

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 Chapel,
7040 Limekiln Pk., enter at St. Joseph statue. (No Mass when Snow on the ground)****Holy Days: 7AM (Convent) 10AM Church & 7PM (Church)****St. Benedict Church, 1940 E. Cheltenham Avenue Philadelphia PA 19138 Mass - Sunday 10AM****Reverend Joseph F. Okonski, Pastor, Reverend Anayo Nna, C.Ss.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.

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Ms. Andrea Tomaino, Principal

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Sat.	4:00pm	Gallagher and O'Kane Families
Sun.	10:00am St. A.	Mass in Thanksgiving to the Lord Elohim in honor of All Saints and All Angels req. by Vernet Surfin
	10:00am St. B.	Father Bill McGowen (decd.)
Sun.	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Mon.	8:30am	Msgr. James E. Mortimer (decd.)
Tue.	8:30am	Intentions of Carol Johnson
Wed.	8:30am	Og Moore (decd.)
Thur.	8:30am	Thomas Anthony Carney (decd.)req. by Kathleen Carney
Fri.	9:00am	Delores Daniels (decd.)

St. Athanasius Parish

Bulletin can be found on the Parish website:

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St. Benedict Church Ministries:

Family Social Services

Deacon James Mahoney

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This Week at St. Athanasius Parish

Tues.	Feb 19	Adoration St. Athanasius	12:00pm
		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.	Feb 20	Adoration St. Benedict Divine Mercy Chaplet,	12:00pm 6:30pm
		Bible Study	7:00pm
Thur.	Feb 21	RCIA	7:00pm

Be my protector, O God,

a mighty stronghold to save me.

For you are my rock, my stronghold!

Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Pslam 31 (30) :3-4

St. Athanasius Ministries Schedule Feb. 16– Feb. 24

Sat.	Feb. 16	4 pm	Mary Gallagher	Lector Comm.
			Deacon Mahoney	Ordinary Minister
Sun.	Feb. 17	10am	Youth Sunday Youth Sunday	Lector Comm.
			Richard Mshomba Maurita Brice	Extra-Ordinary Minister
		6 pm	Angela Fairbanks	Lector Comm.
Sat.	Feb. 23	4 pm	Marlene Matthews	Lector Comm.
			Josephine Richardson	Extra-Ordinary Minister
Sun	Feb. 24	10 am	Marc Anrhyon Morrison	Lector Comm.
			Louise Frasier Theresa Allen Diane Poellnitz	Extra-Ordinary Minister
		6 pm	Betty Jo Robinson	Lector Comm.

St. Benedict Ministries	Sunday, Feb. 17 10AM
<i>Commentator</i>	Barbara Roberts
<i>1st reading</i>	Anitra Roberts
<i>2nd reading</i>	Marlyn Barnes
<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	A. Taylor /L. Hill

St. Benedict Ministries	Sunday, Feb. 24 10AM
<i>Commentator</i>	Louise Hill
<i>1st reading</i>	Raymond Wallace
<i>2nd reading</i>	Kadine Williams
<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	M. Watson/ D. Berry

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 17, 2019

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8 (78C)
 Responsorial Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6
 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16—20
 Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

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

Sunday Rhonda Sutton-Travis
 Monday Mary Swann
 Tuesday Anna Taylor
 Wednesday Nicole Teel
 Thursday Helen B. Teel
 Friday Lessie Thomas
 Saturday Alicia Thompson

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.

Ruth Brown, Lucille Williams, Joy Milano, Linda Love, Mark Certin, Donald Sigler, Gloria Hopkins, Deacon Stephen Hopkins, Marvin Felder, Donald Vivian, Eunice Holmes, Alicia (Dolly) Johnson, Stephen Smith, Debra Bryant, Mattie Johnson, Maily Colson, Kenny Hodge, Pearl Carter, Christine Matthews, Evelyn Johnson, Frank Long, Jean Long, Lorraine Pompey, Gladys Gross, Jessica McNeil, Vanessa Peirce-Jackson, Nicole White, Almeada 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, Edna Poole, Marjorie Pace, Jessie Harrell, Joanne McCoy, Katrina Smith, Theotis Holmes, Anthony Pettis, Rubin Johnson, Paxson Nash, Harmon Philips, Louise Hughes, Willie Love, Jean Love, Jeanette Brown, Eleanor Jeffries, Geraldine Mitchell, June Robinson, Robby Thompson, Jerome Johnson, Ethel Mabry, Theotis Warfield, Shirley Brown, Andrew Doffus, James Burley

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



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.

Don't forget to purchase your Print with Father Tolton's life story.

