



THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

JUNE 24, 2018

ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH

St. Athanasius Church, 2050 E. Walnut Lane Philadelphia PA 19138,
Rectory 215-548-2700, fax-215-5487453 www.stathanasiuschurch.us
 Masses - Saturday 4PM, Sunday 10AM & 6PM, Daily Mass: 8:30 AM Convent Chapels,
 7040 Limekiln Pk., enter at St. Joseph statue.

Holy Days: 7AM (Convent) 10AM & 7PM (Church)

St. Benedict Church, 1940 E. Cheltenham Avenue Philadelphia PA 19138 Mass - Sunday 10AM
 Reverend Joseph F. Okonski, Pastor, Reverend Anayo Nna, C.S.S.R. In Residence

Reverend Saji G. Mukkoot, In Residence Pastor @St. Jude Syro-Malankara Catholic Church

Permanent Deacons Mr. James Mahoney, Mr. Fred Poellnitz, retired Mr. Stephen Hopkins, retired

St. Athanasius Parish Staff:

Mr. Ted Travis Jr.

rectory@stathanasiuschurch.us

St. Athanasius School: 7105 Limekiln Pike

215-424-5045

Ms. Andrea Tomaino, Principal

www.saschool.org

St. Benedict Church Ministries:

Family Social Services

Deacon James Mahoney

Food Cupboard 215-548-2700

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Guiding Star Ministry

215-924-2876

ST. ATHANASIUS MASS SCHEDULE: 6/23- 6/30

Sat.	4:00pm	Charles Reilly (decd.)
Sun.	10:00am St. A.	Father Thomas Clooney (decd.)
Sun.	10:00am St. B.	People of the Parish
Sun.	6:00pm	For the protection of Police, Firefighters, Emergency Response Technicians and Our Military
Mon.	8:30am	Frank & Barbara Foley (decd.)
Tue.	8:30am	Ray & Theresa Jones (decd.)
Wed.	8:30am	John & Sarah Gallagher (decd.)
Thur.	8:30am	Anna Okonski (decd.)
Fri.	8:30am	Msgr. Doolin (decd.)

This Week at St. Athanasius Parish

Tues.	Jun 26	Adoration St. Athanasius	9:00am
		Divine Mercy Chaplet Benediction,	6:30pm
		Bible Study St. A Rectory	9:45am
		Senior Social St. Athanasius Rectory Basement Mtg. Room	12-3pm
		Legion of Mary	6:00pm
Wed.	Jun 27	Adoration St. Benedict Divine Mercy Chaplet,	12:00pm 6:30pm
		Bible Study	7:00pm
Thur.	Jun 28	Calendar Meeting Rectory Basement Mtg. Rm.	6:00pm

St. Athanasius Parish

Bulletin can be found on the Parish website:

WWW.STATHANASIUSCHURCH.US

He will be great in the sight of the Lord and will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb; and many will rejoice at his birth.

Luke 1:15, 14

Please subscribe to the site to view live streaming.

St. Athanasius Ministries Schedule Jun 23– Jul 1

Sat.	Jun 23	4:00 pm	Beverly Harper	Lector Comm.
			Mary Gallagher	Extra Ordinary Minister
Sun	Jun 24	10:00 am	Tracy Brown Marq Temple	Lector Comm.
			Louise Frasier Theresa Allen Dianne Poellnitz	Extra- Ordinary Minister
		6:00pm	Betty Jo Robinson	Lector Comm.
Sat.	Jun 30	4:00pm	Loretta Leader	Lector Comm.
			Josephine Richardson	Extra Ordinary Minister
Sun	Jul 01	10:00am	Paula Jones Sabrina Tijani-Morris	Lector Comm.
			Richard Mshomba Maurita Brice Gene Frasier	Extra- Ordinary Minister
		6:00pm	Angela Fairbanks	Lector Comm.

St. Benedict Ministries

Sunday, Jun 24, 10AM

Commentator Louise Hill
1st reading Vanessa Doughty
2nd reading Valerie Grant
Extraordinary Ministers A. Taylor / C. Mills

Sunday, Jul 1, 10AM

Commentator Audrey Patrick
1st reading Anitra Roberts
2nd reading Charlene Cornish
Extraordinary Ministers M. Barnes / T. Epps

SACRAMENTS at ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH

Baptism & Confirmation: Please contact the Rectory.

Confession: Available after Mass

Mass Offerings \$10, contact the Rectory.

\$15 Memorial Leatherette Mass Folder.

Contact the Rectory.



