

# ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

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March 18, 2018

## CLERGY

Msgr. Michael T. McCulken,  
Pastor  
Rev. John A. Franey,  
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Rev. Christopher C. Moriconi,  
Parochial Vicar  
Msgr. Thomas A. Murray,  
In Residence  
Deacon John A. Hasson  
Deacon Edward T. Hinson

## PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Linda Coyne,  
Finance Director  
Mr. Ted Locker,  
Facilities Manager  
Ms. Janet Genuardi  
Mrs. Jean Phillips  
Mrs. Melissa Sinner  
Mrs. Madelyn O'Hara

## SACRED MUSIC

Ms. Elizabeth Calabro,  
Director

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Matt Kirsch  
Mr. Alex Price



**Fifth  
Sunday  
of Lent**

## EDUCATION

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): For adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or adults in need of Confirmation. Meetings are held during the school year. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

HOLY CROSS REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Serves the families of Saint Eleanor and Sacred Heart Parish, Royersford. Christ-centered teaching and strong academic emphasis for Pre-K through Grade 8. Mrs. Theresa Healy, Principal. 610-489-9434 ext. 2225

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PREP: After-school religious instruction for children in grades K thru 6. Classes held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Contact Ms. Teri Lahey, Director of Religious Education at 610-489-4677 ext. 31. *Children's Liturgy of the Word:* Offered to the younger children in the parish during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses on Sundays.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Composed of elected and appointed members who advise the Pastor concerning the pastoral circumstances and needs of the parish and parishioners.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Meets five to six times a year to advise the pastor on financial and administrative matters of the parish.

## SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Scheduled most Sundays at 1:00 pm. Please make arrangements in advance with one of the priests. First-time parents attend Pre-Jordan, a Baptismal Preparation meeting usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm in Holy Cross school Library.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made with one of the priests or deacons at least six months before the desired wedding date. Couples attend the Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program (also held here at St. Eleanor).

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For anyone needing the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office or see a priest after Mass.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Communion is brought to the sick in their homes. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

PARISH REGISTRATION: New to the parish? Please call for an appointment with one of the priests.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 8 am to 7 pm  
Friday: 8 am to 5 pm  
Saturday: 9 am to 1 pm

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am,  
12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday: 6:30 am  
Monday to Saturday: 9:00 am

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

In Our Lady Chapel  
(except 9:00 am Saturday through  
2:00 pm Sunday)

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE-

Saturday: 8:00 to 8:45 am;  
3:30—4:15 pm  
(Wednesdays after Masses  
By appointment anytime.)



New this Easter  
Sunrise Mass  
6:00 am  
Church

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 17**

*Saint Patrick Bishop*

9:00 Thomas M. Ryan  
4:30 The People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 18**

7:30 Jeff Milligan  
9:00 Thelma Ball  
10:30 Michael Wynne  
12:00 Mary Jane Foley  
7:00 PM Joyce Oxenreider

**Monday, March 19**

*Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6:30 Sr. Mary Waldron, SSJ  
9:00 George Daher

**Tuesday, March 20**

6:30 Virginia M. Adams  
9:00 Charles C. Heil, Jr.

**Wednesday, March 21**

6:30 Alicia Binando  
9:00 Michael Hudak

**Thursday, March 22**

6:30 James Katz  
9:00 Lawrence Streck

**Friday, March 23**

*Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

6:30 Sp. Int. of Bishop Edward Deliman  
9:00 Deceased members of Heil Family

**Saturday, March 24**

*Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr*

9:00 Katherine Noonan  
4:30 Marion Knorr

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

### **Baptisms**

Congratulations and prayers from our Saint Eleanor Family to the parents, godparents, and families of the newly baptized incorporated into the Body of Christ.



Austin Christopher, son of Timothy and Leah Sauermelch

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, April 8th, at 2 PM in Holy Cross School Library. First-time parents need to attend & may attend this program before the birth of your child. Baptismal paperwork is due two weeks prior to Baptism.

### **Rose of Resurrection in Memory**

For a Rose of Resurrection to remember those who have passed away, call Paula Pezzano at 610-489-0533. Please request roses at least one month before the rose is to be placed on the altar.

### **Rose for Life**

To reserve a Rose for Life, please call Donna Kolb at 610-948-3955..



Roses are not available during Lent.

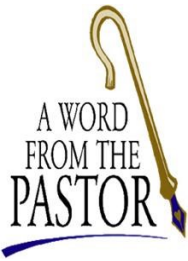
### **Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons**

For the month of **March**, we will be praying for **Reverend John A. Franey**, and all his intentions. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons, please call Betty Rowlands at 610-489-3742.

