

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.*



Our Family Program 5th Graders roll out “The Scroll”, a year’s record of learning.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2010

Eucharistic Liturgies

May 16 - 23, 2010

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Bea Biondi
- 8:00 am † Gene Jones
- 9:30 am † Ed & Dorothy Hanlon
- 11:30 am † Tom Harvey
- 5:00 pm † William Polston

Monday

- 6:30 am † Rosemary Doherty
- 8:15 am † Silas Patton

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Sarah Mero
- 8:15 am † Tom Kent

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Tecla Coccia
- 8:15 am † Walt Ward

Thursday

- 6:30 am † Fred Sextro
- 8:15 am † Richard Sonnicksen

Friday

- 6:30 am † Charles Black
- 8:15 pm † Louise Neafsey

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Francis Corby
- 5:00 pm † Tom Harvey

Sunday

- 8:00 am † Dorothy Sharie
- 9:30 am † Tom Kent
- 11:30 am † Miles Maloney
- 5:00 pm † Anne Calkins

Community Mental Health Conference

The Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute for Mental Health Education at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology will hold its 9th annual conference at Beth Emet Synagogue in Evanston on Sunday, May 23. **St. Athanasius is one of the 127 sponsors.** The title of this year's conference is "Discovering Hope: Understanding Addictions", and will feature nationally recognized experts who will address the varied nature of addiction, its different causes and treatments. For more information, call 312-467-2552 or visit the website at www.naomicohenfoundation.org. Brochures are also available in the church vestibule.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary, the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. (Acts 1:14)

Risen One, Core of Community, whenever we gather, you are with us. Whenever we gather, the ancestors are near. Whenever we gather, you make of our hearts on heart. Risen One, we welcome you into our midst.

*from Out of the Ordinary:
Prayers, Poems and Reflections for Every Season
by Joyce Rupp*

Car Wash to Fund Education of Ugandan Girls

Saturday, May 22

The St. Athanasius School graduating Class of 2010 is sponsoring a car wash to support the education of Ugandan girls. Enter the school parking lot from Eastwood Avenue from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Rain date will be Sunday, May 23 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Please come out and support this worthy cause. They'll make your car sparkle!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory May 8/9	\$7,352
Catholic Charities.....	\$4,819
ParishPay for April	\$13,955

~ Thank You ~
Every Contribution Matters
Every Parishioner Counts



OUTREACH COLLECTIONS

This Week: Ascension

Next Week: None

Foundation for Children in Need

Enjoy an evening of fellowship and thanksgiving at the **Fourth Annual Foundation Evening** on Friday, May 28, 5:30 pm, at St. James Parish Center, 820 Arlington Heights Road in Arlington Heights. The foundation is a non-profit organization founded by Tom Chitta and Geetha Yeruva to provide help to needy children, college students and the elderly in the rural villages of India. They would like to express their gratitude to God and to all of their sponsors and donors, including many St. A's people. Dinner will be served at 7 pm followed by a short presentation and music. There will be a silent auction to raise funds for construction of a new dormitory for girls. Please RSVP to Tom Chitta at tomchitta@hotmail.com or 847-924-3284. Visit the website at www.fcindia.org.

Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education

I would like to welcome you to our new Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education which was built as a result of our archdiocese's respond to the call of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops' Justice for Immigrants – Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform launched in June 2005. Our office combines the efforts of the *Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform* and the *Pastoral Migratoria*. Together we will continue to work as God's disciples in collaboration with civil, government and other religious groups by supporting the life and dignity of each member of God's family, especially the immigrant.

Our focus is to work in three steps:

1. Educate Catholics and the general public to understand the dignity of every immigrant as a human being and to recognize the benefits of immigrants and immigration to our nation; and to educate the undocumented community to safeguard their basic civil rights and family unit.
2. Advocate for compassionate comprehensive Immigration reform (using the principles of the U.S. Catholic bishops), and for humane treatment of immigrant detainees and deportees.
3. Empower immigrants to help their own communities through ministries of service, leadership formation, and justice actions implementing and coordinating *Pastoral Migratoria (immigrant to immigrant ministry)* in clusters of immigrant parishes with lay leadership teams.

God's family is neither complete nor authentic until all human persons are living in safety, in dignity, and in community. Let us be that welcoming and empowering community, enlightened by understanding and compassion, working to bring about justice for all...on earth as it is in heaven.

