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ST ELEANOR CHURCH

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Welcome



December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

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

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

CLERGY

Msgr. Michael T. McCulken, Pastor
Rev. John A. Franey, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Jason Buck, 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. Laura Jusko
Mrs. Jean Phillips
Mrs. Madelyn O'Hara

SACRED MUSIC

Ms. Elizabeth Calabro, Director
Mary Barbuto, Organist

Ms. Mary Kate McGuigan—Ministry
Development Director

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Matt Kirsch

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending November 23, 2018

Regular Collection	\$ 27,171
Other Collection	\$ 990
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,200
Total	\$ 29,361
Diocesan Collections	\$ 9,235

Regular Sunday Collections

Fiscal Year-to-Date**

June 30, 2018—November 23, 2018 \$ 563,834
June 30, 2017—November 23, 2017 \$ 577,758

YTD Tithing

June 30, 2018—November 23, 2018 \$14,400
June 30, 2017—November 23, 2017 \$14,553



A first aid kit and an AED are available in the Narthex across from the chapel.

Mass Schedule

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

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. **Pre-registration with the parish office is required at least 7 days prior to the class-610-489-1647.**

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.

Bulletin—All info and announcements to be published in the bulletin are due to the Parish Office by the Thursday ten days prior. Flyer inserts are due to the Parish Office two weeks ahead of the desired bulletin date. Bulletin information and inserts should be e-mailed to jgenuardi@steeleanor.com.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION

In Our Lady Chapel
(except 9am Saturday—2pm Sunday)

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.

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

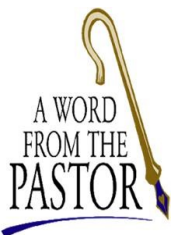
PREP: After-school religious instruction for children in grades K - 6. Classes held on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Teri Lahey, at 610-489-4677 x31.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Offered to the younger children during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses on Sundays September through May.

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

Holiday Bulletin Schedule:

12/23 Bulletin—December 10 deadline
12/30 Bulletin—December 11 deadline
1/6 Bulletin—December 17 deadline



Dear Friends,

What a wonderful evening that we had on Wednesday, November 28 as we had our first Tree lighting and blessing. Thanks to our parish staff for initiating this event and for seeing it through to completion. Many hands helped to make it a joyful celebration ~ thanks to our many bakers for delicious Christmas cookies, our youth group serving the hot chocolate, setting up and cleaning up, our tree decorators (quite a feat), our chorale who led the singing. Most of all thanks to all the people who came out on a very cold and very windy night to join together as a parish family to begin our preparation to welcome anew our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. As you pass by Church these evenings, may the lights on the tree remind you of Jesus and His love for each of us.

Our youth group also have decorated both inside and outside the parish offices. They have done a marvelous job, making the place festive and ready for Christmas. I am amazed at the vitality, interest and enthusiasm of our young disciples in tackling every work, task or service need throughout the whole year. May the Lord continue to bless them with deepening faith, hope and love as they grow in their relationship with Him!

We have begun to share in the bulletin and on the monitors information about our *Tithing the Tithes* donations for the fiscal year 2018. We have prepared a pamphlet with more detail on each of the donations, which will be available with the parish bulletins within the next two weeks. On behalf of our parish family over \$36,000 was donated to charity from the Sunday collections in fiscal year 2018. This is in addition to your generous response to the Archdiocesan and national second collections which take place. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the parish and to those in need.

You most probably have also seen the wonderful announcement that three eighth grade students from Holy Cross Regional Catholic School were named Neumann Scholars by the Connelly Foundation. This is a prestigious honor based on academic achievements. Over 800 students from the Archdiocese qualified for the examination and 39 scholars were named. It provides a four-year scholarship covering tuition cost to an Archdiocesan high school. The three scholars this year are members of Saint Eleanor Parish ~ Holly Binkowski, Jessica Carlini, and Lauren Catalano. Congratulations to them and their families, and to the faculty and staff of Holy Cross!

