

**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, Mr. Stephen Hopkins, retired

**St. Athanasius Parish Staff:**

Mr. Ted Travis Jr.  
[rectory@stathanasiuschurch.us](mailto:rectory@stathanasiuschurch.us)

**St. Athanasius School: 7105 Limekiln Pike**  
 215-424-5045  
 Ms. Andrea Tomaino, Principal  
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**ST. ATHANASIUS MASS SCHEDULE: 4/21 - 4/28**

Sat.	4:00pm	Happy Birthday Harry Keller Req. by Jennifer James & Children
Sun.	10:00am St. A.	People of the Parish
Sun.	10:00am St. B.	Spiritual Renewal of Our Parish
Sun.	6:00pm	Protection of our School And Children
Mon.	8:30am	Rev. Karl A. Zeuner (decd.)
Tue.	8:30am	Rev. Edward A. Hamilton (decd.)
Wed.	8:30pm	Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Gilberti (decd.)
Thur.	8:30am	Sister Guadalupe VHM (decd.)
Fri.	9:00am	Rev. Msgr. William Doolin (decd.)
Sat.	4:00pm	Sister Seraphine Livolsi (decd.)

**St. Athanasius Parish**

Bulletin can be found on the Parish website:

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**St. Benedict Church Ministries:**

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 Food Cupboard 215-924-4401  
 Food Distribution Monday & Friday 10a-12p  
 Zip 19126 - 19138 - 19141

**Guiding Star Ministry**

215-924-2876

**This Week at St. Athanasius Parish**

Mon.	Apr 23	Spiritual / Evangelization Ministry	6:30pm
Tues.	Apr 24	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	7:15pm
Wed.	Apr 25	Adoration St. Benedict Divine Mercy Chaplet,	12:00pm 6:30pm
		Bible Study	7:00pm

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
 by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
 alleluia.**

**Psalm 33 (32):5-6**

**St. Athanasius Ministries Schedule Apr 21 – Apr 29**

Sat.	Apr 21	4:00 pm	Beverly Harper	Lector Comm.
			Mary Gallagher	Extra Ordinary Minister
Sun.	Apr 22	10:00 am	Marq Temple Maurita Brice	Lector Comm.
			Janice Thomas Louise Frasier	Extra-Ordinary Minister
		6:00pm	Angela Fairbanks	Lector Comm.
Sat.	Apr 28	4:00pm	Mary Gallagher	Lector Comm.
			Eddis Bullock	Extra-Ordinary Minister
Sun	Apr 29	10:00am	Eugene Frasier Louise Frasier	Lector Comm.
			Maurita Brice Dianne Poellnitz	Extra-Ordinary Minister
		6:00pm	Betty Jo Robinson	Lector Comm.

**St. Benedict Ministries**

**Sunday, April 22, 10AM**

*Commentator* Audrey Patrick  
*1st reading* Melvis Dunbar  
*2nd reading* Gwen Watson  
*Extraordinary Ministers* M. Barnes / T. Epps

**Sunday, April 29, 10AM**

*Commentator* Barbara Roberts  
*1st reading* Unachukwu Family  
*2nd reading* Unachukwu Family  
*Extraordinary Ministers* M. Watson / J. Travis

**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.



**FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

**First Reading** Acts 4:8-12(50B)  
**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 28, 29  
**Second Reading** 1 John 3:1-2  
**Gospel** John 10:11-18

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

Sunday Dewey & Laura Turner  
 Monday Edith Turner  
 Tuesday Giselle Turner  
 Wednesday Leon Turner  
 Thursday Terry & Anaya Turner  
 Friday Lenny & Ann Van Buren  
 Saturday Rochelle Vilmont

**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.

Catherine Chukweuke, Lorraine Pompey, Gladys Gross, Louise Hill, Lucille Williams, Dolores Chesney, Jessica McNeil, Marion Dunlap, Doris Brown-Mervin, Vanessa Peirce-Jackson, Jackie Stokes-Thompson, Paula Jones, Nicole White, Almeada Lindsey, Marie Odom, Heather O’Kubo, Marlene Major, Donald Nash, James Marshall, Patricia McDione, Winnie Cannon, MaryEllen Gibson, Gwendolyn Slaughter, Pricilla Werner, Gregory McGhee, Maketa Robinson, Doris Blue, Marge Walker, Joseph Temple, Juanita Hartwell, Allison Rogers, David Bindley-Taylor, John Pompey, Leda Reeves, Edith Roberts, Mrs. Dennis James, James Jones, Justin Graves, Henry Jackson, Gwen Jackson, Linda Jean Mc Seed, 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 Phillips, 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*

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Today's Focus: Beloved Shepherd, Beloved Flock**  
*If it seems nonsensical to say that an actual  
shepherd would die for the flock, that's because if  
is---unless the Sheppard is the very love of God  
for us, our shepherd Jesus Christ.*

#### † Understanding the Word †

As a result of healing the crippled beggar, Peter  
and John come under the scrutiny of the Jewish  
religious elite (priests and Sadducees), who have  
them arrested (Act4:1). The Sadducees were pro-  
Roman aristocracy who did not believe in  
resurrection. Brought before the Sanhedrin  
(composed of Pharisees and Sadducees), Peter and  
John are questioned as to the source of their power.  
“There is no salvation through anyone else”(Acts  
4:12), a direct contradiction to the emperor who  
was acclaimed as “Lord and Savior.”