### **Pray for Those Serving Our Country**

Sgt. Thomas Albany	Alexander Franke, SN
1st Lt. Andrew Bone	Specialist Michael Thomas
Cpl. Bryan Luther	Private Nicholas Bielski
Andrew Somplasky	Lt Sean Feeney
Ryan Somplasky	Jeremy Somplasky
Michael Thomas	Midn. 2Class Zachary Sermarini
1st Lt Brian Davis	CM/Sgt Charles Gordon
Cmdr Wendy Arnold, MD	
Sgt William Ronan	
Katherine Heacock	





Dear Friends,

*"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."*

These words are the words of Jesus from our Gospel this weekend.

There are several striking elements in these profound words of Jesus for our reflection this week leading up to Palm Sunday. First, Jesus expresses aloud His human emotion, His state of mind. He is exhibiting a very natural human response to what He is preparing to do. This affirms to us His sharing in our humanity, in our human weaknesses. And yet, as Jesus goes on, rather than ask to be saved from His impending sacrificial death, He prays that the Father glorifies His own name. He surrenders His human will and life to the Father. In the light of that humble and total surrender, the Father affirms publicly His oneness with His Son, Jesus, and through Jesus, the Father makes Himself one with us.

Make no mistake about it, when the Father speaks of glory, He is talking about the glory which will flow from the suffering and torture of crucifixion. There's no way around that. Jesus enters into the very depths of human depravity, into the depths of human suffering, into the depths of every evil in order to overcome it all, to bring forth healing, to set free our fallen race so that we might live the very life of God Himself. We have received a gift far surpassing that of Adam and Eve in the Garden.

With Saint Patrick Day on Saturday and Saint Joseph Day on Monday, witnesses to the Faith surround this Sunday. The Foster-Father of Jesus and the Apostle to Ireland give testimony, both silent and spoken to the power of Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. They willingly reveal that Jesus is the One who draws all things to Himself, that the Cross is the sign of victory over this world, that we have no fear from the God who loves us so much and so tenderly, that He gave His only Son for us. *Let us love Him in the same way that He loves us. Let us help each other to live passionately as disciples. And let us make disciples of all whom we meet along the way.*

God bless you, God love you,  
Monsignor McCulken

### Mass for Healing April 17th 7:00 PM- Church

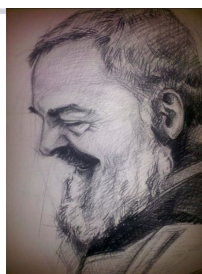
We warmly invite everyone to this Mass—  
family members, friends and neighbors.



### Padre Pio Prayer Group

**Next Meeting and Mass  
April 21st**

9:40-Prayer & Confession  
10:30- Mass and blessing  
with Padre Pio's relics  
Celebrant -Father Hamilton



### Pastoral Council Nominations Due April 2nd

Once again, we begin the process of nominations and elections to our Parish Pastoral Council. This is an advisory/consultative body to the Pastor to assist in planning and visioning for the needs of the parish in order to fulfill our Mission as disciples of Jesus. Members are elected or appointed from among our parishioners.

Those who serve on the Council bring their gifts, insights and expertise to bear on the discussions and plans affecting parish life and the living of the Gospel, and help foster the full participation of our parishioners in parish life.

At this time we invite our parishioners to nominate someone for election to the Council. Nominations must be in writing or submitted by email to church@steeleanor.com . All nominations must include the signature/name of the person who is nominating their fellow parishioner. Nominations are due no later than Monday, April 2. Consultation will be held with those nominated as to their willingness to be placed on the ballot. We will hold elections the first weekend of June.

Please consider seriously the possibility of serving on this important advisory/consultative Council, which serves a vital purpose for our Parish. The basic time commitment is to 6 meetings a year lasting approximately two hours. Thank you!



### Welcome to the newest members of our Saint Eleanor Parish Family:

Kyran & Heather Laudeman Family  
Michael & Kayla Rodriguez-Finn Family  
James & JoAnna McDonald  
John & Ann Smirga Family  
Mark & Mary Mandia  
Brigid Corr  
Cardona-Toro Household  
Thomas & Carol Gedman  
Eileen Hutchinson  
McGarvey/Diaz Household

Jason & Stefanie Anszis Family  
Kristen Adams  
Howard & Susan Laskey Family  
Timothy & Danielle Conner

### Counting Our Blessings

#### Week Ending March 2, 2018

Regular Collection	\$ 27,670
Other Collections	\$ 317
Total	\$ 27,987
Diocesan Collections	\$ 619

#### Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date\*\*

July 1, 2017—March 2, 2018	\$ 979,842
July 1, 2016—March 2, 2017	\$ 942,318

#### YTD Tithing

July 1, 2017— March 2, 2018	\$ 29,395
July 1, 2016— March 2, 2017	\$ 28,267



*"Pray without  
ceasing."*

*1 Thessalonians 5:17*



**FOR OUR DECEASED:** Patrick Guinan, brother-in-law of Dennis and Joy Henning, Elizabeth Lobb, mother of Mary Beth Lepore and Patricia Symonds

