

# The Chimes

*of Saint Athanasius Parish*

## Eucharistic Worship

### Weekends

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am  
LifeTeen 5:00 pm

### Weekdays

Monday through Friday 6:30 and 8:15 am  
Saturday 8:15 am



Some of Our Youngest  
Newly Baptized Members



Top Left: Brianna Brooke  
Middle Right: Dylan Toton  
Bottom Left: Oscar and  
Honore Michel

## Eucharistic Liturgies

November 20 – November 27, 2005

Sunday

5:00 pm (Saturday) † Tom Haracz  
 8:00 am † John & Winnie Bourke  
 9:30 am † Margaret & Ralph Bates  
 11:30 am † Noel Shaw Family  
 5:00 pm † Rose Schuba

Monday

6:30 am † Jack O'Connor  
 8:15 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius

Tuesday

6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius  
 8:15 am † Paul Gallagher

Wednesday

6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius  
 8:15 am † Michael Delaney

Thursday

9:00 am † Vincent Stanislawski

Friday

6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius  
 8:15 am † Mildred Olson

Saturday

8:15 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius  
 5:00 pm † Virginia Seelhammer

Sunday

8:00 am † Rose Schuba  
 9:30 am † Joseph Paul Perret  
 11:30 am † Mary Rose Vernon  
 5:00 pm † Marie Paul

## Annual 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 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am Masses on Sunday, December 4th, and after the 9:30 am and 11:30 am Masses on Sunday, December 11th to select one or more items from an individual or family Christmas wish list. Food baskets and presents will be delivered to the Howard Area Community Center by volunteers on Sunday,

December 18th at noon. Please call Carmelina Stoklosa at 847-328-3257 or Lisa Gobbi at 847-869-7369 if you are able to volunteer for the sign-ups or delivery or if you have questions about the program.

## New Hope Apartment Update

Your gifts to the New Hope Apartment Fund will soon be put to good use! As you recall, the fund will help provide rent for up to two years to assist a family moving from homelessness to self-sufficiency. When we began with an appeal for donations, St. A's and St. Mary's parishes were working with Catholic Charities on the project. Recently St. Joseph's parish in Wilmette joined us in the undertaking.

Catholic Charities has secured and negotiated the lease on a two-bedroom apartment in Evanston. Catholic Charities staff members are now overseeing work to prepare the apartment for the family and, at the same time, reviewing candidates for the apartment. They expect that the family will be moving in on December 1.

At St. A's, you donated a total of \$11,023 to the fund. Thank you again for your wonderful generosity!

*The Peace and Justice Ministry*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year Goal (2005-6)	\$606,579
As of 9/30/05:	
Year To Date Goal	\$214,092
Year To Date Actual	\$172,317
Year To Date Deficit	(\$41,775)
Average Sunday Collection Needed	\$11,894
Average Sunday Collection To Date	\$9,573

#### Collections for October 30

Offertory	\$7,117
St. Agnes	\$283
All Souls	\$185

#### Collections for November 6

Offertory	\$12,378
St. Agnes	\$3,291
All Saints	\$249
All Souls	\$277
Propagation of the Faith	\$570
St. Agnes Scholarship	\$200

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week: Campaign for Human Development

Thanksgiving:  
 St. Vincent dePaul Society



Next Week: None

## Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is one of the few holidays that has not yet been swept up by frenzy or commercial excess. At its core it is still a time for gathering with family and friends around a table of plenty. (TV football in the background is an option.)

Again this year we have two opportunities to gather as people of faith to acknowledge our thankfulness that we are the Lord's people and that all blessings belong to the Lord.

**The Seventh Annual Evanston Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service** this year is 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 23 at Second Baptist Church at 1717 Benson Avenue, along the El tracks in downtown Evanston. In addition to special music and prayers, Fr. Bob Oldershaw will be the guest speaker. Fr. Bob will be retiring as Pastor of St. Nicholas Church next July, so this might be one of the last times to hear Fr. Oldershaw in full blossom.

Our own special **Thanksgiving Day Mass will take place at 9:00 am**. Gathered at the Lord's Table we sing good music. The open mike allows anyone to share the reasons that they are thankful. That is when, I believe, the Lord delights in seeing how we feed each other.

You and your family are especially invited to these two special Thanksgiving services.

## Human Rights

Former POW John McCain has placed before the Senate a bill banning "torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" by any U.S. personnel. "American values," the senator comments, "should win against all others in any way of ideas, and we can't let prisoner abuse tarnish our image."

Vice President Dick Cheney, lobbying to exempt the CIA from the ban, says, "We also have to work sort of the dark side. It's going to be vital for us to use any means at our disposal, basically."

The question of torture by our side is out of the bag. Whether it is torture inflicted on a nameless and hidden "high value" prisoner or instead is the tortured lifelong memories of a brave soldier returning from a tour or two in a place called harms way, this high value question especially speaks to a person trying to live the gospel value of first not corrupting ourselves.