May our God of justice, compassion and peace bless you in your interest in our ministry.

Peace,
Elena Segura

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Parish Weekend of Renewal

Fr. Tom Sweetser S.J. will speak at all of the Masses this weekend about the LEAVEN (Laity: Exploring, Active, Vocal, Engaged, Nourished) process that nurtures creativity and shared responsibility at St. Athanasius.

Volunteer Opportunity

On the second Monday of each month, St. Athanasius' priests say a short Mass in the Elliot Chapel at the Presbyterian Home on Grant Street in northwest Evanston. Help is needed to set up the altar and assist in pushing the wheelchair bound residents from their rooms to the chapel. The total monthly commitment is about 1½ hours, from about 2:30 to 4:00 pm. It is an easy but very rewarding job. Please call Sue Harmon (847-491-9197), Jane Goodman (847-492-7760) or Ruth Wheeler (847-492-7746) if you are able to help out each month or on an occasional basis.

Diaper Bank Donations Needed

Food stamps do not cover diapers and most women in the lower income brackets don't have access to washing machines. Day care centers won't take kids without disposable diapers. We will be collecting cartons of diapers in church during the month of May on behalf of Connections for the Homeless in Evanston. Please consider donating a carton.

Effective August 23, 2010,
the Monday through Saturday
8:15 am Mass
will be changed to
8:00 am.

Choir Concert Here June 2

The 125 year old "Branko" Choir from Nis (named after a 19th century Serbian poet) will treat us with a concert in our church on Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 pm. Their repertoire includes Slavic a cappella Church music in harmony. More information about this rare event is coming.

Soup Kitchen

The next **Thursday** soup kitchen will be on **May 20** at First United Methodist Church, 1630 Hinman Avenue, 4:30-7:30 pm (meal served at 6:00). Contact Kris Koenig-Morel (475-2104) or Christine Carlson (869-4160). The next **Sunday** soup kitchen will be on **May 23** at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1004 Greenwood Street, 1:30-4:00 pm (meal served at 2:45). Contact Michael Masini (847-869-4321). Please consider giving them a helping hand.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The newly engaged, especially **Aaron Trulley** and **Sarah Martin** (I);

The newly baptized, especially **Knox Jeffrey Hildebrand**, son of Arthur and Jeanine Hildebrand;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Nancy Sweeney**, **Pat Schmidt**, **Marianne Trombello**, **Marguerite Cuny**, **Ginny Martin**, niece of Larry and Joan Conroy, **Jerry Barkulis**, **Janet Strup**, **Tim Hendershot**, **Katie Ryan**, **Mary Chmielowski**, **Marge Baas**, **Collin Wehr**, **Michele Rene Kennedy**, daughter of Dorothy Kennedy, and **Kathleen Freestone**, niece of Mary Lietz;

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 Emmet Ingram, and **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;

Those who have died, especially **Helen Fitzpatrick Wieland**, mother of Maurice Ann Sullivan, **Merrit Hicks**, **Adam (Eddie) Kozirowski**, father of Ed Kozirowski, **Stanley Brandt**, husband of Claudia Brandt, **Charles McDonald**, former parishioner **Mary Ellen Taylor**, and **Maria DeJesus Cisneros**, mother of Fr. Pedro Campos.

Parish Leadership

Our Parish Leadership meets on the first Monday of each month. Each participant is a member of one of our 5 Coordinating Groups, and those Coordinating Groups meet from 7:00 until 8:30 pm. Representatives from each of the Coordinating Groups serve on our Parish Pastoral Council, which meets from 8:30 to 9:30 pm that same evening. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate on one of our Coordinating Groups - Administration, Community, Faith Development, Outreach, or Worship - and offer an hour of your time each month in service on behalf of your parish community.

Our next Leadership Meeting will be held on Monday night, June 7, 2010, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, in the Fitzgerald Chapel. Please come to see these Coordinating Groups in action and the work they do on behalf of St. Athanasius Parish.



Minutes from Recent Leadership Nights:

Administration

The Administration Coordinating Group plans to facilitate the creation of a Parish Strategic Plan, to more appropriately align our Masses, our programs, and other areas of our parish life with our current needs. We are reviewing prior surveys and assessments done at St. Athanasius in the past 6 years, to begin to identify goals.