As you also know, our CYO Varsity Girls Volleyball Team captured the State CYO Championship in Pittsburgh on November 18. We are very proud of them, their coaches and their families. Our CYO program does an excellent work for your young disciples. I am grateful to the members of the Board and all the volunteer coaches and assistants who work tirelessly helping our youth.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken

Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:

Joanne Birchill on the 8th anniversary of death given by the

Drummy family

Frank Cotteta on his 94th birthday given by daughter Marie

John DiBattista on his 50th birthday given by DiBattista family

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, call Donna Kolb, 610-547-0478

Christmas Holidays Schedule

December 18—Parish Confessions 7:00 pm

December 24—4:00, 4:15 (school), 6:30 and 8:30 pm

December 25—7:30 and 10:00 am, 12 noon

December 31—4:30 pm vigil for Holy Day

11:00 pm—Holy Hour

January 1—9:00 & 10:30 am, 12 noon (no 7:00 pm Mass)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 The People of the Parish

9:00 Jane Mullen

12:00 Betty Anne Aquilante (1st Anniv.)

Vigil for Second Sunday of Advent

4:30 Elizabeth Aquilante (1st Anniv.)

Sunday, December 9

7:30 Joyleen Branco

9:00 The People of the Parish

10:30 Frank Cotteta

12:00 Dennis Dugan

7:00 Charles Heil

Monday, December 10

6:30 James Himsforth (1st Anniv.)

9:00 Marla Pennypacker

Tuesday, December 11

Saint Damasus I, Pope

6:30 Agnes Strutynski

9:00 Bridget Gillespie

Wednesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 Robert Krensavage

9:00 William C. Davis, III

Thursday, December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

6:30 Agnes Strutynski

9:00 Nancy Kern

Friday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Irving Cabelly

9:00 Jane Mullen

Saturday, December 15

9:00 Rose Marie Drummy

4:30 Dorothy Sanelli

Baptisms

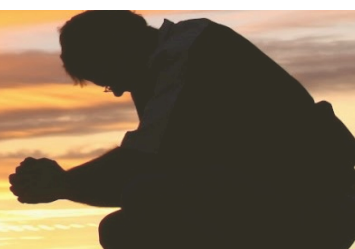
Congratulations and prayers from our Saint Eleanor Family to the parents, godparents, and families of the newly baptized incorporated into the Body of Christ.

Eleanor Clair, daughter of Kevin and Ashleigh Sobotka

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, January 6th at 2 PM in Kateri Hall. First-time parents need to attend & may attend this program before the birth of your child.

Pre-registration with the parish office is required at least 7 days prior to the class. Baptismal paperwork is due two weeks prior to Baptism.

PRAYER



FOR OUR DECEASED: Arthur Buben, (uncle of Jim Rauh), Fran Gaspari (brother of Laura Putera), Pauline Woznicki (mother of Linda Coyne), Mary Mahoney (aunt of Kitty Hasson)

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, Cindy Borowski-Burns, Arthur Buben, Bob Buda, Diane Burg, Florence Burkett, Sandy Burns, Cass Buscaglia, Nora Calabro, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Trish Caufield, Marc Chevrier, Michael Christie, Monica Cipriani, Joseph Clarke, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Lori Craig, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Nicholas Cruciani, Marie Cunningham, Mary Ann Daley, Eric Davis, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Isabella DeSimone, Vince DiDonato, Ron DiNicola, Pat DiPiano, David Dolan, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, John Doyle, Pamela Drayton, Claire Esposito, Vito Fabiano, Dorothy Fairbanks, Mary Filippini, John Fitzgerald, 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, Karl Hampton, Marjorie Hebard, Virginia Heinz, Bobby Henzler, Deacon Tammy Hockenbrock, Tonia Hopkins, Margaret Jones, Christopher Keirse, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, JoAnne Leap, Bud Leo, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Kathleen Lewis, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Marion Lukens, Joe Lutz, Francis Magee, Maryanne Magee, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Anthony Maiale, John Mancini, Judi Mandronicho Marie and Sarah, Barbara Marosky, Rose Massino, Laura McCandless, Agnes McCarver, Ed McDade, Elizabeth McDade, Kathleen McFadden, Paul McFadden, Valerie Milne, Allison Leo Mitchell, Flora Monteiro, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Gabe Muscella, Bob Newton, Marion Niedzolkowski, David O'Neill, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Mark Osisek, Donna O'Sullivan, Francis Panfile, George Pastino, Ed Pressler, Rachel, Bill R., Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Carolyn Rider, Marjorie Rigg, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Betty Rowlands, Carol Ann Roy, Linda Sauer, Monsignor Francis Schmidt Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, David Sebok, Angela Shinal, Bob Smith, Joseph Smith, Anne Marie Stoudt, Yoshiko Strohle, Brian Sullivan, Dennis Sullivan, Daniel Taormino, Howard Taormino, Latonya Taphorn, Ron Tautkus, Maggie Terrance, Michael Troemel, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Jaclyn Tyson, Cristina Utti, Dominic Vacanti, Ted Valis, Jr., Juanita Vasas, Sharon von Clef, Billy Watts, Nancy Wenrich, Ken Whichard, Barbara Witman, Pat Willits, Beverly Zapata, Albrette Zvarik

