

ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

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PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Linda Coyne,
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Ms. Elizabeth Calabro,
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Mr. Dan Weckerly, Principal
Organist

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Matt Kirsch
Mr. Alex Price



December 17, 2017
Stewardship... giving back to God with a grateful heart

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 9AM
Saturday through 2 PM Sunday)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE-

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

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 2PM in Vianney Hall. See page 2 for the next date.

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



EDUCATION

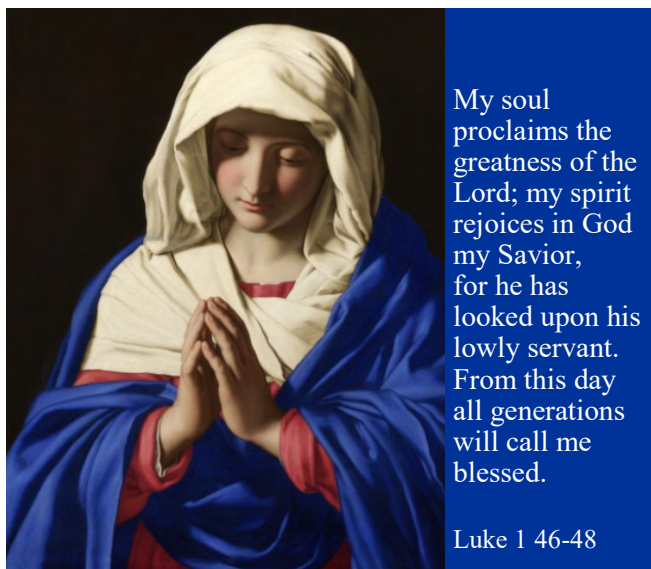
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): For adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or adults in need of Confirmation. Meetings are held during the school year. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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 9AM & 10:30 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.



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed.

Luke 1 46-48

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16

9:00 Marla Pennypacker
4:30 Margaret and Jay Lottes

Sunday, December 17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 Marla Pennypacker
9:00 Stanley Greenfield
10:30 Jack Hoban (16 Years)
12:00 PM The People of the Parish
7:00 PM Paul Schneider, Sr. (8th Anniv.)

Monday, December 18

6:30 Tim O'Hara
9:00 Marla Pennypacker

Tuesday, December 19

6:30 Joseph Litvinas
9:00 Marla Pennypacker

Wednesday, December 20

6:30 Rocco Tatasciore
9:00 Marla Pennypacker

Thursday, December 21

*Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and
Doctor of the Church*

6:30 Frances Bernstiel and Elwood
9:00 Marla Pennypacker

Friday, December 22

6:30 Anthony R. Capaldi
9:00 Marla Pennypacker

Saturday, December 23

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

9:00 Marla Pennypacker
4:30 The Deceased Members of the
McMorrow Family

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 17, 2017

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.

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, January 7th, 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 of:



Rocco Tatasciore on the 30th anniversary of his death given by his family

Peter Kaeser on the 8th anniversary of his death given by his father Ed

Ann Scott on her birthday given by the Scott 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.

We are currently accepting reservations for 2018 as all Masses in 2017 are booked.

Rose for Life Offered in memory of Catherine M. Eliff on her birthday given by Madelyn and Buzz McGee



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

Tweeted by Pope Francis on December 4th:

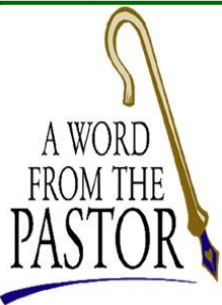


Faith becomes tangible when it finds its expression in love and, especially, in the service of our brothers and sisters in difficulty.



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.



Dear Friends,

Christmas is just around the corner, literally. So, in the midst of so much “hustle and bustle” it is important for us to listen to Saint Paul as he tells us this weekend, “*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.*” Knowing the will of God is essential in life and doing the will of God is most essential to reach our fullest potential, to be all that God has created us to be. May all of us then indeed always rejoice and pray and give thanks, for we are truly blessed!

Once again, this year with grateful hearts, we have a Christmas gift of a good Catholic book for all our adult members and visitors who come to Church. It is Matthew Kelly's book, *Perfectly Yourself*. And as you know, we are asking our regular and faithful parishioners to help distribute this gift at ALL our Christmas Masses. This is really a lot of fun! Something families can do together. Sign up through email or by telephone with the parish office for the Mass (or Masses) of your choice, arrive early and welcome our arriving congregants to Mass, wishing them Merry Christmas as you offer each adult their gift. You will really be glad you did. Thanks!

