

**ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH**

St. Athanasius Church, 2050 E. Walnut Lane Philadelphia PA 19138,

Rectory 215-548-2700, fax-215-5487453 [www.stathanasiuschurch.us](http://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](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: 8/18 - 8-25**

|       |                   |  |
|-------|-------------------|--|
| Sat.  | 4:00pm            | Laura Macaro (decd.) req. by<br>Eleanor Macaro           |
| Sun.  | 10:00am<br>St. A. | Anna Phillips (decd.) req. by<br>Eugene & Louise Frasier |
| Sun.  | 10:00am<br>St. B  | Fr. George B. Moore (decd.)                              |
| Sun.  | 6:00pm            | People of the Parish                                     |
| Mon.  | 8:30am            | Rev. Robert H. Breen (decd.)                             |
| Tue.  | 8:30am            | Joseph & Josephine Giungo (decd.)                        |
| Wed.  | 8:30am            | Charles Repper (decd.)                                   |
| Thur. | 8:30am            | Barbara Goebel (decd.)                                   |
| Fri.  | 8:30am            | Raymond Jones (decd.)                                    |

**St. Benedict Church Ministries:**

Family Social Services

Deacon James Mahoney

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**Guiding Star Ministry**

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**This Week at St. Athanasius Parish**

|       |        |   |                   |
|-------|--------|---|-------------------|
| Tues. | Aug 21 | Adoration<br>St. Athanasius                                   | 9:00am            |
|       |        | Divine Mercy Chaplet<br>Benediction,                          | 6:30pm            |
|       |        | Bible Study<br>St. A Rectory                                  | 9:45am            |
|       |        | Senior Social<br>St. Athanasius Rectory<br>Basement Mtg. Room | 12-3pm            |
|       |        | Legion of Mary  | 6:00pm            |
| Wed.  | Aug 22 | Adoration St. Benedict<br>Divine Mercy Chaplet,               | 12:00pm<br>6:30pm |
|       |        | Bible Study   | 7:00pm            |

**St. Athanasius Parish**

Bulletin can be found on the Parish website:

**WWW.STATHANASIUSCHURCH.US**

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
And look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts is better than a  
thousand elsewhere.

Psalm 84 (83):10-11

Please subscribe to the site to view live streaming.

**St. Athanasius Ministries Schedule Aug 18– Aug 26**

|      |        |          |  |                         |
|------|--------|----------|--|-------------------------|
| Sat. | Aug 18 | 4:00 pm  | Mary Gallagher                                     | Lector Comm.            |
|      |        |          | Deacon Mahoney                                     | Ordinary Minister       |
| Sun. | Aug 19 | 10:00 am | Youth Sunday<br>Youth Sunday                       | Lector Comm.            |
|      |        |          | Gene Frasier<br>Louise Frasier                     | Extra-Ordinary Minister |
|      |        | 6:00 pm  | Angela Fairbanks                                   | Lector Comm.            |
| Sat. | Aug 25 | 4:00 pm  | Marlene Matthews                                   | Lector Comm.            |
|      |        |          | Mary Gallagher                                     | Extra Ordinary Minister |
| Sun  | Aug 26 | 10:00 am | Pamela Morrison<br>MarcAnthony                     | Lector Comm.            |
|      |        |          | Maurita Brice<br>Janice Thomas<br>Dianne Poellnitz | Extra-Ordinary Minister |
|      |        | 6:00 pm  | Betty Jo Robinson                                  | Lector Comm.            |

**St. Benedict Ministries  
Sunday, Aug 19, 10AM**

*Commentator* Barbara Roberts  
*1st reading* Anitra Roberts  
*2nd reading* Diane Berry  
*Extraordinary Ministers* G. Watson / J. Travis

**St. Benedict Ministries  
Sunday, Aug 26, 10AM**

*Commentator* Melvis Dunbar  
*1st reading* Charlene Cornish  
*2nd reading* Valerie Grant  
*Extraordinary Ministers* D. Berry / C. Mills