**FOR OUR SICK:** Catherine Alexander, Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Joseph Art, Jr., Elizabeth Ashenfelder, Kathleen Bani, Lori Bani, Lisa Caruso, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Jackie Bielski, Anna Bozzelli, Arthur Buben, Diane Burg, Florence Burkett, Sandy Burns, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Monica Cipriani, Joseph Clarke, Mary Clinton, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Ed Coyle, Lori Craig, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Marie Cunningham, Mary Ann Daley, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Deacon Joe DeRosa, Isabella DeSimone, Vince DiDonato, Ron DiNicola, Pat DiPiano, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, John Doyle, Claire Esposito, Vito Fabiano, Dorothy Fairbanks, Mary Filippini, John Fitzgerald, Donna Flick, Neil Florio, Sandy Forcine, John Fritz, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Elizabeth Groff, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Marjorie Hebard, Virginia Heinz, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Tonia Hopkins, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, Bud Leo, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Nate Lentz, Kathleen Lewis, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Marion Lukens, Joe Lutz, Tom Lytle, Francis Magee, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Mary Mahoney, John Mancini, Marie and Sarah, Barbara Marosky, Agnes McCarver, Ed McDade, Kathleen McFadden, Paul McFadden, Jaime McNutt, Allison Leo Mitchell, Flora Monteiro, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Gabe Muscella, Bob Newton, Marion Niedzolkowski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Francis Panfile, George Pastino, Ed Pressler, Rachel, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Carolyn Rider, Marjorie Rigg, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Betty Rowlands, Linda Sauer, Monsignor Francis Schmidt Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, David Sebok, Angela Shinal, Bob Smith, Joseph Smith, Anne Marie Stoudt, Yoshiko Strohlein, Brian Sullivan, Dennis Sullivan, Howard Taormino, Ron Tautkus, Maggie Terrance, Michael Troemel, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Cristina Utti, Dominic Vacanti, Jr., Sharon von Clef, Billy Watts, Nancy Wenrich, Marge Westhe, Barbara Witman, Pat Willits, Albrette Zvarik

**OUR LITTLE ONES:** Elizabeth DePaul, Damien John Erskine, Brandon Gallagher, Baby Corey Gramazio, Maggie Lutz, Baby Nicholas Manzi, Kiera McMahon, Nicholas Rutherford, Baby Zachary Sinnk, Isaiah Thoxton, Baby Dell Tolas, Justin Wichner, Baby Evan Gerhold, Kate Greco, Kyce Christopher Younossi

*When your loved one recovers, please notify  
the Parish Office so we can offer a prayer of thanks!*

We share this letter with our parish family, which was sent already to all families with children enrolled in our PREP program and/or in Holy Cross Regional Catholic School. It announces an Archdiocesan change for the age of reception for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The new policy is for Confirmation to be received in either Grade 7 or 8. *Please note that almost all of the (Arch)Dioceses in the US have the age of Confirmation in Grade 8 or higher. Many have it scheduled in High School. The excellent instructional and formational materials available are also geared to older students.* We look forward to working with our families and young people in preparing them to receive this unique outpouring of the Holy Spirit and growth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Confirmation for those currently in Grade 5 will be celebrated in the Fall of 2020.

**SAINT ELEANOR CHURCH  
COLLEGEVILLE**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH  
ROYERSFORD**

March 2018

Dear Parents,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

In Baptism, your child was claimed by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, became a child of God and a member of the Catholic Church. As he/she grew, he/she learned of the love of God in the "first school of faith, the family." As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity" (No. 1666).

When your child became of school age, however, the Church provided religious instruction through the Parish Religious Education Program or Catholic School. This formation in faith includes sacramental preparation for First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The primary object of this catechesis is to put your child into an intimate communion with Jesus Christ by knowing, loving and serving Him in this world to be happy with Him for all eternity. This education in conjunction with the domestic church, your home, is more than simply learning about Jesus; it is a spiritual formation which challenges your child to become a model of the faith and a disciple of Christ for his/her lifetime. The Sacrament of Confirmation gives grace for the spiritual journey.

Over the past two years, the Archdiocese conducted a study regarding the grades for Confirmation. Overwhelmingly, bishops, pastors, principals and directors of religious education noted there is a much better understanding and appreciation of the Sacrament of Confirmation by older grade school students.