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

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

DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy theme for the month of December is "Mary." On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception when the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Faustina she asked that St. Faustina practice the three virtues dearest to her and most pleasing to God. These are humility, purity and love of God. St. Faustina practiced these virtues faithfully. Can you?

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 Chapel. For more information, please call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We need a few good men and women! Our parish is greatly blessed to offer perpetual adoration; very few parishes in the Archdiocese do so. We have some times, especially in the overnight hours, that have your name on them!

Monday: 1 am, 2 am, Tuesday: 3 am, Wednesday: 2 pm, 4 pm
Thursday: 12 am, 4 pm, Friday: 12 am, 2 am, 8 am, 10 am
Saturday: 2 am, 3 am—perpetualadoration@steleanor.com

ROSARY

All are welcome

Monday thru Friday after the 9am Mass;
Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM- Chapel

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

Call Kevin 610-489-4412 to schedule a week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We will deliver the statue for those who can not manage its size & weight.

Dec.9 & 16-Open; Dec.16: Dec. 23: Kevin Strnad

PRAY for THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Sgt. Thomas Albany
1st Lt. Andrew Bone
Cpl. Bryan Luther
Andrew Somplasky
Sgt William Ronan
Cmdr Wendy Arnold, MD
CM/Sgt Charles Gordon
Specialist Michael Thomas
Midn. 2 Class Zachary Sermarini

Alexander Franke, SN
Lt Sean Feeney
Michael Thomas
Ryan Somplasky
1st Lt. Connor Lyons
Ens. Katherine Heacock
Jeremy Somplasky
Private Nicholas Bielski

PRAYER WHEEL FOR PRIESTS and DEACONS

For the month of **December**, we will be praying for **Deacon John A. Hasson** 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.

Growing as a Disciple of Christ

In August *The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* announced the establishment of the *USSCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism*. The committee will focus on addressing the sin of racism in our society, and even in our Church, and the urgent need to come together as a society to find solutions.

The *Ad Hoc Committee on Racism* invited all (arch)dioceses to host a USSCB Listening Session on Racism. The Listening Session on Racism is an opportunity for the Church to listen to its members and others who have been harmed by racism or its effects. Selected speakers will share their experiences in an environment of prayer that will allow an understanding of the weight of the harm. We hope to call the Church to a renewed reflection on these harms that leads ultimately to healing.

USSCB Listening Session on Racism

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Monday, February 25, 2019
7:00PM

In preparation for the listening session the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will host several events to discuss this very important topic within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Monday, January 21, 2019, 6:30PM; Music Prelude, 7:00PM

The Racial Divide, Bishop Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Belleville. **Saint Joseph University**, Chapel of St. Joseph, 5600 City Avenue, Philadelphia

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Tithing the Tithe

In our 3rd year of St. Eleanor's *Tithing the Tithe* program, fiscal year 2017-2018, the Parish continued to donate 3% of the ordinary Sunday collections to individuals in need and organizations involved with the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy within our local and greater Philadelphia community as well as for missionary works in other lands.

Over **\$36,000** was donated to worthy ministries.

Our *Tithing the Tithe* efforts place us in the heart of the Gospel, in the heart of Christian living. To quote Matthew Kelly, "God is by His very nature generous. God wants to convince us of His generosity, and in turn wants us to live generous lives."