Community

The Community Coordinating group recently held receptions to recognize volunteers involved in ministries of the altar at the Sunday Masses, including Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Care, and Lectors. A system to feature pictures of new parishioners, and newly baptized babies and their parents, in the church vestibule is also in the works. A list will be created of Ushers who are available to help on special occasions.

A schedule for after-Mass Hospitality will be created and distributed, so that parish groups (or families) will have an opportunity to host over the summer. We plan to feature that group on the cover of *The Chimes* that weekend, with accompanying information to highlight the work they do for (or on behalf of) our parish, and the opportunities that exist for parishioner participation.

Faith Development and Outreach

The Faith Development Group has set two priorities for the coming year: Volunteer Involvement and Parish Unity. Leaders from different parish events will be invited to come to discuss the goals of their events, and evaluate the success of the event relative to these goals.

Worship

The Worship group will recruit docents and begin "Tours of Our Church", a series of 10 minute tours to be given after Mass. We have identified 5 topics for the tours: The Sanctuary, The Windows Part I, The Windows Part II (Choir Loft and Altar Windows), The Sacristy, and The Architecture of St. Athanasius. Follow-up for the Catholics Come Home campaign, and revival of our Greeters ministry, are items that will be addressed.

St. A Café Soup Kitchen

Sunday, May 23

Brunch Bee

10:45 am in the school lunchroom

For the Take-Home bags we still need:

- 250 slices of whole wheat sandwich bread
- 250 slices of cheese
- 250 slices of ham or turkey
- 12 dozen hard boiled eggs
- 125 juice boxes or bags
- 125 apples or oranges

Non-perishable items may be brought to the school office during the week. Please bring perishable items to the lunchroom on May 23. Contact Cynthia Splatt at csplatt@stathanasius-evanston.org or 847-328-1430, ext. 124 to let us know what you will be bringing.

Afternoon Meal 1:30 – 4:00 pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

1004 Greenwood Street in Evanston

We will prepare what may be the most popular menu: grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. We cook the burgers and dogs on site, which means we need three grills and a crew of about 20. If you would like to help, contact Michael Masini at mvmasini@sbcglobal.net or 847-869-4321. Here are the items we still need to complete the menu:

- 30 lbs potato salad
- fruit for 100 (please include watermelon)
- desserts



Office for the Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY)

In recent years the Archdiocese of Chicago has established four programs in the OPCY to effectively protect children and young people from the extraordinary harm of sexual abuse and to aid in the healing of those who survive such abuse.

- The Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review provides a compassionate and thorough process for investigating all reports of child abuse by personnel of the Archdiocese of Chicago.
- The Office of Assistance Ministry provides outreach and healing resources to survivors of childhood sexual abuse and their families.
- The Safe Environment Office coordinates ongoing training and background checks for all Archdiocesan clergy, employees and volunteers.
- The Compliance Supervisor monitors those who have been removed from ministry and oversees their Program of Prayer and Penance.

The services of these offices are available to anyone. Contact information is available on the Archdiocese of Chicago website at www.archchicago.org by clicking on the “Protecting Children” heading. Please continue to offer suggestions and prayers guided by Christ’s Spirit for the needed actions for healing from the results of sexual abuse for the victims, their families, the perpetrators, the church faithful and its leaders.

Gospel for May 23, 2010

Solemnity of Pentecost

John 14:15-16, 23b-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always.

“Whoever loves me will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words;

yet the word you hear is not mine

but that of the Father who sent me.

“I have told you this while I am with you.

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all that I told you.”



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.*

Scripture Question of the Week

Jesus assures us of the constant support of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Much will be asked of us, but if we follow God's will, we will be strengthened by God's love. In what part of our lives do we need the support of the Holy Spirit?

Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 16

Monday, May 17

Tuesday, May 18

School Board, 7 pm, Hartke
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church

Wednesday, May 19

Sports Banquet, 6:30 pm, Gym
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel

Thursday, May 20

Cub Scout Pack #931, 7 pm, Gym
St. A's Book Club, 7 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel

Friday, May 21

Saturday, May 22

Eighth Grade Car Wash, 10 am-1 pm, Parking Lot
(*Rain Date, Sunday 1-3 pm*)

Sunday, May 23

Spring Festival Concert at Alice Millar Chapel

Come hear the music of John Corigliano at the chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road in Evanston, on **Sunday, May 16** at 7 pm, performed by the Alice Millar Chapel Choir and Soloists and the Northwestern University Brass Ensemble. Admission is a free will offering.