Last June, after a presentation of the results of this study, the Council of Priests voted for the standard grade for the Sacrament of Confirmation to become grades 7 and/or 8 in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Over last summer, a consultation with the priests of the Archdiocese was conducted which supported the June decision and in September 2017 the Council of Priests again voted in favor of this change from the practice of Confirmation in grades 4, 5 or 6. In January, the Archbishop determined with the Council of Priests, that the new grades for the Sacrament of Confirmation are 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

*The transition to this new practice begins in the 2018-2019 school year. Confirmation for our students, both Saint Eleanor and Sacred Heart, will be held in the Fall of 2020, for Grade 8 students. This will allow for catechesis and formation to take place in the school year of Grade 7.*

As pastors, it is our desire for your child to be spiritually equipped to face the challenges of this world and bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are confident that this change, with your familial support, will allow for a deeper apprenticeship in the faith and stronger relationship with God for your child. It will help your child to become all God has created your child to be.

Sincerely in Christ,  
*Monsignor Michael T. McCulken*  
Pastor, Saint Eleanor Church

*Reverend Tadeusz Gorka*  
Pastor, Sacred Heart Church

#### Bulletin Deadlines

All info and announcements to be published in the bulletin need to be in the Parish Office by the Thursday that is ten days prior. Flyer inserts need to be in the Parish Office two weeks ahead of the desired bulletin date. Bulletin information and inserts should be e-mailed to [jgenuardi@steleanor.com](mailto:jgenuardi@steleanor.com). Submission dates for holiday bulletins have passed.



## A Memorable Lent

### Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

The foundation of and practical tools for a memorable Lent.

Here are some ideas for how to spend Lent.

(To access this information online, see our website—Lent and Easter— A Memorable Lent

<https://www.steleonor.com/your-lenten-experience>

### Lenten and Easter Schedule (revised)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**- Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018

**PALM SUNDAY** of the PASSION of the LORD

Blessing & Distribution of Palm at all Masses

Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 24, 4:30 pm

Sunday, March 25, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am and 7:00 pm

Solemn Procession and Mass, 12:00 pm

### ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 pm, Church

Good Friday, March 30, 12:30-1:30 pm, Chapel

Holy Saturday morning 8-8:45

### HOLY WEEK DAILY MASSES

Monday to Wednesday 6:30 and 9:00 am, Chapel

### HOLY THURSDAY, March 29

Morning Prayer, 9:00 am, Chapel

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

Adoration in chapel until Midnight

### GOOD FRIDAY, March 30

Morning Prayer, 9:00 am, Chapel

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM

### HOLY SATURDAY, March 31

Morning Prayer, 9:00 am, Chapel

Blessing of Food, 12:00 pm, Church

Easter Egg Hunt—10:30 am, Front Lawn

### EASTER SCHEDULE 2018

Saturday, March 31

The Easter Vigil, 7:30 pm

### EASTER SUNDAY, April 1

6:00 am—Sunrise Mass in Church—\*\* New

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 pm, Church

(No 7 pm Mass and no Masses in Gym)

### EASTER MONDAY, April 2

9:00 am (no 6:30 am Mass)

There are as many ways to pray as there are pray-ers in this world, but a few prayer methods can help us to spiritually prepare during Lent:

**1. Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action.** As Catholics we are called to give something for something for Lent. Chocolate, coffee, that extra helping of dinner, one less hour of video games or watching DVDs—whatever it is, you can make what you're giving up for Lent a prayer as well: a prayer-in-action. Whenever you encounter the thing you are abstaining from or the time of day that you would normally enjoy it, take a moment to say a prayer in recognition of your wholeness in God even without the thing you have given up.

**2. Renew yourself through personal reflective prayer.**—Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. One step you can take is to use the many free online resources to jump-start or reinvigorate your prayer life. Our Parish has a Daily Reflection online at [www.steleonor.com/daily-lenten-reflection](http://www.steleonor.com/daily-lenten-reflection)

**3. Pray the Stations of the Cross.**— One of the most common traditions of Lent is to pray the Stations of the Cross. This prayer helps us reflect on the passion and death of Christ in preparation for Good Friday observance and the Easter celebration. Saint Eleanor Parish's Stations of the Cross are held on Wednesdays at 1:45pm & Fridays at 7:00 pm.

**4. Reflect deeper on your liturgical prayer.** - When you attend Mass during Lent, be conscious of and meditate on the words you pray in the liturgy. For example, the Eucharistic Prayer, the highlight of each Mass, has special significance during Lent. After receiving communion, you may reflect more deeply on this great prayer of the Church.

**5. Pray with children or as a family.** Being a parent, guardian, or teacher is a holy ministry and a sacred promise. Share your faith with children by letting them see and hear you pray, and by praying together. And don't forget about family dinners. Dinnertime is a great opportunity to start or enliven a tradition of family prayer during Lent.

**6. Start a practice of daily prayer that will last after Lent.** - Perhaps the best prayer advice is to use Lent as a time to instill prayer habits that will last long after Lent has concluded.