MOM'S HOUSE - \$500
BIRTHRIGHT OF POTTSTOWN - \$500
ABBEYFEST MINISTRIES - \$2,500
BLESSED SARNELLI COMMUNITY - \$1,000
METANOIA YOUNG ADULTS ~ \$1,000
FATHER CHUCK'S CHALLENGE - \$5,000
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - \$6,000
SISTERS OF LIFE - \$1,000
A BABY'S BREATH - \$5,000
SAINT JOHN'S HOSPICE—\$1000
TRINITY MISSIONS—\$5000
SAINT EDMUND'S HOME—\$1900
SUMMER WORK CAMP EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH GROUP—\$1500
DIOCESE OF SAINT THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS—\$5000

Discovering Christ- Join us for this exciting new seven week series where we gather to share a delicious dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding the ultimate purpose in life.
Register Now!— <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-4159976/>
Session dates: Mondays- January 21st—March 4th, Vianney Hall.
Doors open at 6:30pm, Dinner and program—6:45– 9:00 PM.

SACRED MUSIC MINISTRY

We invite you to share your talents.

Did you know that there are over 1000 verses in the Bible that reference music—singing hymns of praise, blowing of trumpets, making a joyful song unto the Lord! You are invited to share your talents and become a member of St Eleanor's Sacred Music Ministry. All involved seek to celebrate the Liturgy in a manner that promotes participation by all with exultation and reverence.

A CALL FOR CANTORS

The primary role of a cantor is to lead & invite the congregation to actively participate in singing during Mass.

All parishioners who have received the sacrament of Confirmation are eligible to become a cantor.



Adult Choir rehearsal have begun. Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Church.
Join us!

**All inquiries for
all Sacred Music Ministries, contact
Elizabeth Calabro at 610-489-1647 x 22.
ecalabro@stleanor.com**



COMING SOON

December 8-9—Giving Tree Gifts returned
December 9—Breakfast with Santa
December 11—Women's Guild
December 15—Padre Pio Prayer Group
December 17—Last day to order SCRIP for Christmas
December 19—Mass for Healing
January 6—Holy Hour for Vocations
January 8—Mass for Healing
January 19—Padre Pio Prayer Group
January 27—Holy Cross School Open House

GIVING TREE

Please take a tag and return the gift as instructed with the tag attached on the weekend of **December 8th or 9th** to the Narthex. All gift cards should be taken to the Rectory.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our next meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:30pm in Vianney Hall. This is our \$5 gift exchange night! Our group meets one Tuesday each month. If you have any questions please email Celeste: celestegama@verizon.net

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Next Meeting and Mass - December 15
9:40-Prayer & Confession
10:30- Mass & blessing with Padre Pio's relics

MASS FOR HEALING

December 19th—7:00 pm

SCRIP

SCRIP Gift Cards are available for a variety of items: tools, clothes, entertainment, favorite restaurants & more. **SCRIP HOURS** Mon.—Thurs., Noon— 7:00 pm and Friday, Noon—4:00 pm in Parish Office; Before & after Saturday Vigil Mass & Sunday 8:00 am—12:00 Noon in Narthex.

**No SCRIP Sales December 22-26
or December 29-January 1**

**The last day to place an order for Christmas is
Monday, December 17th at 4:00 PM.**

Low denomination gift cards are available. We have a limited number of special small denomination gift cards available, perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift-giving! These cards will only be available while supplies last, so don't wait to place your orders.

Yum!!!

Thanks goes out to all our bakers who made our First Christmas Tree Lighting so delicious. A great time was had by all, capped off by the delicious cookies made by some very talented parishioners.

Thanks also to all the teens who helped with the arrangements and a special thanks to Tom and Ted for taking care of the tree.

And of course, thanks to Santa for joining us all the way from the North Pole!

'Tis the Season to Spread Joy and Share Hope!



**Join your fellow parishioners in creating a welcoming spirit
while sharing joy and hope this Christmas season**

By offering a simple smile or handshake this Christmas season, you can join other disciples of Christ by helping others connect with our Savior. At the same time, you will help us distribute to all adults a copy of our Christmas gift, the book *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* by Matthew Kelly.

We are hoping that you will accept this invitation to be an integral part of our 2018 Christmas celebration at Saint Eleanor Parish.

Please respond through email (church@steleanor.com) or call the parish office at 610-489-1647.