**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.



**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8-19-18**

First Reading Proverbs 9:1-6 (119B)  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
 Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20  
 Gospel John 6:51-58

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

Sunday Brenda Harris  
 Monday Adair Hightower  
 Tuesday Alice Hightower  
 Wednesday Louise Hill  
 Thursday Ruby Hill  
 Friday Frances Holcomb (deceased)  
 Saturday Gail Holland

**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. OG Moore, Pearl Carter, Concepcion Chukweuke, Christine Matthews, Linda Love, Marie Vital, Baby Jeffery Christopher Pressley, Evelyn Johnson, Frank Long, Jean Long, Catherine Chukweuke, Lorraine Pompey, Gladys Gross, 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, Owen Human, Christine Human, Edna Poole, Marjorie Pace, Lillian Scott, Lunell Mobley, Jessie Harrell, Joanne McCoy, Katrina Smith, Theotis Holmes, Anthony Pettis, Ruben 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, 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

**On Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7 PM** the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for Black Catholics will host  
***St. Luke's Production of  
"Tolton: From Slave to Priest"***  
at La Salle University's Dan Rodden Theater. It is a powerful 75-minute live production based on the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first recognized African American priest. The production is suitable for middle school age and up. Tickets (\$10. with a \$1. processing fee) can be purchased on [Eventbrite \(www.eventbrite.com\)](http://www.eventbrite.com). Credit card purchases only. There are only 250 seats available! They will sell out very quickly.

For more information contact the Office for Black Catholics

**The Twenty-Ninth Annual Catechist Convocation**



**Living as Missionary Disciples  
Saturday, November 3, 2018  
Feast of Saint Martin de Porres  
Archbishop Carroll High School  
Keynote Presentation – Therese Wilson Favors  
Call the rectory to register. 215-548-2700**

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Today's Focus: Receiving, Then Becoming

The actions of eating and drinking at the Eucharist are the same as we use daily. But Eucharist calls us to a deeper, more engaged eating and drinking.

#### † Understanding the Word †

Wisdom is often personified as a woman in Wisdom literature. In today's first reading, she is preparing a rich banquet to which she invites all who seek wisdom. The plentiful banquet was a symbol of a successful life. A few verses following we hear of another invitation to a banquet, this one hosted by Folly (Proverbs 9:13-18). In contrast, Folly puts no effort into either food or invention. The banquet consists only of water and quickly eaten bread. Wisdom promises life (Wisdom 9:6), while Folly invites one to death (Wisdom 9:18).

Life within the Christian community among "brothers and sisters" has both ethical and ritual aspects, as seen in today's second reading from Ephesians. The structure "not as x, but as y" presents first the negative to be avoided, and then the positive to be emulated. Don't be foolish, do be wise (Ephesians 4:15). Don't get drunk on wine but be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 4:18). After each, we find a description of how one is to live positively. Ephesians 4:19 appears to indicate liturgical elements present in early Christian assemblies.

The Gospel reading continues the reading from John chapter 6, and out of context, may appear shocking. Jesus says to those around him, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). He then associates himself with this Son of Man, saying, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:54). In the first, Jesus uses the typical verb for "to eat" (*phagein*, v. 53). But when referring to himself, uses the typical verb *trochein* (v. 54), literally translated as "crunching," a term used Jesus' midrash on Exodus 16 concludes with his revealing that "whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:58). Though the notion that the Torah was consumed and nourishing like food has biblical roots (Psalm 34:8; Ezekiel 3:3), the Jewish audience interpreted Jesus literally.

#### † Reflection on the Word †

Jesus is master teacher. Good teachers say the same thing in different ways to help students connect with a subject and come to understanding. For a fifth week we hear Jesus tell the crowds that he is the bread of life, living bread come down from heaven, real food and real drink, and whoever eats his flesh will live forever. It is a difficult teaching to comprehend on its face. One must go deeper to discover its greater meaning.

