

HOSANNA!

Blessed is HE
who comes in
the name of
the LORD.

Mark 11:9

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March 29, 2015 Palm Sunday

Sunday Mass:

Vigil 4pm; 9am, 11am

Daily Mass:

Mon - Fri: 9am
Morning Prayer 8:45am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30pm
Confessions Available

First Saturday Mass: 9am

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Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:15-3:45pm and during Eucharistic Adoration.

Baptism: Celebrated the 3rd Sunday at 1pm. Call to register for Baptism Prep.

Anointing of the Sick: Notify the office when a person is seriously ill. Extraordinary Ministers are available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

Marriage: Call at least 6 months in advance of your wedding.





Saturday, March 28

4pm Robert Abruzzio Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 29

9am Mass for the People of St. Athanasius

11am John Mattivello

Monday, March 30

9am Mass

Tuesday, March 31

9am Chrism Mass

Wednesday, April 1

9am Adeline Whittier

Thursday, April 2

9am Morning Prayer

7:30pm Lords Supper Exposition Mass

Friday, April 3

9am Morning Prayer

3pm Stations of the Cross

7:30pm Celebration of Lord's Prayer

Saturday, April 4

9am Morning Prayer

8pm Vigil Mass for the People of St. Athanasius

Sunday, April 5

9am Family Mass

11am Mass

Palms donated in Memory of Palma D'Angio
Altar Candles in Memory of Anthony & Catherine
Lombardo and Robert Savio

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29

- 29 SUN Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39
- 30 Mon Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
- 31 Tue Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38/21
- 1 Wed Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
- 2 Thu Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- 3 Fri Is 52:13-53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
- 4 Sat Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15,32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a,18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
- 5 SUN Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Mass Attendance: 606

First Collection: \$6341

Easter Flowers:\$2120

Please pray for our military and civilians who defend our freedom, especially:

The 26th "Yankee" Brigade, and 1st Lt. Ryan Johnson, US Army, Patrick Cavanaugh, and PFC Kyle Lepore



Remember those in need of prayers, especially:

Maryann Lucerto, Stephanie Lombardo-Saulnier, Gina Campagna, Margaret Sumner, John Cadigan, Mary Lou, Dianne, Bill, Joan D., Scott, Dan Hallidy, David S. Attachi Family, Olga Calautti, Stephen O'Neill, Kathy Oliveira, Cindy O'Connell, Paula, Joanne Curran, Jimmy, Charles Morrison, Frank F., Frank DelGrecco, Barbara Coffin, Ken Hodgson, John F. O'Brien, Ruthie, Richard Rossi, Robert D, Thomas D, Andrew D, Richard D, Phil T, Jen M, Fran P, Bryan M, Marion M, Anna Windels, Mary McNerney, Richard M, Larry Y, Denise S., John, Annemarie, Mary G., Shirley N, Mary O'C., Carol & Frank

These names will stay in the Prayer Corner until Sunday, April 5th. Call the office or email Stathanasiusbulletin@parishmail.com to add or renew your loved ones on the list.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, Mar 29	Confirmation I	12-1:45
No Elementary Religious Ed Classes This Week	Your obligation is to attend Stations of the Cross	3 pm Church
Thursday, Apr 2	Rice Bowls due	Drop off at Office
Friday, Apr 3	Easter Baskets & Eggs and movie - Youth Ministry	4-6 PAC

Reading Food Pantry

March donation suggestions:

Canned fish of all types, mayonnaise, relish, ketchup

ST. ATHANASIUS LENTEN OFFERINGS

Tuesdays 6:30 PM

**ROSARY HOSTED BY THE
LADIES SODALITY
AND SCRIPTURE
REFLECTIONS WITH FR. PATRICK**



HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Holy Thursday, April 2

- 9am Morning Prayer
- 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 10pm Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 3

- 9am Morning Prayer
- 3pm Stations of the Cross
- 4pm Youth Ministry - Easter baskets PAC
- 7:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 8:45pm Viewing of "The Passion of the Christ" (Adults only) PAC

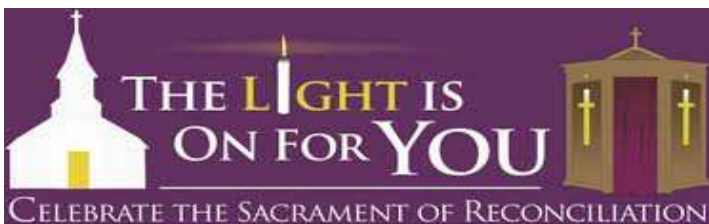
Holy Saturday, April 4

- 9am Morning Prayer
- 8pm The Easter Vigil with reception following in the Parish Center

Easter Sunday, April 5

- 9am Mass followed by egg hunt and coffee reception in the Parish Center
- 11am Mass followed by coffee in the Parish Center

Wednesdays 6:30 PM



On all **Wednesdays of Lent from 6:30-8:00pm**, all parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for confession. The Archdiocese has set up a site, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org, to help you prepare. It has info on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, on how to make a good confession, answers to frequently-asked questions and more. Please plan to come on Lenten Wednesdays and spread the word of this outreach of mercy to those you know.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

What do you do with the palm that is distributed at Mass today? Some people use it to weave small crosses or religious symbols. Others place a small piece of palm behind a crucifix or religious painting. Others use it to bless their homes and ask for God's protection. Other traditions include sending a piece of palm to someone with whom you've had a fight or disagreement, or burning part of it in a candle for a departed relative.