Mixed amid the fears arguing that without torture we might miss information about a terrorist attack on us, or underneath the counter argument that torture is ineffective, more basic than the turnoffs to rational discourse following being tagged blue or red, Republican or Democrat, is the faith question of how we allow ourselves to treat the least of our brothers and sisters. Today's gospel warns us to find out if we are with the sheep or the goats.

## Can You Hear Me?

Thanks to **Forward With Faith** funds, within the next few weeks two additional speakers will be mounted mid-way in the church to improve "hear-ability." Both you and I will then be a little happier.

In the Lord's Blessings,

Fr. Tom Libera

# Parish News

## Area Communal Penance Services for Advent

Sheil Catholic Center—Tuesday, November 29, 7:30 pm  
St. Nicholas Church—Tuesday, December 6, TBA  
St. Athanasius Church—Monday, December 12, 7:30 pm  
St. Mary's Church—Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 pm

## The St. A's Bookclub

...will gather for their next meeting on December 8th at 7:30 pm. We are reading the novel *Searching for Caleb* by Anne Tyler. Anyone who has read the book and would like to join the discussion is welcome to come. We gather in the Fitzgerald Center Chapel; just enter on Ashland Street (the first door after the alley). Special Christmas refreshments will be provided as an enticement.

## Attention Lectors!

Your 2006 Lector Workbook has arrived. The books are in the Ashland Street sacristy. Please pick up your book as soon as possible. The first Sunday of Advent is November 27. The December/January schedules will be in the mail soon.

## Thanksgiving Food Collection

It's time for the Thanksgiving Food Collection for St. Agnes Parish. This year we will deliver the turkeys and food on Monday, November 21st. TODAY is the last day for donations. Thanks for always supporting this project! Please make checks out to the "Thanksgiving Food Collection" and mail to Lloyd and Katie Maday, 2748 Eastwood, Evanston, IL 60201. If you have any questions, call 847-475-1538.

## *Please Remember In Your Prayers. . .*

The newly baptized, especially **Emma Grace Johnston**, daughter of Adam and Daniela Johnston.

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Leo Kirwan, Elizabeth Adamson, John Kelly, Aiden Brennan, Leo E. Smith, Virginia Lindley, Marion Benedict, Michael Maloney, Genevieve Baniak, Carmelo Sabatino, Amy Royer, Joe Williams, Phyllis Staub**, mother of David Staub, **Ken Berg**, uncle of Dave Berg, **Rose Connor**, niece of Nancy and Bob Doyle, **Patty Girardi**, daughter of Betty Ward, **Mary Regina Ganey**, mother of Rita Weinberg, and former parishioner **Grace Mertz**;

Those in the military, especially **Jacob Meyers, Chris Straub, Maura Sullivan, Catie Staub, Capt. Chris Brennan, Jay Dettloff, Alex Manettas, Dylan Binder, Michael Prato, Andrew Best, Col. Glenn Wortmann, Sgt. Shannon Gillette, Matthew Grelck, Major Mark Gleisner, Matthew Janicki, Capt. Andrew Webster** and **Brian McCormick**;

Those who have died, especially **Sonia Masello**, mother of Steven Masello.

## Thanksgiving Services

### Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service

Second Baptist Church  
1717 Benson (Downtown Evanston near  
Church and Purple Line tracks)  
7:30 pm, Wednesday, November 23  
Fr. Bob Oldershaw  
from St. Nicholas, guest speaker

### St. Athanasius Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:00 am

## The St. Athanasius Women's Club Bake Sale

...will be held on December 3rd and 4th in the school cafeteria after all the Masses. Donated baked goods will be accepted from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm on Saturday and before all the Masses on Sunday. We request that the donated baked goods list the ingredients. Please be sure to attend and if possible to donate to this wonderful fund raiser. This is your chance to sample delectable items from some of the best cooks in the parish.





## St. Athanasius Children's Caroling Choir

For all children in the Parish, ages Kindergarten through 8th Grade—who are interested in singing Christmas carols before the 9:30 am Mass to help make our Advent season a special one!

Children interested in being in the Caroling Choir will be invited to gather at the main entrance to church, with at least one parent, at 9:10 am on any or all of the four Sundays during Advent (beginning November 27) to sing Christmas carols inside the main entrance to the church, or outside if the weather permits, to welcome parishioners as they arrive for the 9:30 Mass.

We will provide all carolers a booklet of 10-12 carols (with words and music), and a CD of the first verse of each carol, for those who would like to practice at home.

Two rehearsal times will be offered on Sunday, November 20:

10:30 am—11:15 am (in the Church), and  
Noon—1:00 pm (in the Hartke Room, with lunch provided).