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist 6-24-18

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10(586)
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab & 17
Second Reading 1 Peter 1:8-12
Gospel Luke 1:5-17

The following members of St. Athanasius Parish will be remembered in prayer by the **Sisters of Saint Joseph**

Sunday Melvis Dunbar
 Monday Justin Dunbar-Stevens
 Tuesday Alice Dungee-James
 Wednesday Donnell Durant
 Thursday James Durant
 Friday Jean Durant
 Saturday Regina Durant

PRAY FOR OUR SICK: At each mass, we pray for all our sick, whether their **name** is **on** the sick list or **not**. The **list** of names below is for those **in the hospital** or **seriously ill**. Thanks for **letting us know** whose names can be **removed** from the list.

Linda Love, Marie Vital, Baby Jeffery Christopher Pressley, Evelyn Johnson, Frank Long, Jean Long, Catherine Chukweuke, Lorraine Pompey, Gladys Gross, Lucille Williams, Jessica McNeil, Marion Dunlap, Vanessa Peirce-Jackson, Jackie Stokes-Thompson, Nicole White, Almeida Lindsey, Marie Odom, Heather O’Kubo, Donald Nash, James Marshall, Patricia McDione, Winnie Cannon, MaryEllen Gibson, Gwendolyn Slaughter, Pricilla Werner, Gregory McGhee, Doris Blue, Marge Walker, Joseph Temple, Juanita Hartwell, Allison Rogers, David Bindley-Taylor, John Pompey, Leda Reeves, Edith Roberts, James Jones, Justin Graves, Henry Jackson, Gwen Jackson, Owen Human, Christine Human, Edna Poole, Marjorie Pace, Lillian Scott, Lunell Mobley, Jessie Harrell, Joanne McCoy, Katrina Smith, Theotis Holmes, Anthony Pettis, Rubin Johnson, Clyde Carroll, Arthur Poole, Liz Pileggi, Paxson Nash, Harmon Philips, Louise Hughes, Willie Love, Jean Love, Carol Patton, Jeanette Brown, Danielle Clemens, Lashae Thomas, Gertrude Lawrence, Eleanor Jeffries, Geraldine Mitchell, William Fairfax, June Robinson, Robby Thompson, Edwin Walker, Matthew La Smith, Anthony McClendon, Elsie Gardner, C. MacFarland, Gloria Gaston, Jerome Johnson, Ethel Mabry, Alicia Dolly Johnson, Theotis Warfield, Eddie Allen, Linda Heard, Anna Gibson, Noah Goldman, Perry March, Marilyn Scott, Angela Turner, Jeanette Perkins, Keith Surfin, Shirley Brown, Sylvia Greene, Mattie Spradley, Janet Hardt, Theresa Mitchell, Sandra Parrott, Andrew Doffus, Makayla Kenner, Beatrice Hardison, Helen Staron, James Burley

For those in homes: M. Tiley, L. Gaskins, Matte Hill, K. McFarland, S. Strybuc, Alverda Vittoriano, Ezell Fraizer

PRAYER OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,
Defend us in battle, be our protection against
The wickedness and snare of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the Divine Power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all
The evil spirits who roam throughout the
world seeking to ruin of souls.

(Pope Leo XIII)



PRAYER FOR THE CAUSE OF FATHER AUGUSTUS TOLTON

O God, we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, who labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time. We stand in the shadow of his ministry. May his life continue to inspire us and imbue us with that confidence and hope that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father in heaven, Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death. If it be your will, O God, glorify your servant, Father Tolton, by granting the favor I now ask through his intercession, (*mention your request in silence*), so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the Church he loved. Complete what you have begun in us that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom. Not to us the glory, but glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Father, son and Holy Spirit, you are God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.

**Catholic Call to Prayer 6:30am Mon-Fri
1-857-232-0158, enter code 336656**

Each day faith leaders of Black Catholic Churches of Philadelphia will lead the prayer. Each prayer will include a Reading from Sacred Scripture, a Brief Reflection, a Moment of Silence, Intercessory Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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Today's Focus: Servant Signs

As Zechariah's neighbors used to communicate with him, we often communicate our faith to others most effectively by the sign of our daily lives.

†Reflection on the Word †

I find it strange that Elizabeth's neighbors and relatives made signs to ask Zechariah the name of their son. He was mute, not deaf. However, don't we tend to act in strange ways when we meet someone who is different from us or when we encounter something that we do not expect? We talk louder in our own tongue to someone who speaks a different language. We stumble for words when tragedy strikes. We become tongue-tied when we meet someone famous. Flustered, we tend to lose ourselves. WE can even misunderstand the situation before us. Elizabeth's and Zechariah's confidence offers another model for responses. They simply speak their truth, ask for what they need, and affirm one another. Their union with God and willingness to do what God asked free Zechariah's tongue. This tells their family and friends that God's hand was involved in naming their son John.