Please remember that the Mass Schedule for next weekend is adjusted. It is a bit different in order to accommodate Christmas being on a Monday. We look forward to seeing all of you and all our visitors as we celebrate with profound joy the Birth of our Savior and prepare for His return in glory!

Did you notice how the parish office has been decorated for Christmas? This beautiful addition of lights, garland and trees is the result of the hard work of many members of our Youth group. We are very grateful to them for their assistance in helping our parish office to look so festive.

I pray that all of you have already placed your crèche in a prominent location within your homes, even if you wait until Christmas to place the Baby Jesus in it. Perhaps, you also have one that you place on your lawn as part of your Christmas decorations. How important it is for us to give public witness to the real meaning and purpose of Christmas ~ the Birth of the Savior of the world! And of course wishing Merry Christmas to everyone we meet is another subtle and gentle witness that we are Jesus' disciples, rejoicing, praying and giving thanks always!

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken

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 *Perfectly Yourself* by Matthew Kelly.

We are hoping that you will accept this invitation to be an integral part of our 2017 Christmas celebration at Saint Eleanor Parish. Please respond through email (church@stleanor.com) or call the parish office at 610-489-1647.

Please provide
your name,
the Mass you will be attending
your e-mail address
Phone number



Thank you!



Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.

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

The deadline to place special scrip orders is noon on Sunday, December 17. Orders may be picked up in the Parish Office on Thursday, 12/21 from 4-7 PM and Friday, 12/22 from 1-5 PM. No sale on 12/23 through 12/26.

Also, there will be **No SCRIP sales** December 30—January 1

Mass for Healing January 2nd 7:00 PM

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



Pray for Those Serving Our Country

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

Alexander Franke, SN
Specialist Michael Thomas
Private Nicholas Bielski
Lt Sean Feeney





FOR OUR DECEASED: Bridget Gillespie, mother of Mary Cooper, James Himsworth, brother of Rev. Raymond Himsworth, father of Mark, David Bartholow, father of Christine Hopewasser

FOR OUR SICK: Catherine Alexander, Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Betty Anne Aquilante, Joseph Art, Jr., Elizabeth Ashenfelter, Kathleen Bani, Lori Bani, Lisa Caruso, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Deacon Manny Beltran, 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, Helen Hart, Marjorie Hebard, Virginia Heinz, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Margaret Huber, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, Margaret Lange, Bud Leo, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Nate Lentz, 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, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Gabe Muscella, Bob Newton, Marion Niedzolkowski, Maria Olszewski, 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, 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, Nicholas Tomko, Michael Troemel, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Cristina Utti, Dominic Vacanti, Jr., George Vermuth, Sharon von Clef, Billy Watts, Nancy Wenrich, Marge Westhe, Barbara Witman, Pat Willits, Albrette Zvarik

FOR OUR LITTLE ONES: 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

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

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@steeleanor.com.

Holiday Bulletin Submission Deadline:

Bulletin Date	Due Date
12/31	12/15

**Padre Pio
Prayer Group**

**Next Meeting and Mass
January 20th**

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



is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as

Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

Every item available for purchase on www.amazon.com is also available on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

Consider giving to Saint Eleanor Church when you are Christmas shopping this season— and all year round!



**Parish Office are closed
December 25 & 26, 2017
and January 1, 2018**

Merry Christmas!

Counting Our Blessings

Week Ending November 24, 2017

Regular Collection	\$ 27,378
Other Collections	\$ 1,372
Total	\$ 28,750
Diocesan Collections	\$ 1,368

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2017—December 1, 2017	\$604,839
July 1, 2016—December 1, 2016	\$593,070

YTD Tithing

July 1, 2017— December 1, 2017	\$18,145
July 1, 2016— December 1, 2016	\$17,792

Legion of Mary

Knock Knock!

Parishioner visits by members of our Legion of Mary are ongoing. It is their aim to systematically visit all members of the parish. Please welcome them if they visit your neighborhood! To learn more about the Legion of Mary, contact Ray Hritz @ 610-489-4167.



Welcome to the new members of our Parish family!