You must go to one of the rehearsals to pick up your Carol Booklet and your CD of the songs, and to go through all of the songs.

Children who are interested in being in this special caroling choir should fill out the kids' caroling sign up sheet located in the back of the church, and we will contact you about specifics.

OLPH Women's Club Guild 34 presents

### *Holly Carol*

Featuring

*Mark Forrest*  
International Irish Tenor



Performing

### *The Story of Christmas in Concert*

*For further information contact:* Sunday, December 18, 2005

Andrea Macina at 847-729-5818,  
mogabsuemo@comcast.net,  
or visit [www.markforrest.com](http://www.markforrest.com)

Seating is limited.

Church doors will open  
at 6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
1775 Grove Street  
Glenview, IL 60025

Tickets:

Adults \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door  
Children \$5 (12 & under)

**For advance tickets, enclose checks payable to  
OLPH Women's Club Guild 34 and mail to  
Yolanda Hart, 250 Violet St., Glenview, IL 60026  
before December 10, 2005.**

## Celebrate Giving with Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago needs assistance in its Celebration of Giving, a month-long effort to collect Christmas gifts for families who are unable to afford buying gifts for their children.

Through the Toy Shower, new unwrapped toys in their original packaging are collected through December 12 for children newborn to 18. Volunteers are needed through December 16. To get involved, contact Erin Kavanagh at 312-655-7912.

Sponsor-A-Family helps families who are most in needs, responding to their basic wishes for clothing, household items, books, or school items through December 5.

Contact Shannon McClowry at 312-948-6797.

[www.catholiccharities.net/celebration](http://www.catholiccharities.net/celebration)

## Parish Calendar

### *Sunday, November 20*

M.O.M.S., 8-10 am, Teen Room  
Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School  
Children's Choir Practice, 12-1 pm, Hartke  
Athletics, 1-7 pm, Gym  
LifeTeen, 7-10 pm, Teen Room  
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

### *Monday, November 21*

Athletics, 3:30-8 pm, Gym

### *Tuesday, November 22*

Athletics, 3:30-6:30 pm, Gym  
Cub Scouts, 6:30-9pm, Gym/Lunchroom  
M.O.M.S., 7:30-9 pm, Teen Room

### *Wednesday, November 23*

Soul Sisters, 9-11 am, Fitzgerald Chapel  
Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym  
Chess, 7-8:30 pm, Lunchroom  
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel  
H<sub>2</sub>O, 7-8:30 PM, Teen Room

### *Thursday, November 24*

### *Friday, November 25*

Athletics, 3:30-6:30 pm, Gym

### *Saturday, November 26*

Athletics, 8 am- 8 pm, Gym

### *Sunday, November 27*

Athletics, 1-7 pm, Gym  
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm

## *Advent Candle Tradition*

*The first Sunday (November 27)*  
a purple candle for the prophets

*The second Sunday (December 4)*  
a purple candle for the birthplace

*The third Sunday (December 11)*  
a pink candle for angels

*The fourth Sunday (December 18)*  
a purple candle for the worship and  
gifts of the wise men

*Christmas Day (December 25)*  
Christ Candle as the fifth candle

## Weekday Servers November 21-26

**8:15 am** Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday  
Emily and Abby Blabolil  
Thursday/Friday/Saturday  
Connor Berg, Christine Brown

## Liturgical Ministers

Thanksgiving Day—November 24

9:00 am Thursday

**Presiders** Fr. Libera, Fr. Sztorc

**Lector** Chris Talbot

**Servers** Connor Berg, Christine Brown

Next Weekend November 26/27

5:00 pm Saturday

**Presider** Fr. Libera

**Lector** Barb Zapszalka

**Servers** Grace Kaminski, Maggie and Moira  
Dillon

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Rita and Tom Kent, Jackie and Mike  
Brennan, Barb Zapszalka

8:00 am

**Presider** Fr. Sztorc

**Lector** Amy Fischl

**Servers** Patrick Harmon, Patrick Walsh, Jake  
Miller

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Judy Berg, Walter Farrell, Bruno  
Jaselskis, Bill Kauffman, Joseph Walsh

9:30 am

**Presider** Fr. Stoeger

**Lector** Josie Vorda

**Servers** Lauren Teske, Evan Swensen, Nora  
Thompson

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Jill Blabolil, Tim Burke, Jean Peters,  
Donna Consolo, Michael Sultan

11:30 am

**Presider** Fr. Heidenreich

**Lector** Mary Rooney

**Servers** Connor Enochs, Shannon Harvey,  
Kyle Enochs

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Joan Johnson, Mary Ann Harvey, Bill  
and Sue Harmon, Devin Kincaid

5:00 pm Sunday

**Presider** Fr. Watts



## Readings for the Week of November 20, 2005

Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/ Mt 25:31-46
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/ Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45/ Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/ Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Sir 50:22-24 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27/ Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