St. Eleanor Pack 707 Cub Scouts
Holiday Pancake Breakfast with Santa!
Sunday December 9, 2018, 8:30am-12:00pm
 Pancakes, sausage, juice, hot chocolate & coffee served!
 Holy Cross Cafeteria. Santa to appear 10:00am-12:00pm
 \$5 per person (tickets at the door)

Programs for Young Disciples



YOUTH MINISTRY



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

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

GIFT (Growing in Faith for Teens) is St 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: <https://tinyurl.com/y6vopyrt>



CYO—<http://cyo.steleanor.com>

Our Cadet girls, Minor girls and Novice boys all placed 3rd overall at Archdiocese Championship! At the area "E" meet, sub-novice boys placed 2nd and our Cadet girls, Minor girls and Novice boys all placed 1st! We are thrilled to announce that Ryan Kovaleski finished 5th overall with a time of 15:10.28 in the cadet 4K. Awesome job Ryan! Congratulations to the Team and Coaches on a great season!



St Eleanor Catholic Youth Organization is open to all 5th through 8th grades, 9th—12th grades (Basketball only & Co-Ed Volleyball in Spring), and 1st through 3rd (Pee Wee Track/Cross Country) children of our PARISH

-Looking for **CYO Spirit Wear** for your son or daughter? St. Eleanor CYO Gear can be ordered on-line here: <https://ragtee.com/store/index.php/portfolio/stecyo/>
United Way is an important source of funding for our program. Consider us as you complete your donor card. Our number is 08018.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

A new year of activities on the way!!

NEW BOLD Music Ministry Starting!

Music is a universal language that has the power to move us in remarkable ways. I know there are high school teenagers who have an incredible gift of music...whether that is playing drums, guitar, piano, singing, or the kazoo we would LOVE for you to be a part of our new B.O.L.D. Music Ministry.

We invite you to consider being a part of this new component of our program. Please email [Matt Kirsch](mailto:mkirsch@gmail.com) with any questions mkirsch@gmail.com

JUNIOR LEGION of MARY

(ages 8-17) Interested in growing in your relationship with our Lord through the guidance & love of the Blessed Mother? Our Heavenly Mother is waiting for the youth of our parish to aid her in good works and prayer. Meetings are Mondays 4:30-5:30 pm in Kateri. Contact Laura at laurajusko@gmail.com or 215-390-0933

PLAYGROUP

Please join us in Vianney Hall on Wed mornings after Mass (please attend with us) ~11:45am. All ages are welcome to join us for play and fellowship! For more information contact geraldine.petr@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word will not hold session on Sunday, December 23 and December 30 during the 9 am and 10:30 am Mass! Children's Liturgy will resume Sunday,

Metanoia-Catholics in their 20s & 30s to deepen faith & meet fellow Catholics. metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com or Facebook.

Tuesday, December 11: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales

Tuesday, December 18: Christmas Party @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30 p.m.

Archdiocese Safe Environment Efforts

There is nothing more important than the safety of our children. Providing a safe environment for the young people entrusted to our care through our parish activities is vital. With God's continued guidance and grace, for over a decade the Archdiocese has put in place policies and procedures to protect the children in our care, some of which exceed those required by law. We appreciate the invaluable commitment and continued compliance of our volunteers at Saint Eleanor.



MINISTRIES

Altar Cross Society	Take care of altar linens	Irene 610-287-8552
Cenacles of Life	meet each week to pray the rosary to end abortion. Tuesdays, 6:00 PM, Chapel	Rita 610-489-1929
Charismatic Prayer Group	Strives to develop a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit, Scriptures & the Mass. Wednesdays 7:30pm Vianney Hall	Joann 610-584-6552
ChristLife	Helping people discover, follow & share Christ as members of the Church.	Frank 610-650-8457
Church Cleaning Ministry	Group who beautifies our church each Monday	Ginny 610-539-9543
Church Decorating Group	Enhance our church each season	Margarida 215-888-7509
Couples for Christ	Couples & families supporting each other in the quest to live for Christ	Jinky 610-454-5754
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Assists with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and/or to our homebound.	Nancy 610-659-0237
Gardening Angels	Help keep our campus beautiful.	Rachel 610-409-9408
Hospitality	Plans events to make all parishioners feel welcome.	Leslie 610-948-9122
Knights of Columbus	Meet 2nd Sunday of each month serving St Eleanor & St Mary	Robert 610-783-4106
Lector Ministry	Read at weekend Masses, Holy Days and other special Masses. Must be age 14.	Mark-610-792-1679
Legion of Mary	Lay ministry giving service to parish, visiting parish households and meeting for weekly prayer	Richard 610-489-3891
Lupus Support Group	Providing support, prayer and hope for those with this autoimmune disease	Christie 610-489-2761
Men of St Joseph	Meet for prayer & reflection on the Sunday readings every Friday after the 6:30 am Mass	Anthony 610-489-8812
MOSES. (Men of St Eleanor)	Strengthen and encourage men to be strong husbands, fathers and neighbors	Sandy 610-409-0587
Pilgrim Statue	Traveling blessed image of the Virgin Mary	Kevin 610-489-4412
Pray the Rosary	M-F after 9:00 Mass; Wed evening 7pm, chapel	am Betty 610-489-3742 pm Angie 610-489-9903
Respect Life Committee	Promotes Gospel of Life through prayer, witness and education	Chris 610-409-0179
St Vincent DePaul Society	Through corporal works of mercy, SVDP bears witness to love of Christ by helping those in need	Maureen 610-489-1647
Ushers	Assist during weekend liturgies, Holy Days & special occasions	Butch 610-584-0225
Walking with Purpose	Catholic women's Bible study	Maureen—610-454-0650
Welcoming Ministry	Greet and welcome parishioners before Mass	Bettie 610-933-7243
Women's Guild	Gather to celebrate fellowship	Celeste 610-409-8808



