January 11, 2009

The Baptism of the Lord

The most expensive sandals

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:
All new families are welcome to the Parish and every family should be properly registered. Registration forms are available at the Rectory.

Use of the electronic giving (Faith Direct) or envelope system is required if statement of contribution is sought for tax purposes. All parishioners should use either one of the donation forms. If you move or change your address, please notify the Rectory by mail.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
First Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM only. Parents should make arrangements by calling the Rectory no later than 2 weeks before the Baptism. Parents must attend the Baptism instructions before Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:
Time available: Saturday 11 AM-3 PM; Sunday 2:30 PM-3 PM
Couples must make arrangements six months prior to the selected date of their marriage and fully participate in the “Pre-Cana” Parish at home.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
It is the process for adults wishing to become Catholic, complete their sacramental initiation, or attain full membership in the Church. For further information, please contact Ms. Janine Kramer.
Help the Homeless

Homeless men living under Flushing Meadow Bridges need clothing. For a number of years now and thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, every Sunday morning during the winter months, we bring hot chocolate, a sandwich and some warm clothes to a group of homeless men living under the bridges and surrounding areas of Flushing Meadows Corona Park. These are men who for different reasons have given up on life and seen unable to cope with it. As the cold weather approaches, once again we are preparing to start our mission and we need clothing. If you have warm clothes and blankets that are clean and in good condition and would like to donate them please call us and we will pick them up. For more information call Jorge at (718) 224-8187 or (718) 423-5988.

Annual Coat Drive

We have been off to a slow but steady start to our seventh coat drive. St. Anastasia School did their own drive which was very successful; in fact they were able to collect more coats this year than last year. Thank you St. Anastasia children for your great effort. My self and my associate, Patti Rifino saw firsthand this past week what this economy has been doing to our already poor sister parish, St. Margaret Mary in Long Island City. We dropped off bags of gently used clothing as well as coats and were able to see how the clothes are sorted and distributed. They have volunteers sorting as the people were waiting outside the door to come and pick out what they need, as well as some food from the parish food pantry. Since there is such a need, I am going to continue to collect coats and clothes at my office year round and make distributions to St. Margaret’s as well as St. Fidelis in College Point and the early Head Start program for VNS in Rockaway. Please drop off your gently used clothing and coats at my office: Bryce Rea 250-02 Northern Blvd. 9AM—5PM and if that is not possible give me a call and I will come by and pick up your items. My number is: (917) 796-2990. Again, Patti and I thank you and I know if the places we visit could speak to you personally they would say the same.

Need a ride to Church?

Century Car Service is offering a special rate to parishioners who need a ride to Sunday Mass. This offer is only available to get to St. Anastasia Church for Sunday Mass. The fee is $5.00 plus any gratuity they choose to give. (This is a 16% reduction in their usual rate. Just advise the dispatcher that you are going to St. Anastasia Church in Douglaston in order to get the discount.) Century Car is located at Springfield Blvd and Union Turnpike in Bayside. Call (718) 740-6600 or (718) 428-1010.

Leisure Club

Trip to Atlantic City on Monday, January 26, 2009 $30. pp. For more information and to sign up, call Peg Meek at (718) 428-2833.

Pre-Cana Programs at Bishop Molloy Retreat House

Pre-Cana programs for engaged couples, which fulfill the requirements of the Diocese of Brooklyn, will be held on the weekends of February 7—8 and September 19—20, 2009 at Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica, NY. Program runs from 9:00 AM Saturday through 5:00 PM Sunday. Fee for each couple: $175.00 (commuting) or $350.00 (overnight including dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday). For more information and/or register contact www.bishopmolloy.org or email at bmehtab@cpprov.org or you can call us at (718) 739-1229.

Volunteers Wanted

The Christmas Fair committee would like to give a hearty Thank You to: Mrs. Patricia Cawley, Mrs. Amparo Minogue and Mrs. Grace DiSicala for their generous donations of Raffle Prizes to the fair! These functions are always the work of many hands! We apologize for the oversight!
Movie Club is offered to adults only. We are selecting movies that are interesting, inspiring, sometimes forgotten, thought-provoking and artistically significant. We use the Youth Center, which is equipped with AC, comfy couches, decent stereo sound and big-size projection screen. Snacks, wine and soda are served.

**Good News from the School Principal**

Let it (not) snow...

By Lucy Mihulka, Principal

A reminder for the snowy days ahead – Please listen to 880 WCBS AM, 1010 WINS AM and 710 WOR AM. If the public schools are closed, we are closed. If they are not closed, a decision will be made by the area Principals by 6:30AM. If we decide to close, the emergency phone chain will be activated and the message on the school answering machine will state that school is closed.

Bishop DiMarzio has mandated a **uniform** registration and re-registration timeline throughout the entire Diocese of Brooklyn for the 2009-2010 school year. “This uniform timeline will promote a true sense of communion among all of our elementary schools, allow parents to register their children with clarity, and provide a fair situation for all schools”. In accordance with Bishop DiMarzio’s mandate, registration of all new students and registration of all current students will begin throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn on **Monday, February 23, 2009**.

Anyone interested in taking a tour of the school is welcome to do so anytime by calling the office for a mutually convenient appointment. Thank you for your support of Catholic education.

