

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
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St. Athanasius School: 7105 Limekiln Pike
 25-424-5045
 Ms. Andrea Tomaino, Principal
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St. Benedict Church Ministries:

Family Social Services
 Deacon James Mahoney
 Food Cupboard 215-924-4401
 Food Distribution Monday & Friday 10a-12p
 Zip 19126 - 19138 - 19141

Guiding Star Ministry
 215-924-2876

ST. ATHANASIUS MASS SCHEDULE: 2/17 - 2/24

Sat.	4:00pm	Protection of our Police, Firefighters, EMT's and the Military
Sun.	10:00am St. A.	Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life from the parish.
Sun.	10:00am St. B.	Dean E. Jennings (decd.) req. by Mrs. Elizabeth Bantum
Sun.	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Mon.	8:30am	The well being of the Connelly Family & Foundation
Tue.	8:30am	The well being of the Bruder Family
Wed.	8:30pm	Rev. Charles E. Gormley (decd.)
Thur.	8:30am	Paul Harron (decd.)
Fri.	8:30am	Carmela & Anna Lorenzo (decd.)
Sat.	4:00pm	Sherry Berry (decd.) req. by Corliss Turner

This Week at St. Athanasius Parish

Tues.	Feb 20	Adoration St. Athanasius	9:00am
		Divine Mercy Chaplet Benediction, Stations of the Cross	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.	Feb 21	Adoration St. Benedict Divine Mercy Chaplet, Lent Reflection, Lenten Super	12:00pm 6:30pm
		Bible Study	7:00pm
Thurs.	Feb 22	This Is Our Faith	7:00pm

St. Athanasius Parish

Bulletin can be found on the Parish website:

WWW.STATHANASIUSCHURCH.US

Please subscribe to the site to view live streaming.

**When he calls on me, I will answer hi;
 I will deliver him and give him glory,
 I will grant him length of days.**

Psalm 91 (90):15-16

St. Athanasius Ministries Schedule Feb 17 – Feb 25

Sat.	Feb 17	4:00 pm	Mary Gallagher	Lector Comm.
			Deacon Mahoney	Ordinary Minister
Sun.	Feb 18	10:00 am	Youth Sunday Youth Sunday	Lector Comm.
			Richard Mshomba Gene Frasier	Extra- Ordinary Minister
		6:00pm	Angel Fairbanks	Lector Comm.
Sat.	Feb 24	4:00pm	Marlene Matthews	Lector Comm.
			Mary Gallagher	Extra Ordinary Minister
Sun	Feb 25	10:00am	Maurita Brice Tracy Brown	Lector Comm.
			Theresa Allen Louise Frasier	Extra Ordinary Minister
		6:00pm	Betty Jo Robinson	Lector Comm.

St. Benedict Ministries

Sunday, February 18, 10AM

Commentator Linda B. Love
1st reading Sydney Wilson
2nd reading Darren Williams
Extraordinary Ministers M. Barnes / T. Epps

Sunday, February 25, 10AM

Commentator Marlyn Barnes
1st reading Raymond Wallace
2nd reading Kadine Williams
Extraordinary Ministers L. Hill / M. Watson

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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 (26B)

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Second Reading Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

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

Sunday Gloria Solomon
 Monday Bryanne Souders
 Tuesday Pagbaya Sourou
 Wednesday Vera Spence
 Thursday Solomon & Anita Squire
 Friday Mr. & Mrs. James Stevenson
 Saturday Anton & Gloria Stewart Jr.

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.

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, Donald Sigler, 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, William Lee & 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 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Focus: Floods Below, Rainbows Above
The theme of safe passage through destructive waters to a place of life and hope pervades our understanding of this baptismal season of Lent.

† Understanding the Word †

The first eleven chapters of the book of Genesis recount the pre-history of creation and humanity. Told in mythic form, these tales are etiological in nature, explaining the origin of events or actions. In this case we learn the meaning of the rainbow. Several ancient civilizations (Mesopotamian, Hindu, Greek) recounted the story of great floods in which humanity and creatures were saved by constructing a boat. The roots of the Hebrew story are likely from in the Sumerian Epic of Gilgamesh, dated between 2100 and 2000 B.C. The hero of the Epic receives immortality for his efforts. In the Hebrew version, Noah and his descendants become heirs of a covenant. God vows that water will never again destroy all living beings.

The second reading is from First Peter, a late first-century work written in the name of the Apostle Peter. Though utilizing a letter format, the work is likely a baptismal sermon. The language of new birth, infancy, and baptism is found throughout. In today's reading, the author reinterprets the story of Noah and the flood as prefiguring baptism in Christ (1 Peter 3:21). He also notes that Christ preached "to the spirits in prison," which may refer to those who died in the flood or angelic powers opposed to God.

After Jesus' baptism he is driven by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, echoing the forty years of Israel's sojourn in the wilderness. As Mark introduces here, the story of Jesus is a cosmic battle between the reign of God and the forces of Satan. The arrest of John the Baptist marks the beginning of Jesus' preaching ministry. Likely Jesus saw John's arrest as a sign that "this is the time of fulfillment" (Mark 1:15). Jesus calls for repentance and belief in the gospel. As Mark's story develops, the "gospel" will be revealed as good news of God's actions through Jesus.