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center presents:

"Purgatory" – Tues. 12/11 – 7:00-8:30 pm.

"Sacraments" – Fri. 1/4 (Matrimony, Holy Orders) – 7:00-8:30 pm.

"Letting Love In" – Fri. 12/14, 1/25 – 7:00-8:00 pm.

Cost: Free. 215.679.2237



Open House & Christmas Concert at Seminary.

December 9th. Tours 1pm, Concert 4 pm. Free



Our Lady appeared in Mexico to Juan Diego in 1531 and we now celebrate the feast day of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** on December 12. The next meeting of the Patricians Adult Discussion Group will be on Wed December 12th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 502 Ford St., Bridgeport.



December 14-16: **Ancestral Inner Healing Retreat for men and women** directed by Fr. James Blount, SOLT and Kathleen McCarthy. 610-644-0400, www.malvernretreat.com/calendar



"Dare to Prepare" Advent Retreat for Teen Girls. Dec 15, 2018, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm for teen girls ages 12+ on the critical role women play in the world today through the gift of their feminine genius, and how to welcome Emmanuel by learning to practice the presence of God. \$30 St. Agnes Church in Sellersville, Pa. www.womenofgrace.com



Wigilia Advent Social -St. Mary's Hall, Conshohocken Sun, Dec 16 at 12:30 pm. Features traditional foods for Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia. 610-630-0861 or stmaryconshy@gmail.com.



Christmas Concert Sunday, December 16 4 pm in St. Helena Church at 1489 DeKalb Pike. A free will offering will be graciously accepted and a dinner following in the Empress Room at a cost of \$15. 215-646-7636 or theresacsmith@verizon.net



Gaudeamus Music Ministry 27th Annual Christmas Concert Dec 16, 7:30 pm Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Plymouth Meeting, Free

Midnight Mass for New Year's and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Tuesday, January 1- 12 Midnight. The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Celebrate the New Year and the feast of Our Lady at Midnight Mass.



College-Age* Retreat (17-22 yrs) . January 4 – 6, 2019. Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point. Whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. \$135 per person, double occ. Some financial aid is available. *High School Seniors are welcome.* 609-884-3829 www.capemaymarianists.org.



You Are Made New Ministry Day of Healing, Jan 12. PJP II High School. For women seeking deeper relationship with our Lord, connection with other Catholic women, and freedom from habitual patterns. www.YouAreMadeNew.com/healing-retreats or contact De Yarrison at 610.287.2989.



Young Adult Retreat , February 8 - 10. Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point for ages 22-35, married or single. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. \$135pp, double occ. www.capemaymarianists.org or 609-884-3829. Some financial aid is available



Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family and Faith offers healing services & resources to families and individuals in need of support during challenging times especially separation and divorce. www.nonnatus.org or by calling 215-870-9913.



Souderton Adult Day Care Center

Souderton Adult Day Care Center is a specially designed environment for seniors who may still live at home but whose needs require professional assistance. This program is offered through the Office of Catholic Housing & Community Services of the archdiocese. In addition to the benefits of this program, having loved ones in this safe and pleasant environment can provide much needed respite and support for the family..

Hours -M-F 7:30 am—5:30 pm

Contact 267-219-7986