“Beloved” is the term used of an unnamed  
disciple in the Gospel of John. Here in the second  
reading from First John the term now extends to  
the entire community. In Jesus' Last Supper  
discourse he had explained that he is in the Father,  
and his disciples are in him (John 14:20). As such,  
they become “children of God,” the favored term  
used in First John (2:14; 3:1, 10:5:2). The question  
that seems to be at issue in today's second reading  
is how this relationship will look in the future.

In the Synoptic Gospels, Jesus speaks in  
parables, but John prefers “figures of speech”  
(John 10:6). Both terms suggest that Jesus used  
figurative language to communicate. In today's  
Gospel reading, Jesus refers to himself as the good  
shepherd. The term suggests that there are also  
“bad” shepherds. Those who would do harm to the  
sheep include thieves (John 10:1, 10), robbers  
(John 10:1), strangers (John 10:5), and hired  
workers (John 10:12). The latter term is not-so-  
veiled condemnation of the Pharisees who  
excommunicated the blind man as an attack on the  
because of his belief in Jesus (John 9:34). The  
Good Shepherd discourse stand as an attack on the  
Pharisees who have “no concern for the  
sheep”(John 10:13). Jesus describes the ‘good  
shepherd as one who lays down his life for his  
sheep (John 10:11), which in its literal  
understanding is hyperbolic. No shepherd would  
sacrifice himself for his livestock. But Jesus isn't  
an ordinary shepherd. He has the power to lay  
down his life and to take it up again (John 10:18).

### †Reflection on the Word †

I have a fond childhood memory of singing the responsorial psalm on Good Shepherd Sunday in a comforting musical setting by Sr. Theophane Hytrek, SSSF, one which concluded with a beautiful “Alleluia!” Over the years these words still provide comfort and challenge. Pope Francis preached that in the Good Shepherd’s heart, “the Father’s love shines forth ... There I know I am welcomed and understood as I am; there, with all my sins and limitations, I know the certainty that I am chosen and loved” (June 3, 2016). I am comforted that as God’s child I can know the certainty of God’s love. It is bringing my sin and limitations to that loving heart that challenges me. The challenge is trusting that Jesus seeks to deepen my union with God just as I am, freeing me from shame.

I can only be that honest and find healing like the crippled beggar in our first reading if I admit that my sin and limitation do cripple me. Then the stone rejected becomes my cornerstone, and builds me up even where I have rejected God, or God’s ways. How freeing this awareness can be! I need not be perfect to belong to the Good Shepherd’s flock as a child of God. I do need to ask him to help me up again and return to his fold. I need to speak heart to heart with the Good Shepherd. He invites me to change what I can and accept what I cannot in truth before him. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Let his heart speak to your heart. Speak from yours to him. He pastures us, and through us, his other sheep. Alleluia!

### † Living and Praying with the Word †

Merciful God, you also know us completely, through and through. Free me to trust in your love without taking it for granted. Empower me to speak the truth of my life to your heart to experience healing. Empower me to shepherd your flock today. I ask this through the name given to the human race by which we are saved, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### † Consider / Discuss †

- Name times when you have felt certain of God’s unconditional love for you.
- Speak from your heart the places where you need forgiveness and healing today.

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St. Athanasius Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, **Saturday, May 5th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the **GreenDrop** truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, **furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted.** For a full list of acceptable items visit [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com)

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**ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH**

<b>St. Athanasius</b> April 15, 2018	
Saturday - Sunday envelopes 118	\$ 3941
Additional Offerings	\$ 507
Total**	\$ 4448
<b>St. Benedict</b> April 15, 2018	
Sunday envelopes 22 count 80	\$ 678
Additional Offerings	\$ 15
Total**	\$ 562

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and Generosity to the Parish  
May God Bless You

**Home visit, Blessing and Prayer.**

The Clergy of the parish would like to visit you in your homes to pray with you and Bless you, your families and your home. It is a pastoral visit. If you would like us to visit, please fill out the form below and drop it in the basket or at the rectory, or you may call 215-548-2700 or email us at [rectory@stathanasiuschurch.us](mailto:rectory@stathanasiuschurch.us) The Rectory will call to schedule a time and date.

**Yes I would like a home visit.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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