A literal interpretation of Jesus' words sounds impossible. Tests have been conducted that try to discover a difference between consecrated and in consecrated bread and wine, to no avail. These kinds of tests miss the point. While bread and wine still appear as bread and wine, our faith helps us see more, bread that is the Body of Christ and wine that is the Blood of Christ. When we go deeper, we hear Jesus' words in the context of his offering himself as the Passover Lamb, sacrificed on the cross, giving himself totally to God and to us. His flesh and blood mingle with ours from the inside out. We become what we eat and drink, the living Body of Christ. Jesus remains in us and we are in him. The Eucharist is Wisdom's sumptuous feast that teaches us to forsake foolishness and advance in the way of understanding and new life. We gather. We address each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. We give thanks in Jesus' name and come to share the wisdom that faith alone provides. We must go beyond appearance and enter the mystery deeply, week after week, to taste and see the goodness of the Lord who offers us eternal life.

#### † Living and Praying with the Word †

How holy is the feast, in which Christ is truly our food, in which we recall his passion and receive a promise of future glory. Teach us to savor this food and drink and give you thanks, O God, for the gift of the Eucharist and the depth of understanding that comes from union with you, through your Holy Spirit.

#### † Consider / Discuss †

- What brings you back to celebrate the Eucharist week after week?
- What helps you understand Christ's real presence in the Break of bread and saving cup?

**Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary**

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**Presents:**



Ladies and Gents, get those flapper dresses and suspenders ready!

**Saturday, August 25, 2018**

St. Athanasius School Hall

7105 Limekiln Pike

**7-11pm**

**BYOB Scrumptious Menu**

**Live Comedy Entertainment by:**

**Mr. Charles Walden**

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***SAINT ATHANASIUS PARISH  
ANNUAL***

**Women's Day Celebration  
begins with a**

**Prayer  
Breakfast**



on Saturday, September 22, 2018  
from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Cost: \$18.00/person

**Theme: "TRUST IN THE LORD"**

**Guest Speaker: Elder Ernestine Hunter  
and on**

**Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Women's Day MASS**

**at Saint Athanasius Catholic Church**

**Dress Attire Afro-Centric**



Invite your families and friends to our annual  
celebration of Women's Day.

Prayer Breakfast tickets are available at the Rectory,  
or you can contact:

**Dianne Poellnitz (215)570-9517,**

**Arnesta Waller (215)927-4534,**

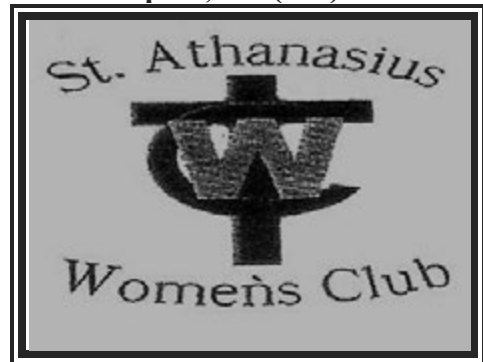
**Louise Hill or any Women's Club member.**



**Saint Athanasius Catholic Church**

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

Sincerely,

*Dianne Poellnitz*

Ad Forms and patron list can be found in Church...  
Please submitted ads by **Friday August 17, 2018**

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| St. Athanasius Parish           |         |
| St. Athanasius August 12, 2018  |         |
| Saturday - Sunday envelopes 115 | \$ 2998 |
| Additional Offerings            | \$ 237  |
| Total**                         | \$ 3235 |
|                                 |         |
| St. Benedict August 12, 2018    |         |
| Sunday envelopes 77 count 88    | \$ 1929 |
| Additional Offerings            | \$ 220  |
| Total**                         | \$ 2149 |

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

**Reminder: No 6pm Mass Labor Day Weekend.**

Save the Date:

Sunday September 16, 2018 St. Athansuius Parish  
hosting the St. Peter Claver Feast Day Mass.  
10:00am

Saturday September 22, 2018 Women's Club  
Prayer Breakfast.

Sunday September 23, 2018 St. Athanasius  
Women's Club Mass Celebration 10:00 am



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