So enjoy your Lenten prayer. And don't think you have to do all the above. Perhaps choose one or two of these prayer methods to concentrate on—and then you can more fully experience the pilgrim journey toward Easter that is Lent. (Courtesy of Loyola Press)

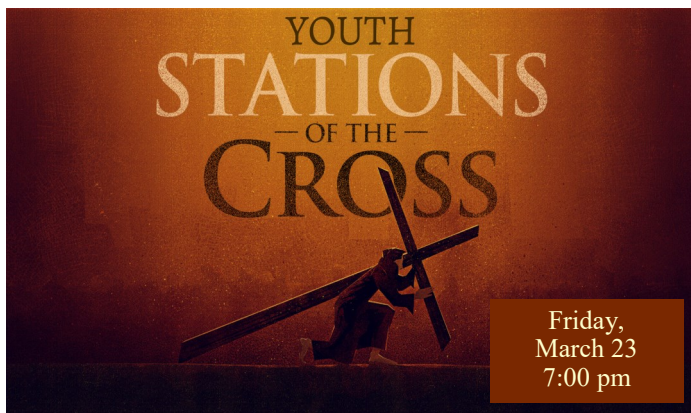
### Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium

#### Lenten Series

#### Wednesday Nights

7:30 pm

March 21st - Lower Providence -"God's Will and My Response" Preaching: Pastor Martha Kriebel



### Scientific Evidence for the Authenticity of the Shroud

Listen to a fascinating lecture, given last year at the Napa Institute, about the very latest scientific evidence on the Shroud of Turin. Here is a You Tube link. The lecture takes about an hour and it is well worth watching, especially during this Lenten season. The ending statement is fabulous!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N93T-DppU6U>



We cordially and warmly invite you to a special encounter with the story of our Lord's Passion and Death enacted by the eighth grade students of Holy Cross Regional Catholic School at St. Eleanor Church on

Monday, March 26 at 1:15 and 7 pm.

**Are You Called to Be a Deacon?**  
**Archdiocese of Philadelphia**  
**Minister of the Word • Minister at the Altar • Minister of Charity**

While all the baptized are called to share in the mission of Jesus Christ according to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, those who are ordained also offer service in a way proper to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. A deacon's ministry entails proclaiming, preaching and teaching God's Word, assisting the bishop and priest at the Liturgy, assisting at funerals, ministering to the sick and dying, leading the community in prayer and in sacramental liturgies, baptizing, witnessing marriages, and exercising administrative leadership in the Church. ***A permanent deacon, who may be married, is a member of the clergy and shares in the hierarchy of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.*** Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the deacon is configured to Christ the Servant. It is Christ the Servant who acts through the ministry of the deacon.

***Want to Learn More...***

We invite Catholic men (*and their wives if married*) with a deep spiritual life who are between the ages of 29 and 55, and would like to discern a call to serve Jesus Christ and His Church within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as permanent deacons to take the next step and contact us for more information and to register for the upcoming Permanent Diaconate Information Night.

**2018 Permanent Diaconate Information Night**  
**Thursday, April 19, 2018**  
**7:00 PM - 9:00PM**  
**Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Vianney Auditorium**  
**100 East Wynnewood Road**  
**Wynnewood, PA 19096**

Registration for this event is required. Please email the following information to Laura Nimmons at [lnimmons@archphila.org](mailto:lnimmons@archphila.org)

• Name • Address • Age • Parish • Email • Marital Status • If married, wife's name •

**60 YEARS OF GIVING HOPE TO ALL**



The Catholic Charities Appeal is the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's single most important annual fundraising initiative, and we're counting on your support. This year, the Catholic Charities Appeal is celebrating their 60th anniversary.

For 60 years generous people like you have responded to Christ's call to help those in need by donating over \$290 million dollars. For 60 years you have enabled us to feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless and comfort the afflicted. So many people are counting on us. So we're counting on you to give hope this year to those who need it most. Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal provides support needed to tens of thousands of people through many organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

**WAYS TO GIVE**

The Catholic Charities Appeal is recognized as a non-profit institution. As such, all gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. It has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives a separate financial audit. Besides gifts of cash, donors to the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal may contribute in many other ways, each offering tax advantages according to their circumstances:

**PLEDGE GIFT** – A gift to the Catholic Charities Appeal may be paid over a period of months.

**GIFTS OF CASH** – Checks should be made payable to the "Catholic Charities Appeal."

**MATCHING GIFTS** – Would you like to double or even triple the impact of your gift? Over 20,000 companies have matching gift programs, and many include current employees and retirees. Please e-mail [matching@catholicfoundationphila.org](mailto:matching@catholicfoundationphila.org) to let us know your employer. We can provide you with additional information to complete the process.

**ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER (EFT)** – This can be arranged through your bank or online through our website

**GIFTS OF SECURITY** – A gift of appreciated securities is one way to make a significant contribution at a reduced cost to you. Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of securities on the date of your gift.

