



“I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” - Mark 14:25

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June 7, 2015

Most Holy Body and Blood Of Christ

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, June 6

4pm Baccalaureate Mass - Mass for the People of St. Athanasius

Sunday, June 7

9am Clara Walsh

11am Joseph Anthony Morinaro

Monday, June 8

9am Anthony V. DiLorenzo

Tuesday, June 9

9am John H. Doughty, Jr.

Wednesday, June 10

9am Carl & Elinor D'Angio 25th Anniversary Mass

Thursday, June 11

9am Mass

Friday, June 12

9am Rev. Michael McLellan

Saturday, June 13

4pm Clara Scalesse

Sunday, June 14

9am John Cronin Birthday Memorial

11am Mass for the People of St. Athanasius

Altar Flowers donated by Carl & Elinor D'Angio
Altar Candles donated by Esther Bolivar

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

The 26th "Yankee" Brigade, and 1st Lts. Ryan & Nolan 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, The Haines Family, Cindy O'Connell, Paula, Joanne Curran, Jimmy, Charles Morrison, Frank F., Frank DelGreco, Barbara Coffin, 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 Mc Nerney, Richard M, Larry Y, Denise S., John, Annemarie, Mary G., Shirley N, Mary O'C., Carol & Frank, Deborah, Patricia Maines, Justin L., Paula, Mike, David, Bubba Toussaint, Joan D, Nana K., Bob, Remo, Katie Willenborg, Denise, Josephine, Sammy

These names will stay in the Prayer Corner until Sunday, June 7th. Call the office or email Stathanasiusbulletin@parishmail.com to add or renew your loved ones on the list.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7

- 7 SUN Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
- 8 Mon 2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12
- 9 Tue 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16
- 10 Wed 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19
- 11 Thu Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:20-26
- 12 Fri Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
- 13 Sat 2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37
- 14 SUN Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saturday, June 13	"Writing to Heal Day" - Retrouvaille	8:30-4 PAC
Sunday, June 14	Youth Commission Meeting	7-8pm PAC
Monday, June 15	Prayer Shawl	10:30 PAC

Reading Food Pantry

Summer donation suggestions:
Mayonaise, juice boxes, sugar, shampoo, soap, detergent, toilet paper, Kleenex, and paper towels (non-food items cannot be purchased with food stamps)

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Mass Attendance: 480

First Collection: \$6071

This Week: Seminarians

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

What are Catholics Supposed to Sing?

Two Catholics go to church on Sunday. One goes to a parish where they sing only four hymns: the entrance, the offertory, the communion and the recessional. The hymns are upbeat, with snappy melodies. Everyone knows them and everybody sings. The other Catholic goes to a different parish where, for some reason, the congregation only sings the “responses” and what we commonly call the “Ordinary of the Mass”: Lord Have Mercy, the Gloria, the Responsorial Psalm, the Holy, Holy, and the Lamb of God, but...there seem to be no hymns. First question: which parish is pre-Vatican II and which parish is in tune with the Council? Surprise...it is in fact the first one that is pre-Vatican II, even if the hymns are accompanied by a contemporary Christian rock band.

Believe it or not, in the days before the Council, the Church prohibited the congregation from singing the Ordinary of what was classically called the “Low Mass.” As a result the faithful were only permitted to sing a hymn during the entrance procession, the offertory, communion and the recessional. Catholics could sing the parts of the liturgy if it were a “sung” Mass with a choir, but usually the choir music was too difficult for the average congregation.

The Second Vatican Council wanted to rectify this situation. If you read the Church's primary document on music for Mass, entitled *Musica Sacra*, you will be surprised that hymn singing is low down on the list of priorities, whereas the Mass parts are at the top. The idea is that Catholics should not sing merely *at* Mass through the use of hymns, but that we sing *the Mass* by participating in those parts of the Ordinary that properly belong to the faithful. The most important of these is the Holy, Holy, which is sung in unison with the priest.

This does not mean that the congregation is expected to sing all the parts of the Mass to the exclusion of other voices. The Church gives great importance to the preservation of choirs, her own musical heritage and her liturgical language. However, it does mean that Catholics should sing the liturgy when possible and that we should still incorporate those parts of the Mass that are frequently overlooked such as the Entrance and Communion antiphons.

So, if you are sitting next to someone who doesn't sing the hymns for some reason, but he or she does join in for the Mass parts, that person is actually doing exactly what the Conciliar Church has asked us to do.

BASEBALL IS BACK - CATHOLIC NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK

St. Athanasius Parish is participating in Catholic Night at Fenway Park as the Red Sox host the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday, evening July 29th at 7:10pm. Our tickets are in bleacher section 38. We will be leaving St. Athanasius parking lot on a bus by 5:30pm and leaving Fenway Park to return around 10 or 10:30pm. You may leave your car in the St. Athanasius parking lot for the game. The tickets are \$45 per person and are first come first serve. To reserve your tickets, please submit the appropriate payment to the parish office. No ticket can be reserved without payment. This is open to our entire parish community and any age. **Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult, sorry no exceptions.** Please contact Brad Agostinelli at bagostinelli@parishmail.com with any questions.

Wine Tasting Dinner 2015

Should you smell the wine cork? Or not?

Well, if you attended the 2nd annual Wine Tasting & Dinner, you would have learned the answer to this and picked up some tips to look like a sommelier on your next dinner date. Over 50 wines were available from rose and white to light reds, medium reds, big red and even huge.