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 May 17 - 22

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Sebastian DesRoberts, Fiona Dillon
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Cassie Dooley, Kate Elisha

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend May 22/23

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Sztorc

Lector Barbara Zapszalka

Servers Christian & Ian Swenson, Molly Braasch

Eucharistic Ministers

Barbara Zapszalka, Tom Meany,
Jake Nobel, Lori & Stan Goszczynski

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Libera

Lector John Labbe

Servers John Charron,
Clare & Christopher Affinito

Eucharistic Ministers

Steve Jennings, Kerry Hubata,
Walter Farrell, Bruno Jaselskis,
Chris Talbot

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc

Lector Peggy McCarthy

Servers Nico Couri,
Matthew & Topher Andersen

Eucharistic Ministers

Bob Curley, Maria Slowinski,
David Staub, Claire Labbe,
John Osterlund

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera

Lector Tim McPike

Servers Nicholas Cassier,
Michael & Connor Carlin

Eucharistic Ministers

Bill & Sue Harmon, Marge Foley,
Eunie & Jim Nondorf

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Watts

Readings for the Week of May 16, 2010

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Working with the Scriptures

May 16, 2010 (*Lk. 24:46-53*)

Fr. Ron Rolheiser in his book, *The Holy Longing*, talks about the importance of letting go of something we love so that it can bless us. He uses the image of the Ascension to illustrate his point. It's as if the child about to be born were to grab onto its mother's body. If the child refused to leave the womb it would die. In letting go, however, the child is freed to experience life in a new way. It seems simple, but sometimes...

It all happened so fast. One minute Tom was working at his desk and the next he was in his boss's office hearing his boss tell him that the company no longer had need of his services. At first it all seemed like some kind of bad dream. For the next week or two Tom even continued to go to work in order to finish a project the boss had asked him to tie up before he left. But every day brought him one day closer to being without a job and gradually the reality of the situation began to settle in. Tom talked to friends, searched job sites and submitted his resume when anything seemed even a little promising, but there were no offers. Nobody was hiring. And that's when he decided. He would start his own company. It had always been his dream to set out on his own; now he would do it.

And so he did. Tom contacted a couple of his friends and they agreed to give it a try. That was three years ago. Today the company employs four full time people and business is booming. Recently Tom ran into his old boss at a local restaurant and he thanked him for giving him the push he needed to start his own business.

"Release and bless." A spouse dies; a child marries; a close friend moves away. Endings – and beginnings. We cannot begin the new until we have let the old go so that it can bless us. What do we need to let go of? How can it bless us?

Vinal Van Benthem

Help a Reader Blossom

Many adults need help improving basic reading, writing or speaking skills. The VITA Program of Oakton Community College in Skokie needs tutors. The training will be held in three sessions on June 3, 8 and 24. For more information, call 847-635-1426.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Brother Jim O'Brien, OFM, conv. of Marytown, invites you to join him on the 56th U.S. National Lourdes Pilgrimage June 29-July 8. He will be accompanied by a medical staff to assist the needs of the pilgrims. Visits will also be made to Gavarnie and St. Jean de Luz. For details, contact Brother Jim at 847-367-7800 or visit the website at www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com.

Out of the Darkness

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is hosting this community walk at the Chicago Botanic Gardens, 1000 Lake Cook Road in Glencoe, on Saturday, September 25, 8 am-11 am, with a reception afterwards. To register to walk or to donate visit <http://afsp.donordrive.com/event/chicago>. If you are currently in crisis, call the National Help Line at 800-273-8255.

Joyful Again!

If you are widowed, this program is designed to help you move on with your life while treasuring your past and its precious memories. The next retreat will be on June 12 & 13 at St. Julie Billiart Parish in Tinley Park. For more information, call 708-354-7211 or email joyfulagain@att.net. You may also visit the website at www.joyfulagain.org.

St. Athanasius Parish

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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‡)

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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 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 8:15 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.



St. A's 2010 8th Grade Play: "Get Real!"