**PLANNED GIFTS** – By making a planned gift to the Catholic Charities Appeal you are ensuring that you leave a lasting legacy of faith and charity. Gift planning allows individuals to incorporate estate and financial planning with their long-term philanthropic goals and includes bequests, charitable gift annuities, trust instruments, gifts of retirement or life insurance assets.

**WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIESAPPEAL.ORG**

**Catholic Charities Appeal Update**—Our parish response to the Catholic Charities Appeal this year is off to a solid start. Thank you to all of you have taken the time to make your pledge or send in your donation. This is a vitally important and needed Appeal that allows us to participate in the archdiocesan efforts to share the love of Jesus with countless numbers of people who are in need. As of 3-2-18, our parish family has made:

- **179** donations with gifts totaling **\$36,010** which puts us 36% towards our parish goal of \$100,823 and **22.5%** towards our aspirational goal of \$160,000.

Please prayerfully consider your gift and participation in this beautiful work of Catholic Charities, Giving Hope to All. You may use the envelopes sent to your homes or pick up one at the Church entrances. You may also go online to donate at [catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://catholiccharitiesappeal.org). Each and every gift, large or small, has an impact and accomplishes so much good. May God bless all our efforts on behalf of those in need.



## Youth Ministry

ST. ELEANOR PARISH



**BOLD (Becoming Our Lord's Disciples)** is St. Eleanor's high school youth group. All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for BOLD nights and high school events.

**4Thirteens** is St. Eleanor's junior high youth group. All students grades 7-8 are invited for 4Thirteens nights and junior high events.

**GIFT (Growing in Faith for Teens)** is Saint Eleanor's service program for youth. All students grades 7-12 who wish to serve are invited to participate in GIFT programs.

We have 1 registration for all 3 programs. Registration is online and it is free! Please follow this link to register for the Youth Ministry programs at Saint Eleanor Parish: <https://tinyurl.com/y6vopyrt>

### Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

March 16—4Thirteens Pizza Party

May 20—Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure

See website for full details:  
<https://www.steleanor.com/youth-ministry>

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00 & 10:30 am Masses

Children's Liturgy of Word **will not be in session** on Palm Sunday, March 25 and Easter Sunday, April 1. Children's Liturgy will **resume** on Sunday, April 8 at 9 AM and 10:30 AM Mass times. God bless!

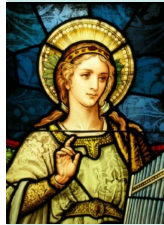


Congratulations to Matthew Zielinski receiving honors at Archbishop Carroll High School.

### Operation Rice Bowl Catholic Relief Services

As a disciples of Christ, all are invited to join in Operation Rice Bowl and contribute to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries.

**Return your Rice Bowl during Holy Week.**



Sing to the  
**LORD** a new  
song; Sing to the  
**LORD**, all the  
earth. Sing to the  
**LORD**, bless  
His name;  
Proclaim good  
tidings of His  
salvation from  
day to day.  
Psalm 96:1-2

## Sacred Music Ministry

We invite you to share your talents as a member of the Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, Spirit Revival Band, as a Cantor or Instrumentalist.

All involved with Sacred Music Ministry seek to celebrate the Liturgy in a manner that promotes participation by all with exultation and reverence.

If you have an interest in participating in Sacred Music Ministry please contact Miss Elizabeth Calabro at [ecalabro@steleanor.com](mailto:ecalabro@steleanor.com) or call 610-489-1647 ext. 22.

**Please join us in serving the Lord through the Sacred Music Ministry.**

**CYO Summer Sports Registration:** Opens Sunday April 22nd and runs through Sunday, May 6th. All parish children who are going into grades 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grades next school year are invited to participate in the following sports: **BASKETBALL** Boys and Girls JV (5th-6th) & Varsity (7th-8th) - 1 -2 games per week, mid-June thru July, Tri-County League **VOLLEYBALL** Girls Varsity (7th-8th) - 1 match per week, mid-June thru July, 422 Sportsplex. PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON-LINE

## CYO News

**St Eleanor Catholic Youth Organization** is open to 5th -12th graders and 1st -3rd (Pee Wee Track/Cross Country) children of our parish.

**United Way** is an important source of funding for our program. Consider us as you complete your donor card. Our number is 08018.

Please update your information, including e-mail address so that we contact you as needed.

### CYO Website for information <http://cyo.steleanor.com/>

If you are interested in a position as a head coach for one of the teams, contact Megan O'Donnell at [meganodonnellcyo@gmail.com](mailto:meganodonnellcyo@gmail.com)

**Next Dance— May 12th — last dance of the school year!**

**CYO Dances:** Come join us for our monthly dances held through the school year for 6th-8th grade boys and girls in our local community.