Everyone enjoyed a great dinner and wine with old, and some new, friends. Silent auction items included wine gift sets and even an autographed Tom Brady miniature (some would say, deflated) helmet.

Thanks to John Romano for organizing this successful social and fundraising event.



Prayer Group Forming

Micah 6:8 says: "He has shown you, Oh mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Isaiah 1:17 says, "Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless. Plead the case of the widow. Countless times, we are called by God to assist those who are less fortunate than us and those who suffer. Gary Haugen, President of International Justice Mission argues: "The work of justice begins with prayer. As we seek justice on behalf of others, we rely on an all-powerful God to help us do what is only possible with and through him." While it's true that seeking justice requires money, time and resources, it also requires prayer. Katie Curtis is starting a prayer group that will meet at 3:00 on Sundays to pray for issues of injustice in the world, and for those who seek justice. Anyone can come and there's no commitment. Just come with something you would like the group to pray for.

Contact Katie at: sweetavenue19@gmail.com if you are interested in coming and/or have any questions.

**ST. ATHANASIUS AND ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY:
MIDDLE SCHOOLERS, HIGH SCHOOLERS, AND PARENTS**

Like us on FACEBOOK at St. Athanasius and St. Agnes Youth Ministry (#ReadingCatholicYM) and/or follow us on INSTAGRAM @saintasyouth (#ReadingCatholicYM). Find updates about our youth ministry program, Catholic quotes, images, and more.

If you'd like to walk with our youth ministry team, please contact Brad at bagostinelli@parishmail.com by MONDAY, JUNE 8TH.

Our next Youth Commission leadership meeting is Sunday, June 14th at 7-8pm in the St. Athanasius Parish Center. Anyone who would like to take a leadership role in Catholic youth ministry here in Reading are welcome to attend, including parents and youth. Dessert will be provided.

If you're going into 9th grade or above, you're invited to join us for our summer grill out and Bible study series at St. Athanasius. Come hang out with Brad, Fr. Armano, and Fr. Colarusso and dinner will be served including burgers and hot dogs. We'll discuss three themes in the Acts of the Apostles, as we walk with Jesus' followers after he ascends into heaven. The dates are Mondays July 13th, 27th, and August 10th. Please sign up with Brad at bagostinelli@parishmail.com BY THE MONDAY BEFOREHAND.

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

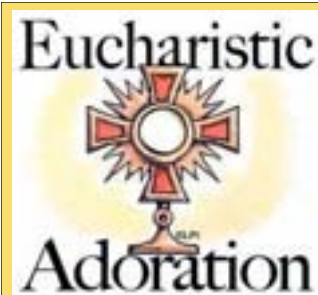
Attention All Religious Ed Families
Religious Education Registration is ongoing for the 2015-2016 school year. Registration forms were emailed to all Religious Education families. If you did not receive an email, please call the office at 781-944-0330. Forms are also available on the St. Athanasius website www.stathanasiusreading.org and in the back of the Church. **Please return your registration forms ASAP, time is running out! We need to plan accordingly. Also we are looking for teachers, if you would like to teach or have questions contact Jo-Ann Rossi at jrossi@parishmail.com**

**Pregnancy Care Center
Walk for Life Next Saturday!**

Join us next Saturday June 13th at the Pregnancy Care Center's Walk for Life at 9AM in Reading starting at St. Agnes Church. This important fundraising event helps the PCC care for local women and families in crisis. There is still time to become a sponsored walker and start fundraising for the PCC! This year there are 3 Walk locations: Andover, Haverhill and Reading. The walk route is just 2 miles – build a team from your school, church or neighborhood – families are welcome! Please visit www.PCCFriends.org/walk to register online or to print a pledge form. If you are unable to walk with us on June 13th, you can still participate and walk on your own. Receive a free 30th anniversary t-shirt by raising \$150 in pledges! Call us at 978-373-5718 with questions.

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Austin Prep Foreign Exchange Hosting

Austin Preparatory School has partnered with gpHomestay’s residential program! Together, we are offering an incredible opportunity to families in Reading and the surrounding areas. If you are interested in making a positive impact on the life of an international student and live within 30 minutes of the school, you may want to consider becoming a host family. You may learn more at our website: www.gphomestay.com

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Students come with their own insurance and spending money and stay for the academic year. There are also short-term hosting opportunities available. We also offer a \$300 referral bonus for each approved host family that lists you as the source of referral on their application. Contact Dave for more information at dbrown@gphomestay.com or our host coordinator at [781.996.0429](tel:781.996.0429)

If you are ready to take the next step and fill out an application please visit: <http://www.gphomestay.com/Application4.html>

Conversations about dementia:

Tips to help with family conversations. This workshop offers tips on how to have honest and caring conversations about some of the most difficult topics. To be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Johnson Conference Room, 170 Governors Ave., in Medford. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association and sponsored by Hallmark Health System, Inc.

This program is not appropriate for the person with dementia and is intended for family caregivers only. This program is FREE. Registration is required as space is limited. Light refreshments served. To register, please call Joya Pezzuto, RN at (781) 338-7823.

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By Monday 9 am

Coffee Hour

We need hosts for
June & July
Contact Sophie at 781-944-9085
or sign up in the Parish Center .



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

Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes... There is hope for your future."
Jeremiah 31:15-17



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~Cardinal Seán O'Malley

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