†**Reflecting on the Word** †

I once saw a beautiful double rainbow break through dark storm clouds. Seeing that rainbow comforted me. I sensed the presence of a recently deceased friend and I felt the nearness of God. Rainbows remind me to look for calm after a storm and find God near.

God promised: “When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings” (Genesis 9:14-15a). The rainbow reminds God, and us, of that promise. In Baptism we enter into a relationship with God. In baptism we put to death whatever is not of God, “the flesh” in St. Paul. In baptism we promise to live by the Spirit. Lent is a rainbow of renewal, wherein God reminds us of the promise never again to destroy all mortal beings. During Lent we enter the desert with Jesus to hear him say to us: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel”(Mark 1:15).

Repent! Reflect on the floodwaters of sin that keep you from believing God is here. Repent! Renew your baptismal promise to live Jesus. Repent! Name your storms that cloud over God’s unconditional, merciful love. Ask Jesus for help to find the rainbows of forgiveness and new life that often follow these storms. Our example will give hope to those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. St. Francis de Sales taught that life happens. Whatever happens, God is with us. Look for God’s rainbows that proclaim: God is here! God will not destroy you! Repent! Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel.

† **Consider/Discuss** †

- When have you experienced a rainbow after stormy time in your life?
- Name one way you can repent to reorient your life to live the gospel this Lent?

† **Living and Praying with the Word** †

These forty days of Lent, O God, we give our storms to you. Open our eyes to see your rainbow and renew our lives. Help us trust in your promise that you will remember the covenant you made with us.



10th Annual Philadelphia Catholic Men’s Conference”

Saturday March 3, 2018

New Location:--Neumann University, Aston PA

ManUpPhilly presents

“Christ Crucified – The Power and Wisdom of God”

Please Sign Up in Church if you plan to attend.



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March 17, 2018 3:00PM- 5:00PM

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ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH		
St. Athanasius	February 11, 2018	
Saturday - Sunday envelopes	105	\$ 2548
Additional Offerings		\$ 317
Total**		\$ 2965
St. Benedict		February 11, 2018
Sunday envelopes	58 count 82	\$ 1943
Additional Offerings		\$ 122
Total**		\$ 2065

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

CULTURAL HERITAGE MASS

Saturday March 17th, 2018

Cathedral Basilica of

SS. Peter & Paul

Procession – 2:00 pm

Lead by

Buffy Red Feather Brown

Mass – 2:30 pm

Share the Journey with Migrants and Refugees

PRICIPAL CELEBRANT & HOMILIST

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

Native American, Asian, African, European, Caribbean, and Brazilian Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia welcome all to join in this celebration!

One Faith Many Cultures One Family

YOU ARE INVITED

MSGR. MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP GALA

Friday, April 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM

7:00PM – *Hos d'oervres & Musical*

Entertainment

7:45PM – *Dinner*

St. John Neumann Ceneter
1039 North Lawrence Center
Philadelphia, PA 19123

The Office for Black Catholics will also award

Mrs. Dawn Chism Simms with the

St. Martin de Porres Medal for her contributions to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Tickets available thru:

Office for Black Catholic

Ticket Information: 215-587-3541

Tickets \$50.00 each Sponsor a Student \$50.00

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PRAESIDUM

INVITES YOU TO THE 25TH ANNUAL

MARIAN DAY

"MARIAN APOLPGETICS: IN DEFEWNSSE OF OUR MOTHER"

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018 9AM-4PM

1. "The Immaculate Conception and the Dignity of Man"
2. The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
3. "Behold Your Mother"

Please RSVP BY March 1

To RSVP, please email advancement@scs.edu or call 610-785-6270 indicating your name and the number of persons attending with you. A donation of \$10 to cover box lunch is requested of lay attendees at the time of registration. Please note due to scheduling, breakfast and other snacks will not be provided.



Join St. Raymond Church Family on Thursday, March 8th at 7pm to see

The Cross and the Light

At St. John Bosco Church

(215 E. County Line Rd., Hatboro, Pa.)

The Cross & Light is an international, critically acclaimed musical and video surround experience of Christ's Passion, Resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Through their multi-cultural cast they provide an experience of powerful evangelism and modern musical theater that emotionally engages people in the story of who Jesus is, what He did for us, and how He calls us to live. Don't miss this life-changing event!

The cost is \$30 which includes a seat on the bus leaving St. Raymond at 5:30pm. You are free to drive yourself as well.

Drop off your payment quickly – seats will fill up.

If you have any questions please contact

Michell at the Rectory 215-549-3760

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

St. Athanasius Parish Bahama Mommas

will be doing Fish Dinners for Lent

**Friday February 23, March 2, March 9,
March 16 and March 23, 2018**

Please see bulletin insert for Menu and more information.

Note the brief survey to assist the Pastrol Council in addressing Mass attendance concerns will be distributed after communion for the next 2 weeks, to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to fill it out.

First Sunday of Lent

"Do Not Bring Us to the Time of Trial." (Matt 6:13)
I know too well that I am weak and changeable. I know that power of temptation against the strongest virtue. While I hope in you, I am sheltered from all misfortune, and I am sure that my trust shall endure, for I rely upon you to sustain this unfailing hope.

---St. Claude dela Colombière



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