**We will continue to do a food collection at each dance.**

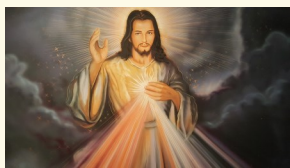
Each child is asked to bring at least one canned good which will be donated to the St. Eleanor Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your help with this worthy cause. Contact Dan Cordrey [myah22700@comcast.net](mailto:myah22700@comcast.net)

Visit our web-site for more information and to purchase dance passes. Contact Dan with any questions: [myah22700@comcast.net](mailto:myah22700@comcast.net)

During the Lenten season, St. Eleanor Conference's of St. Vincent dePaul will be hosting their  
**FIRST ANNUAL Easter Ham and Grocery Store Gift Card Drive**  
 Hams & Gift Card Donations collected at Kateri  
8:00 - 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 24th.



**THANK YOU** for your continuous generosity.  
 Questions, please contact Roberta Ortwein at 267-640-3062



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
 HAPPENS ONLY ONCE A YEAR!  
 April 8th—3:00 pm**

Come and be blessed by this flood of Divine Grace at this  
**special Holy Hour.**

(This is not a Mass and does not fulfill your obligation for Sunday Mass)

**Any questions, please call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622**

**The Divine Mercy theme for March is: "Mercy".**

Jesus told St. Faustina: "Tell, my daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls."

If you would like to know more about St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy, please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in Our Lady's Chapel. For more information, please call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622.

**\$CRIP Gift Cards** are available for a variety of items: tools, clothes, entertainment, favorite restaurants and anything else.

**\$CRIP HOURS** Mon.—Thurs., Noon— 7:00 pm and Friday, Noon— 5:00 pm in the Parish Office; Before and after the Saturday Vigil Mass & Sunday 8:00 am— 12:00 Noon in the Church Narthex.



**No \$CRIP sales March 24 & 25,  
 March 29-April 2**

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference is lobbying for a bill that would amend the Abortion Control Act to ban abortions of children with downs syndrome. They are having a rally on **March 12, 2018** at 2:30 PM.; Speaker—**Karen Gafney**.

We would like to pack the **State Capitol Rotunda** with as many families who have children with Downs Syndrome as possible. Interested in attending this rally? email Steve at [sboz-za@archphila.org](mailto:sboz-za@archphila.org). Share with families or Down Syndrome's groups.

**April 4 -6**

Catholic University of America School of Theology and Religious Studies will host this major academic symposium in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*.



**Humanae vitae (1968 - 2018)**  
 EMBRACING GOD'S VISION  
 FOR MARRIAGE, LOVE, AND LIFE  
 A 50TH ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM

The symposium will feature presentations by experts from the sciences, social sciences, history, philosophy, and theology.

Register: <http://engage.catholic.edu/s/817/16/interior.aspx?sid=817&gid=1&pgid=4149&cid=8065&ecid=8065&ciid=32512&crd=0>

**SPECIAL ABILITIES  
 EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES**

4 week Basketball Team for special needs kids ages 5 to 18 years old who like to exercise, play, and have fun in a supportive environment. League is FREE to those with physical, developmental &/or intellectual disabilities.



**Saturdays** April 7, 2018 thru April 28  
 9-10 a.m.

PV West Middle School 220 Big Rd, Zieglerville  
 Register at <http://www.pyvb.org> – Registration is open from February 16<sup>th</sup> thru March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions, email Kelly Jones at [KEL-JONES1906@gmail.com](mailto:KEL-JONES1906@gmail.com), 610-585-1317 or Erin Eperthener at [erineperthener@yahoo.com](mailto:erineperthener@yahoo.com) 215-421-7033

**Have you ever dreamed of going to Poland?**

Dreams can come true! Father Gorka of Sacred Heart Church in Royersford is planning a 13 day trip to Poland from August 6th to August 19th of this year.

Beginning in Warsaw, Poland, St. Faustina's Shrine, St. Maximilian Kolbe's Cell, Copernicus' birthplace, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, and so many more exciting adventures await you.

Please contact the parish office (610-948-59150) or pick up a registration form on Sundays in the parish Fellowship Cafe located below the church.

**Metanoia**

-for Catholics in their 20s & 30s looking to deepen their faith & meet fellow Catholics. Contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) or Facebook.

**Sunday, March 18:** Service Project at Manna on Main St, Mass at St Stans at 9am

**Tuesday, March 20:** Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; doors at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 27:** Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm



Tweeted by Pope Francis on March 12th

Living the encounter with Jesus means allowing yourself to be turned inside out by Grace every day.





## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Sacred Heart Church Royersford holds **monthly bereavement meetings** Tuesdays 7pm Dates: 3/20, 4/17 and 5/15. All bereaved welcome to attend. Call Dottie Williams at 610-246-2826.