“The Breach”

In February, 2001, Robert Hanssen, a senior agent with 25 years in the FBI, is arrested for spying. Jump back two months: Eric O'Neill, a computer specialist who wants to be made an agent is assigned to clerk for Hanssen and to write down everything Hanssen does. O'Neill's told it's an investigation of Hanssen's sexual habits. Within weeks, the crusty Hanssen, a devout Catholic, has warmed to O'Neill, who grows to respect Hanssen. O'Neill's wife resents Hanssen's intrusiveness; the personal and professional stakes get higher. How they catch Hanssen and why he spies become the film's story. Can O'Neill help catch red-handed "the worst spy in history" and hold onto his personal life? (IMdb)

Starring: Chris Cooper, Ryan Philippe and Laura Linney.

USA (2007), PG-13, 110 min.

**Thursday, January 22 at 7 PM**

Youth & Young Adults Center

*(Entrance adjacent to the church, 2nd floor)*

$3 cover wine, soda & snacks
**Evening Spirituality Series**

Each session will explore unique ways to enrich our faith, through reflection, prayer and sharing, using Joyce Rupp’s “May I Have This Dance?”

Tuesday, February 3rd — *Dry Bones*
Tuesday, March 3rd — *Leaning on God*
Tuesday, April 7th — *Watered Gardens*

**Time:** 7:30 PM  
**Place:** St. Robert Bellarmine School Hall  
Bayside Hills, NY  
**Facilitator:** Maryann Villanti, (718) 423-5272  
*Materials will be supplied*

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**BOY SCOUTS**

**Boy Scouts’ News**

Cub Scout Pack 153 is pleased to present the new classic film *Chicken Run* (G-rated) for family enjoyment. Fundraiser proceeds support the outdoor activities of the Cub Pack, and your attendance is appreciated. Families are admitted for a charge of $5 (per family). It will take place on Saturday evening, January 24th, at 6 PM, in Father Smith Hall. Refreshments will be available for sale at reasonable prices. This is a great evening for grandparents to come enjoy a delightful film with the kids! All the young at heart are invited!

The menu (you won't go home hungry):  
All Beef Hot Dog, $1.50  
Chips with melted cheese, $1.25  
Large cup of Popcorn, $1.00  
Juice box, 75 cents

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The parish sponsors Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Joining information is available from the Scouting representative, Tom McGlinchey, (718) 224-9634. The Cub Scouts are looking for fine young men in the First and Second grades, in particular, to join this exciting and fun program. We meet on Sunday evenings.

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**YOUTH GROUP**

**eXtreme Youth**

After the December 2008 lock-in retreat, the St. Anastasia Youth Group has found a new identity and new vigor in experiencing its life and faith. Not only do we see good and steady numbers of participants (16-34 a meeting), but also we have come closer as a group and matured as a small community.

We have welcomed 2009 with new excitement and fresh ideas. Besides having another lock-in and camping trip in the Spring, the group will undertake a few opportunities to reach out to the wider St. Anastasia community on a few occasions. Currently, we are working on the details, which we will provide as soon as they are ready.

At our meeting on January 4, we decided to experiment a new feature at the Youth Group. The regular monthly movie nights are moved from Sundays at 6 PM to a new time slot: 3—5 PM, leaving the 6 PM meeting intact. The new feature is called *eXtreme Youth* and will be taking place when it will fit our schedules. We will try it for the first time on Sunday, January 18, the day before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which gives teenagers the time to do their homework before Tuesday. We hope to have some refreshments (pizza or sandwiches) while watching a movie and enjoying and spending the time together in a safe and caring environment. Of course, the Youth Center will be closed for the Eucharist between 5—6 PM.

If you are an 8-grader through high school, you can join us at any time. Find us at the Youth Center or online at [www.matthew267.net](http://www.matthew267.net).
Mass Intentions
January 10—17, 2009

Saturday  Weekday
5:30 PM Pasquale Casagrande

Sunday  The Baptism of the Lord
8:00 AM Anthony Corrente
10:00 AM Thomas Lem
12:00 PM Dr. Camillo Gugliucci
5:00 PM

Monday  Weekday
8:30 AM Irene Baker

Tuesday  Weekday
8:30 AM Anthony Corrente and Kelly Jean Winter

Wednesday  Weekday
8:30 AM Andrew Deixler

Thursday  Weekday
8:30 AM William McElhenny

Friday  Weekday
8:30 AM Andrew Deixler and John Wenner

Saturday  Anthony, Abbot
Anthony (+365 at age 105); born in the upper Egypt; hermit and early founder of religious life; called the “Patriarch of Monks”
8:30 AM Marion Cerulli

{ Remember }

Please remember in your prayers all the sick of our Parish Community, especially:

- Ruth Marchese
- Annette Montello
- Eileen Cullen
- Mary Ann Inguagiato

and those who have died, especially:

- James E. McGuiness

Going for the Winter to Florida?
Read us online at:
www.stanastasia.info
An Introduction to the Theology of the Body

What is your heart's deepest desire? Peace, Truth, Happiness, Love? How far will you go to find it?

An Introduction to the Theology of the Body
This presentation is for anyone searching for their ultimate purpose in life, as it addresses the most basic truths and questions of human existence. With profound insight and humor, Christopher West reveals that the Church's teaching on sexuality and marriage makes sense. It resonates with the deepest yearnings of the human heart.

Christopher West is recognized around the globe for his work promoting an integral, bibilical vision of human life, love, and sexuality. He serves as a research fellow and faculty member for the Theology of the Body Institute and is the best-selling author of five books. He and his wife, Wendy, live with their five children near Lancaster, PA.

Friday January 30th    7-9:30 pm
Saturday January 31st 9am-4pm

Price: Pre-register at $35.00 by January 15th
Otherwise $40.00 per person

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Douglaston, NY 11362
Contact: Mayra Reyes - Office of Faith Formation

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