If you do not have a tradition, why not start one? Make the walk with Jesus on His way to the cross. Display the Palm in a prominent place in your home, perhaps on top of a Bible open to the Passion. Every day during Holy Week, hold the Palm or pass it from one family member to another as you read the Passion, one part at a time or pray the Stations of the Cross. Spend a little time discussing what you've read, imagining what it was like and what people saw and said. Then, on Easter, place the Palm behind the crucifix or holy picture hanging in your home. A small family ritual helps everyone focus on what we are celebrating and what it means for us in our daily life together.

Days like Palm Sunday are not major feasts, but they are liturgical and spiritual steppingstones. They set the scene and give us a chance to more deeply participate in the significant events of our faith. Don't miss out. Live and pray the Passion of Palm Sunday to prepare for the joy and glory of Easter.

LENTEN GOSPEL GIVING

PALM SUNDAY : March 28—29

“Many people spread their cloaks on the road . . . crying out: Hosanna!”

Collect: sweaters, flannel shirts, sweat shirts & “hoodies” [all ages] for “Lazarus House”

AND HOLY THURSDAY: APRIL 2 through the 2nd

Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday April 12

“He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciple’s feet and dried them with the towel around his waist”

Collect: adult size white athletic sox for the Boston Health Care for the Homeless

Easter Sunday Schedule



Vigil 8 pm

Easter Sunday Mass at 9 & 11
Egg Hunt after the 9 am Mass

Easter Season Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Patrick!

This Easter Season, join Fr. Patrick as we journey through the Acts of the Apostles! We will meet for five one-hour sessions to discuss the following:

- April 7, Acts 1:1-2:13 - the preparation of the Christian mission
- April 14, Acts 2:14-8:3 - the mission in Jerusalem
- April 21, Acts 8:4-9:43 - the mission in Judea and Samaria
- April 28, Acts 10:1-15:35 - the inauguration of the Gentile mission
- May 5, Acts 15:36-28:31 - the mission of Paul to the ends of the Earth

Each session begins at 7:00 pm. Feel free to join us in the PAC for one, some or all of these sessions!

HELP WANTED

We need 2 people (with 2 vehicles) to pick up our Easter flowers on Friday April 3rd at Kane’s Flower World on Rte 114 in Danvers. Must have a Van or a SUV. If you can be of help, please call Sophie Beninati @ 781-944-9085 or the office @ 781-944-0330. Thank You.



Family Mass
Sunday, April
19th at 9am

Austin Prep Open House

Austin Preparatory School, a Catholic Independent School in Reading, MA, is hosting Middle School Open Houses for grades 6-8 on Thursday, March 26 and Wednesday, April 15 at 9:00 a.m. Come see our 43 wooded acre campus, receive student-led tours and talk with administration and faculty. You can register to attend at www.austinprep.org. Please contact Beth Flynn, at 781-944-4900 ext 834 if you have any questions.

AA Family Group Meeting

If someone's drinking is bothering you, please join us at our weekly 7:30 pm, Wednesday night, Pathways To Serenity, Al-Anon Family Group Meeting which is held in the St. Athanasius Parish Activity Center across the parking lot from the church. We will share with you our experience, strength and hope and you will find your life will improve whether the alcoholic continues drinking or not. Our fellowship is for you - the friends and relatives of Alcoholics and our fellowship is free.

Rice Bowls Campaign

Hungering for the journey!

Join our parish community along with 13,000 Other Catholic Communities in the United States! In a life changing Lenten journey with CRS rice bowls and kids. Please pick up your family rice bowl in the back of the church if you haven't received one thru religious ed.

Remember your Lenten sacrifice changes lives.

Free Chronic Disease Self-Management Program

Hallmark Health System is sponsoring a free Chronic Disease Self-Management Program. It will be held for six consecutive sessions from Wednesday April 1st to May 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital at 170 Governors Ave. in Medford.

My Life, My Health is a six-session community workshop designed to give adults with chronic conditions (such as arthritis, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, asthma) and/or their caregivers the knowledge and skills needed to take a more active role in their healthcare.