**Discernment Retreat**-March 23 (6pm)-March 25 (1pm), Villa Maria House of Studies, Malvern; Single women 18-35 invited to come for a weekend of prayer, spiritual conferences, meals, & recreation with the sisters. 610-889-1553 or [ihmvoc@gmail.com](mailto:ihmvoc@gmail.com)



**Flame of Love Lenten Retreat**; Saturday March 24-Annunciation BVM Parish, Havertown. Speaker / Homilist Monsignor John Esseff; 9am ~ 3pm. Bring your own lunch. Free. [www.flameoflove.us](http://www.flameoflove.us)



Roman Catholic High School Premier Gala. Saturday March 24 6:00 pm. 215-627-1270 x 221 or [Romauction@romancatholichs.com](mailto:Romauction@romancatholichs.com).



March 24 10:30am; **Mass for Persons with Disabilities and Their Caregivers**; Honoring the gifts of persons with disabilities, the deaf community; reception. Celebrant: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, Cathedral. To learn more, visit [opdarchphilly.org](http://opdarchphilly.org).



Bethany Music Ministry will present **Footsteps to the Cross** Palm Sunday, March 25th, 7:30pm; St. Titus Church, East Norriton. The final hours of Christ as told through Scripture, narration & music.



A Baby's Breath **Run for Life** 2018 - April 7, Norristown Farm Park. 1 Mile Fun Run 9AM and 5K run 9:30AM. Contact Dorothy 610-316-6281 [http://www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR\\_RFL.html](http://www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR_RFL.html).



Little Sisters of the Poor **Concert**: Scythian & McLean Ave Band. Sat April 7th 6:00 pm Villanova University Field House. \$50 pp, \$10 kids, [www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org) or 215-729-5153 x 1115



**Marriage Encounter Weekend** April 13-15, Sheraton Great Valley, Frazier & July 13-15, at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. [www.wwme-philly.org](http://www.wwme-philly.org) or 484-393-1645.



"Panthers in the Sand"-**Savor the Flavor**- on Saturday, April 14, 7-11Ppm at PJP. Join us for our annual restaurant faire, auction and basket raffle! Tickets are on sale now! Visit [www.pjphs.org](http://www.pjphs.org)



Palm Sunday Mass In Tamil Saturday, March 24, 6 pm in St. Ann Church Phoenixville, followed by potluck social. Contact Joyce Amalraj @ 610-203-9177



St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center **Bus Trip** to the Museum of the Bible, Washington D.C. Saturday, April 14. \$57 includes ticket & trans. 215-679-2237

**FRATERNUS Training Conference** Saturday, April 14 9am-2pm St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Lunch will be provided. For any man to learn how to mentor the boys in his life into virtuous, Catholic men; also a training for men who are launching a Fraternus chapter in their parish. [PhillyEvang.org/Fraternus](http://PhillyEvang.org/Fraternus)



Villa Maria, located in Malvern, has scheduled **Preview Breakfasts** for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade families April 17 & 20. A "sneak peek" at Villa Maria life.



**Spirituality of Knitting & Needle-crafting Retreat** April 20 - 22 Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. All who knit, crochet or needle-craft are welcome! \$135 per person. 609-884-3829 [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org)



**Mass for Those Suffering From Addiction** Sat, April 21 Sacred Heart Church, Royersford, 11:00 am, Celebrant: Reverend Tadeusz Gorka, Addiction has touched far too many. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of faith.



**Freedom Retreat for Catholic Women**- You Are Made New Ministry invites women of all ages to the Spring 2018 Freedom Retreat, Friday evening April 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at Pope John Paul II High School, "Behold, I Make All Things New" theme, Inspirational talks, music, adoration, food, and more. Visit [www.YouAreMadeNew.com](http://www.YouAreMadeNew.com) or contact De Yarrison at 610.287.2989.



**Mother-Daughter Tea 10 -13 year old girls**; April 22 Sts Simon and Jude in West Chester. Learn about gift of fertility. <http://www.fertilitycarefriends.org/sites/default/files/020718MotherDaughterTea.pdf>; Helen at (610) 436-8323.



April 26—Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary will honor two outstanding leaders in our region, Joan and Dan Hilferty, with inaugural **Saint Charles Borromeo Award** -- given to community members who have demonstrated servant leadership. Union League of Philadelphia. Philadelphia Business/Cocktail Attire. <https://www.scs.edu/award>



Our Lady of Peace Parish Presents **"SENSATIONAL SOUL CRUISERS"**, APRIL 28. Notre Dame de Lourdes School, 990 Fairview Road, Swarthmore 7 to 11pm. \$35 per person. Call (610) 328-9330 or Debbie Hanna (215) 520-2097 for tickets.



**Shrine and Wines of Portugal**. Sat April 28; 6-9 pm; Holy Martyrs Church, Oreland. 215-884-8575. Enjoy Portuguese wines and food, & watch clips from "The Faithful Traveler in Portugal". \$50 pp (215) 884-8575 or email [holymartyrssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:holymartyrssecretary@gmail.com)