Anna Baluyot
Diann White
Thomas & Elizabeth Egan
Judith Schatz
Richard & Stacey Miles Family
Justin Clark
Emily Belisario

Brian & Vicki Van Alstyne Family
Joseph & Lauren Marciano Family
Michael & Darcy Donahue Family
Christopher & Ashley Camp Family
Cassidy/Little Household

St. Eleanor Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Our Lady Chapel

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."
– St Teresa of Calcutta

If you would like to commit to an hour, the following hours are open:

Monday- 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 PM

Tuesday- 3 AM

Wednesday- 2 PM, 4 PM

Thursday- 12 AM, 6 PM

Friday- 12 AM, 2 AM, 8 AM

Saturday- 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM

Please contact Erin Finkelmeier at efinkemeer@gmail.com



Pray the Rosary With Us

All are welcome



Monday through Friday- after the 9:00 AM Mass

*Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM
Chapel*

ChristLife—Learn more about this exciting series!

Join us for "Discovering Christ"

Mondays January 15th—February 26th

6:45—9:00 PM Vianney Hall

This is a seven week series which is designed for you to revitalize your faith and explore the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ includes an opportunity for a life-changing retreat on Saturday, February 17th.

There is limited availability— Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

There is no fee to attend this series. Donations are gratefully accepted to cover food costs.

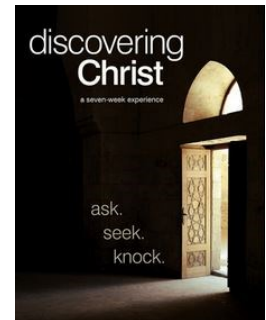
Register online at: <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-3180955/>

Or

To register, cut and send the bottom portion of this form to:

Saint Eleanor Catholic Church, 647 Locust Street, Collegeville, Pa 19426 OR

Email to ChristLife@stleanor.com OR drop in the collection basket



Registration Form

Discovering Christ

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____ (other) _____

Dietary Restrictions/Allergies: _____

Check if assistance is needed with: ☐ Transportation ☐ Child Care ☐ Other _____

**Save the Date!!
Family Movie Night**

Cars 3

**Friday, January 26, 2018
7:00 PM**

Holy Cross School Cafeteria

Recommended: Donation of canned good(s) for
St Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry

Brought to you by the Knights of Columbus



*Perkiomen Valley Council 3633 Knights of Columbus
serving the parishes of Saint Eleanor &
St Mary.*

*Meets 2nd Sunday of each month. Call GK
Robert Donaghy at 215-783-4106 or
610-287-0794 bob.donaghy@hpe.com*



**The Divine Mercy theme for
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 info, call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Announcements

Calling All Eighth Grade Students—

**Holy Cross Regional School or St Mary's School
or a Parishioner of Saint Eleanor or St Mary parishes**

**The Perkiomen Valley Council 3633 is offering two
scholarships to Pope John Paul II High School
To learn more about this competitive scholarship and
how to apply, visit**

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**Or go to the link on our homepage
www.steleanor.com**



*Women's
Guild*

Please join us and bring a friend too. We are excited to welcome new members. Our next meeting is on December 19 - \$5 Gift exchange at 7:30, Vianney Hall. All are welcome.

**Contact Celeste at 610-409-8808 or
celestegama@verizon.net
or Jana at 610-454-9643 or jlr1201@verizon.net**



Each week, on Thursday from 7:00 -8:30 PM, we hold sessions to share with others the truths of our Catholic faith and fellowship of our Catholic family. Sessions are held in the Kateri Meeting Room, in the modular building between the parish office and school, for those who would like to look into the Catholic Church and its teachings.

These sessions are open to people who are not baptized, those who are baptized Christians from other denominations or backgrounds as well as baptized Catholics who have not received their First Communion or Confirmation. They are free and do not imply commitment on your part to join the Catholic Church. We are inviting you to learn what the Church teaches and to meet some of our parish members who are joyful disciples of Jesus. These sessions are also opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask any questions you may have about our Lord Jesus and the Catholic Church.

Please give us a call if you have questions or would like further information. You can reach us at 610-489-1647 or church@steleanor.com or contact Eileen at 610-597-415 or eleen.hedrick@gmail.com.

St Vincent de Paul Society /St Eleanor Conference

Serving our local community & surrounding neighborhood families in need of emergency assistance.

- Operate a Food Pantry to community of need
- Clothing
- Job Direction
- Transport
- Rent/Mortgage, Utilities,
- Assistance w/Medical Expenses
- Holy Cross Prep Scholarship program
- Participate in Haiti Adopt-a-Student program

How can you help? 1. Join us and get involved!! 2. Pray for our clients and our conference

Donations Needed Too 610-489-1647 x 43



One of our clients is in need of a car to get to work. Contact Kathy Zavrotny (610) 489-3911.

