up for some product or other that very much wants me to conform myself to this age. These messages are definitely not about denying oneself. Rather, one is to *indulge* oneself! Buy it – even if you can’t afford it. It’s what the entire credit card industry is built on and it’s a message we start teaching our children almost as soon as they’re able to say “plastic”. Check out the back-to-school ads and you’ll see what I mean.

And it doesn’t end there. As adults we become even more adept at rationalizing why we need what we [think we] need. So what if the cost of gasoline is up and they tell me that the climate is changing? What harm can one little car do? True, there may be some environmental and/or justice issues involved, but I really *need* this car. Besides, I’m a good person – I *deserve* to have some of the good things in life, don’t I? (“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world [or perhaps just a shiny new car] and forfeit his life [or the lives of generations to come]?”)

“You duped me, O Lord...” I thought that “following Jesus” just meant going to Mass on Sunday and generally trying to be a nice person. Taking up the cross of moral responsibility can be downright uncomfortable, not to mention time-consuming. For instance, I don’t have time to check out the corporate ethics of every company I buy from or own stock in. In today’s tight economy, as long as the price is low and the return high, that’s all I care about (“...thinking not as God does, but as human beings do...”). Jesus’ words might have made sense two thousand years ago, but this is 2011. We’re good Christians; we live good lives. Surely, God’s not asking *us* to *sacrifice* and be *transformed*, is He? Surely these words aren’t meant for *us*...

Vinal Van Benthem, sfo

Bridge Lessons at OLPH

This eight week course, beginning on September 7 or 8, offers all levels of play instruction. All classes will be held in the Francis Room of the Lafayette Building at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street in Glenview. Beginners meet Wednesdays 9:30-11 am; Advanced Beginners meet Thursdays 9:30-11am; Intermediates meet Thursdays 11:15am-12:45pm; Advanced meet Thursdays 1:00-2:30pm. To encourage beginners to take up the game, those lessons will be FREE. For all other skill levels, the cost is \$90. Questions? Contact Mary Ann Kendall at 847-729-8292 or maqkendall@aol.com.

Catholic Charities Gala of the Arts

The 10th Annual Gala of the Arts, presented by Fifth Third Bank, will be held on Friday, September 9 at 6:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom of Navy Pier. The recent stars of Chicago’s *Jersey Boys* will perform.

The evening features an exquisite Art Show and Sale, featuring 16 locally and internationally respected artists. A portion of the artists’ proceeds and all other funds raised at the Gala will support Catholic Charities’ Emergency Assistance Programs, which provide food, shelter, clothing and short-term financial assistance to individuals and families in need in Cook and Lake counties.

The event also includes a Golden Raffle and Pick-A-Prize with fantastic prizes including a Bulls Skybox for one game during the 2011/2012 season, a 2 night stay and 2 rounds of golf at the Grand Geneva Resort, a vacation stay in Acapulco, Mexico and so much more. Reservations begin at \$250. Please contact Ashley Owen, Event Coordinator, at 312-655-7912 or aowen@catholiccharities.net or visit www.galaoft hearts.com.

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Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 pm

Saturday 10 am-1 pm; Sunday 9 am-1 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. Hernan Cuevas.

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 Goszczyński. 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 8:00 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.

