

Roman Catholic High School Boy's Soccer
301 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107



August 13th, 2018

Dear Alumni:

Today, in what is the start of my twelfth season as head coach, we officially open training camp and the 2018 season. On behalf of all our hard working coaches, I hope that you and your loved ones are having an outstanding summer!

The first week of camp is an interesting time for the boys. Despite the heat and humidity of August, our guys always enthusiastically rise to the collective challenges of camp for not only their personal betterment but for the bonding of the team. It's during these very challenging days... and sometimes two a days... that true champions are made.

It's a great pleasure to have as my Primary Assistant Coach, **Jerry Brindisi**. Now in his ninth season, Jerry's knowledge of the game and tutelage of the boys is second to none. Additionally, our experienced staff of assistants and volunteers run deep, each bringing to the program varied talents and focus areas such as scouting, film study, player-coach-parent liaisons, media relations, strength and conditioning, mental fortitude and more. Coach **Mike Biddle** will also return to the sidelines this season along with Coach **Mike Rector** to keep our JV boys at the ready for the call to the varsity sideline. Leading our Freshman squad once again is Coach **Zachary Elwell**.

Over the last few special years, the Roman Catholic family has been there to support our boys every step of the way. With Purple Pride leading the way, know that our guys see you, hear you and feel your presence. We all very much appreciate it! There is nothing like fan support "painting the night purple". Students, faculty, administrators, former players, family and friends... These have been truly special times for Roman Catholic Soccer but still, we need YOU to make it happen! Gather the posse, don the purple and let us see you at one of our marches or events below!

Our 2018 schedule on the back page for your review. Note that we utilize several locations for our home field(s):

****Lighthouse Soccer Club, Roosevelt Boulevard & Southampton Rd. (primary home field)***

IMPORTANT DATES TO CONSIDER

As you know, we have started off our past seasons by participating in the annual SEPA High School Tournament at Parkwood Youth Organization. The date this year is Saturday, August 25th with the first match tapping off at 9am.

Labor Day Weekend Season Openers - Sun! Sand! Soccer! Now two matches over the weekend to kick off the season in grand style at **Maxwell Field in Wildwood, NJ**. First on tap: **Friday, August 31, 5pm vs Camden Catholic**.

Then after a quick turn around, we tap off again: **Sunday, September 2, 5pm vs Malvern Prep** from the Inter-Ac.

Roman Catholic vs Father Judge - Tuesday, September 25th at UGH! All three teams play in classic PCL action.

Senior Night - Saturday, September 22, 2018, 7pm vs Cheltenham at Lighthouse Soccer Club.

Beef and Bowl - FUNdraising event on October 20, 2018 at Thunderbird Lanes. An amazing evening consisting of fabulous food, prizes and spent with parents and friends of our program. Any and all donations are welcomed. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year but, it's not fun if you're not there! Grab your BFF's, get a lane, have a ball!

Alumni Game - (odd vs even years) at the Ukrainian American Citizens Association (Ukrainian Club). Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 2pm. Our post game huddle will be right at the Ukies Club. It's always a great time to strap on your shinies, lace up your boots, relive the glory days and establish new friendships along the way!

For further information:

To learn more about our program or what's going on at **Roman Catholic HS**, visit: www.romancatholichs.com

To access **Roman Catholic Soccer Program** directly, visit us at www.romancatholicsoccer.com

For *Roman Catholic Soccer Alumni* news and information (events, game results and standings) via email, please send me an email expressing your interest at: soccer@temple.edu

Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to seeing you this fall and **GO ROMAN!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond DeStephanis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'D'.

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