## Working with the Scriptures November 20, 2005 (*Mt.25: 31-46*)

He was sitting in the third row, a young man, tall and strongly built. The topic was the Spirituality of Work. I had been making the point that it is through our work, paid or unpaid, that we cooperate with God in building the Kingdom. I asked the group how they might see their own work as cooperating with God. The first one with his hand up, a nurse, was easy. *"I was ill and you cared for me."* A teacher quickly recognized the value of teaching. Then the young man's hand went up. "I drive a truck for a soft drink company. How can that be holy?" *"I was thirsty and you gave me drink."*

Another man spoke up. "I'm a guard in a juvenile detention facility." *"I was in prison and you visited me."* A woman who works as a waitress was next. "I work hard but it doesn't feel particularly 'holy', especially when the food takes too long and the customer gets angry." "What do you do then?" I asked. "Well, I apologize and try to give them a little something extra to make them feel better, like a free beverage or a coupon to use the next time they come in." *"I was hungry and you gave me food... a stranger and you welcomed me."*

Jesus isn't talking about rocket science here (although rocket science, too, is holy work, insofar as it helps us to realize ourselves more fully as a global community). Jesus is talking about how we treat one another, locally as well as globally, day in and day out. God could easily have created everything in perfection (remember the garden?) but instead God chose to invite us into God's work. There are many kinds of illness (mental and spiritual as well as physical), many kinds of hunger (for knowledge?) and thirst (for dignity?), many prisons (addictions and compulsions). When we pray the Our Father we pray "...Thy kingdom come...". When we do holy work we cooperate with God in answering that prayer. How does our work cooperate in building the Kingdom?

*Vinal Van Benthem*

## Messiah Sing-Along

Come join St. Ignatius Church on December 4th, at 7:30 pm for a Sing-Along performance to Handel's "Messiah". The concert will feature rising-star professional soloists, members of the St. Ignatius Chorus and musicians from the Metropolis Orchestra. St. Ignatius is located at 6559 North Glenwood, two blocks west of Sheridan Road and the Red Line Loyola stop. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students or seniors. For more information or for tickets call 773-764-5936.

## Attention Northwestern Alums!

The Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University is updating their records and would love to hear from you. Please send any updates online to [www.sheil.northwestern.edu](http://www.sheil.northwestern.edu) or call 847-328-4648 for more information.

## Tea at Techny

...presents "The Gift of Advent...Slowing Us Down, Waking Us Up", a talk presented by Mary Ruth Broz, RSM, on November 30, from 4:30—5:30 pm at the Divine Word Mission Center at 1835 Waukegan Road in Techny, Illinois. Tickets are \$20 per person. For reservations call Marcia Fischer at 847-272-7600.

## Family Game Night

District 65 Family Center invites you and your children to Family Game Night on Wednesday, November 30 from 6 pm to 8 pm. The object of this evening is to bring your favorite game to life by becoming a human game piece or a contestant in a game show. We will play Family Feud, Monopoly, Game of Life, and Wheel of Fortune. For more information and to reserve your space, call 847-859-8550. The Family Center is located at 1500 McDaniel Avenue in Evanston.

# St. Athanasius Parish

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## Pastors

Rev. Thomas Libera, *Pastor*  
Rev. Richard Sztorc, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. James Stoeger, S.J., *Weekend Assistant*

## Parish Office

847-328-1430 (fax) 847-328-1809  
Secretary'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*  
Barbara Bonier, *Office Manager*  
Marion Amling, *Business Manager*  
Janice Moore-Rivas, *Administrative Assistant*

## Parish School

2510 Ashland Avenue  
Evanston, IL 60201-2319  
School Office 847-864-2650  
(fax) 847-475-7385

## Parish School Staff

Mary Lietz, *School Administrator*  
Suzanne Hanley, *Administrative Assistant*

## Pastoral Staff

Buildings and Grounds  
Jose Moreno, *Facilities Manager*

## Catholic Chaplain

Evanston Hospital 570-2330  
Sr. Ann Weiler, O.S.F.

## Deacon

Richard S. Jay

## Music Ministry 864-3978

## Pastoral Associate 328-5979

Razia Khokhar

## Religious Education 328-5931

Carolyn Groves, *Director*  
Bridget Hotchkiss, *Coordinator*

## Youth Ministry 328-1430

Christina Thompson, *Director*

## 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](mailto:chimes@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 a staff member.

## 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 House to make arrangements.

## Confirmation

preparation begins in the middle of the 7th grade year; the sacrament is celebrated during the winter of the 8th grade year. 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 Razia Khokhar. First Eucharist preparation for children begins in 1st grade and the sacrament is celebrated in the spring of 2nd grade.

## Matrimony

arrangements are made by contacting one of the priests at the Parish House. 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 House.

## 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.



*Thank you, Newman Singers!*