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)

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

Today's Focus: In [] We Trust

"Luke's Beatitudes, unlike Matthew's, balance the "blessed" saying with others beginning with "woe." The woes of the world, according to Jesus in Luke, come when we place our trust in that which is not of God.

† *Understanding the Word*

The book of Jeremiah contains a complex mix of narrative, personal laments, and oracles. The section from which our first reading is taken is known as the "Confessions of Jeremiah" (Chapters 11-20). The voice of the prophet is heard between the oracles if God. Here following the form of a lament psalm, Jeremiah utters cries of distress, describes the problem, and trust in God's response. Scattered among these laments are oracles in which God, through the prophet, announces the punishment of those who have gone astray. In the first reading, trust in human wisdom is comparing a barren bush in an arid wasteland with human wisdom would have driven the point home.

In the second reading, Paul uses a similar argument by contrasting human reason with divine action. Some members of the Corinthian community were debating the existence of resurrection from the dead. To this, Paul presents an either/or response. "If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised" (1 Corinthians 15:16). Therefore, faith is empty and the believers remain in their sin. And if we only have hope in Christ for this earthly life, then essentially why bother? To which Paul answers, "now Christ, has been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Paul will go on to explain that Christ's resurrection has both human and divine dimensions, concluding that Christ's resurrection logically leads to our own (1 Corinthians 15:26).

Both Matthew and Luke include a collection of teachings by Jesus, situated either on a mountain (Matthew, Chapter 5-7) or a plain (Luke, Chapter 6). Within the narrative structure of the two

Gospels, both sermons are given pride of place by the evangelists. In both sermons, Jesus' love command is central (Matthew, 5:44; Luke 6:27). Both place the sermon early in Jesus' ministry in Galilee and it serves as advance teaching for the disciples. But due to their different audiences, Matthew and Luke do not follow the same order or present all the same information. Today's Gospel reading is the opening of Luke's Sermon on the Plain in which Jesus utter four beatitudes, closely followed by four "woes." Throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus advocates for the lowly and critiques those who do not use their status and wealth wisely.

† *Reflection on the Word*

In whom do you trust, human beings, God, or both? During a recent hospitalization I needed to trust the medical staff. I experienced a difference between those who seemed to rely in their knowledge and experience alone, and those who consulted with others and expressed faith in God. Maybe they felt free to share their faith in God because I', a priest. I don't know. I do know that those in this group exhibited a humility that gave them strength. Their willingness to say, "I don't know," gave me confidence. Their trust in other people and in God helped me trust God in them.

Trust only in self makes one barren, empty, Jeremiah says. Trust that this world is all there is makes one pitiable, Paul says. Trust in wealth, food, satisfaction, and human praise is fleeting and often leaves one without needed resources for times of lack, hunger, weeping and ridicule, Luke's Beatitudes makes clear. At those times, it is only trust in the Lord that can keep us going. At those times, only belief that life can come out of death, invites hope. At those times, we need to plant ourselves near God's water, to shield us when we need protection and to keep us from fading. God turns everything upside down and is with us where others think God absent.

Trusting in God frees us to say, "I don't know" and to seek wisdom in others. Trust in God frees us to trust the expertise of others who can help us when we cannot help ourselves. Trust in those people who trust in God can offer an example to find peace in the face of fear of despair, and resurrection in the face of death. Trust and be blessed.

† *Consider / Discuss*

- *Where do you place your trust?*
- *When has trust in God surprised you and even blessed you?*

† *Living and Praying with the Word*

Ever-loving God, you promise to be with us all times and in all places. In times of blessing, help us give thanks by sharing that blessing with others. In times of woe, help us remember to turn to you, refresh the waters of Baptism in which we are planned, and live with Resurrection hope.

Living the Word, Laurie Brink, O.P. and Paul H. Colloton, O.S.F.S.



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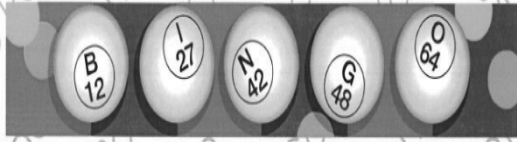


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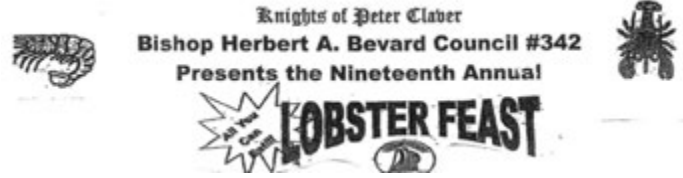


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 When: March 16th, 2019
 Time: 6 pm-9 pm
 Cost: 25.00

For Tickets or Info:
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