Most of us are not prophets like John and Isaiah. Called from our mother's wombs, we are formed to be servants of God, to announce the gospel of the Lord. Our lives herald Jesus Christ when we imprint the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, in words, actions, and attitudes. Meeting us, people meet Jesus. Seeing us, they see Jesus. Encountering us, they encounter Jesus the Christ. By living Jesus, we prepare and point the way to the Lord, like John. Open your ears to hear God's will. Open your mouths and let God free your tongue to proclaim the Gospel. Allow the hand of God to calm your fears and give you the confidence and trust that Zechariah and Elizabeth exhibited. Then praise God that you have been wonderfully made to imprint the gospel with your life.

† Living and Praying with the Word †

O Lord, you have probed me and you know me. You have called me from my mother's womb to shine your light on all I meet. Bring light to my darkness and release my tongue to announce the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, today and every day of my life..



2018

St. Athanasius Parish would like to
Congratulate and Honor Class 2018 Graduates...
 Please submit all names and information to the
 rectory to be placed into the bulletin.
215-548-2700

St. Athansius Parish Trip to the Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington DC

A most rewarding and enlightening
 experience. Thank you all that were able to
 join us. A Special thank you to Janice
 Thomas and Ted Travis for all of the
 hardwork and effort put in to make this a
 very memberable and beneficial fundraiser
 for our parish.



Saint Athanasius Catholic Church
 Limekiln Pike & Walnut Lane
 Philadelphia, PA (215) 548-2700
 June 17, 2018

Dear Supporter:
 Saint Athanasius Parish will celebrate Woman's
 Day Sunday, September 23, 2018 at the 10:00 a.m.
 Mass. The Women's Club asks all members,
 families, friends and community businesses to
 support this fundraising event by purchasing an
 ad(s) and or a patron's list in the special Woman's
 Day booklet. Please see bulletin insert for ad
 information.

We appreciate your support and hope to see you at
 our annual Women's Day Mass.

Sincerely, *Dianne Poellnitz*

**Calendar Meeting for
 All Parhish Organizations Heads
 Thurdays June 28th, 2018 @ 6pm
 Rectory Basement Meeting Room**

June Fundraiser KPCLA Ct. #368 MILLIONAIRE'S DREAM RAFFLE

One Lucky Winner will win a
 Basket of PA Lottery
 scratch-off lottery tickets.
 Drawing will be on July 14th, 2018.
 Tickets are \$1 ea. \$5 for a book of 6
 Contact any Lady of Ct #368 or
 GL Vanessa Doughty 215-906-4356

Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver Philadelphia Central Committee 2nd Annual Claver Family and Friend's Picnic MERMAID LAKES

When: **July 29, 2018**
 Contact: Sharyn Holloman or Ted Travis

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 computer running slow or becoming vulnerable online.
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 other computer issues.

Daughters OF THE KING CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFRENCE 2018

Saturday, October 27, 2018 – 9am ~ 4pm
 National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
 654 Ferry Raod – Doylestown, PA

**If interested, contact:
 Janice Paige @ 267-975-1047**

ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH	
St. Athanasius June 17, 2018	
Saturday - Sunday envelopes 138	\$ 3195
Additional Offerings	\$ 481
Total**	\$ 3676
St. Benedict June 17, 2018	
Sunday envelopes 60 count 89	\$ 1608
Additional Offerings	\$ 412
Total**	\$ 2020

**Thank You for your Kindness
 and Generosity to the Parish.
 May God Bless You**

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Join the Discalced Carmelite Nuns for these nine days of prayer
with confidence that our Lady takes our intentions to her divine Son

The Novena begins on July 8th
and ends on the Feast itself, July 16th, 2018

6:30 PM

The Holy Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Confessions are available during this time

7:00 PM

Holy Mass

The Mass will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form
The closing Mass of the Novena, July 16th, will be a Solemn High Mass
Seminarians and Clergy are most welcome to be in choir in cassock and surplice.

The Homilist is Father Kenneth C. Brabazon
the Parochial Vicar
at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
The Novena Prayer will be recited before the homily

Carmelite Monastery
66th and Old York Road
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19126

Dear Parishioners, after many years of faithful service **Deacon Fred Poellnitz** will be retiring from active duty as a Permanent Deacon at St. Athanasius Parish. He has submitted his retirement request to the Archbishop and it has been accepted. Deacon Fred will continue to remain present to our faith community. Please join me in thanking Deacon Fred for his ministry to the Church, which we will celebrate on **Sunday July 15 at 10 AM during a combined Parish Mass followed by a reception in the school hall.**

Planning to attend reception please RSVP

Call -215-548-2700 or complete and return to the rectory or place in collections baskets.

Name

How many?



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