Learn strategies developed and tested by researchers that will help you:

- Learn exercises for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility and endurance
- Learn techniques that can improve your quality of life
- Communicate effectively with family, friends and health professionals
- Handle frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation
- Evaluate new treatments
- Learn appropriate use of medication and nutrition

This program is free, however registration is required as space is limited.

To register, please call Joya Pezzuto, RN at (781) 338-7823.

Alternative Energy / Home & Car

Saturday, April 25th

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Location: Reading Municipal Light Department, 230 Ash Street, Reading

Home Presenters: Solar voltaic, solar thermal, heat pumps, geothermal, combined heat and power, and biomass sources of alternative energy will be represented. Also, energy audits, RMLD rebate offers and LED bulbs display.



Auto Presenters: Featuring *plug-in hybrids* and *all electric vehicles*. Cars on display may include: Chevrolet Volt or Spark, Ford C-Max, Fusion, or Focus, Toyota Prius, & Nissan Leaf



Please join us for a day of alternative energy.

St. Athanasius Parish Outreach

We are expanding our outreach efforts so that we may better assist those in our community who may need a helping hand in a variety of ways. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to assist in the following ways:

- ◆ Drive parishioners to church
- ◆ Prepare meals
- ◆ Visit parishioners who may be unable to attend church
- ◆ Bake desserts for the Sawtelle Hospice House

Please let us know if you can provide any of these important services. If you are already on the Hospice House dessert list, you **do not** need to volunteer for that effort again since we already have your contact information. Please contact Ellen Terry at eterry18@yahoo.com or 781-944-5431 to volunteer for any of these programs. THANK YOU!



YOUTH MINISTRY: MIDDLE SCHOOLERS, HIGH SCHOOLERS, AND PARENTS

On Good Friday, April 3rd at 4-6pm after the 3pm Stations of the Cross, we'll be in the Parish Center making Easter baskets to be donated to the children at Lazarus House and stuffing Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt at St. Athanasius. Contact me for the list of items we need for the baskets and/or if you'd like to participate. We'll be watching "Jesus of Nazareth" to commemorate Our Lord's passion and we'll have cheese pizza as well.

If you'd like to help out or take a leadership role in the St. Athanasius and St. Agnes Youth Ministry program, our next Youth Commission meeting is Sunday, April 12th at 7-8pm at the St. Athanasius Parish Center. Parents and youth are welcome to join. Dessert will be provided.

Our next Youth Night will be on Friday, April 17th at 7-9:30pm in the Parish Center. We'll be making ice cream sundaes and watching a Disney movie. Feel free to wear pajamas too as we're asking for donations of sleepwear and children's books to pass along to the Pajama Program. They provide these items to needy children in the area. Please contact me to RSVP by Wednesday, April 15th.

We'll be attending Project Bread's Walk for Hunger on the morning of May 3rd. There will be a middle school and high school group. If you'd like to join us, find our team (St. A's Youth) on the Walk for Hunger website or contact me and I'll provide you with the intel.

We need parent volunteers for any and all events and activities so please contact me if you'd like to get involved. If you have any questions or interest in any of these offerings please feel free to contact me at [585-200-2831](tel:585-200-2831) or bagostinelli@parishmail.com.

Peace,

Brad Agostinelli

St. Athanasius and St. Agnes Youth Ministry
Follow us and stay updated with social media!
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By Monday 9 am

Donation Opportunities for Special Items

Heating Oil (1 week)	\$500.00
1 Month of Altar candles	\$100.00
Flowers for the week	\$50.00
Bread & Wine for the week	\$40.00


Coffee Hour

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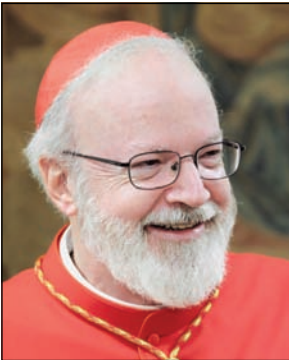
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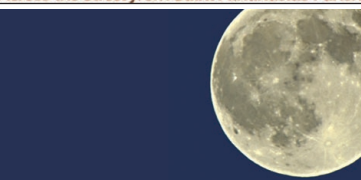
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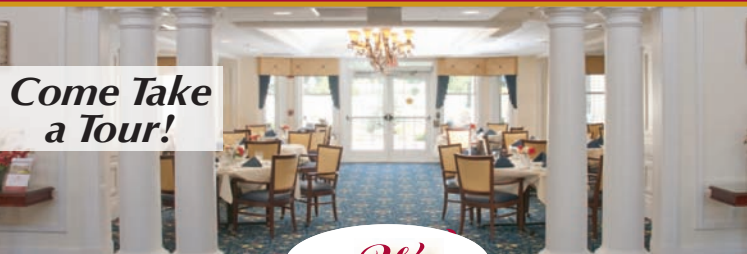


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