PLEASE help our local families & friends in need and help fill our PANTRY. We appreciate ALL new, non- perishable donations. Soaps & Shampoos, Detergents, Toilet Paper, Tissues & Paper Towels, Tuna, Snacks, Juice, Coffee, Kid's Cereal

Youth Ministry

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 all 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

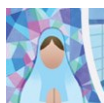
December 21—Book Stuffing

January 12—4Thirteens Pizza Party

January 27 & 28—Hearts for Life

February 3 & 4—Parish Food Drive

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



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 at 4:30-5:30 PM in Kateri Hall. Contact Laura at laurajusko@gmail.com, 215-390-0933

Playgroup and Mom's Group

Please join us in Vianney Hall on Wednesday Mornings 9:00-11:00 All ages are welcome to join us for play and fellowship!

For more information contact:
Shanna Vitullo
shannaanna@gmail.com



Kingdom Kids Program

9:00 AM Mass



Parents are welcome to drop their children (ages 6 months to 3 years) in Vianney Hall by 8:40AM and pick them up after Mass.

Space is limited and paperwork will be required at the initial drop off. Parents must have a working cell phone with them and leave a diaper bag for the child if necessary. No snacks will be provided though you may leave something with your child. Contact Lisa Weaver at Lsoda08@yahoo.com for further information. Please pray for the launch and success of this amazing new ministry.

St Eleanor Catholic Youth Organization

is open to 5th -8th grades, 9th- 12th grades (Basketball only & Co-Ed Volleyball in Spring), and 1st -3rd (Pee Wee Track/Cross Country) children of our parish.

United Way is an important source of funding for our program. Please consider us as you are completing your donor card. Our number is 08018.

CYO News

Has your email changed? If so, please visit our website and update your profile so we can keep you informed.

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

Next Dance — January 20, 2018

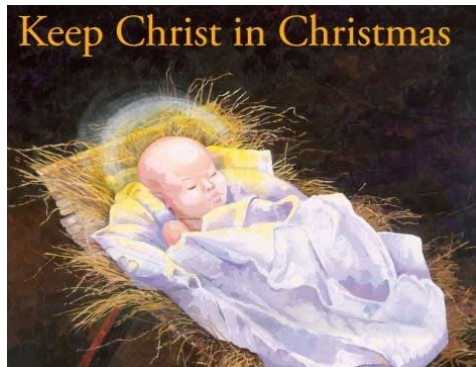
CYO Dances: Come join us for our monthly dances held through the school year for 6th-8th grade boys and girls in our local community.

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 with any questions: myah22700@comcast.net

Visit our web-site for more information and to purchase dance passes.

Missal Swap a Success!!

Thank you to the 17 young people from the Saint Eleanor Youth Ministry who volunteered on December 2nd. The group removed all of the 2017 missals from the church and chapel and replaced them with the new 2018 missals. Over 50 hours of service was dedicated to the missal replacement!



FORMED is here! Formed offers free downloadable books, Bible studies, video & movies with a Catholic focus. Log on at www.formed.org and sign up using your e-mail address & Parish Code: HJEEM3



Watch & Pray

With the many distractions that bombard us daily, how can we stay focused and watch for Christ during Advent? This study

explores the Nativity narrative in Luke's Gospel that serves as a vivid example of how to prepare our hearts with true humility so that "watching" for Jesus is an active reality. Presented by Dr. Edward Sri.

St. Eleanor Parish Holiday Schedule

(all held in the church unless otherwise noted)



~DECEMBER~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	W	T h	F	Saturday
17	18	19 <u>Parish Advent</u> <u>Confessions</u> 7:00 PM	2 0	2 1	2 2	23 9:00 AM Saturday Mass <u>Confessions (Chapel)</u> 8:00—8:45 AM 3:00—4:15 PM <u>Regular Sunday Vigil Mass</u> 4:30 PM
24 4th Sunday of Advent Regular Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM only (no 12 Noon Mass) <u>Christmas Vigil Masses</u> 4:00 PM Church 4:15 PM Campion Hall 6:30 PM—Church 8:30 PM—Church	25 Christmas Day <u>Masses</u> 7:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM (No evening Mass)	26	2 7	2 8	2 9	30 9:00 AM Saturday Mass <u>Regular Sunday Vigil Mass</u> 4:30 PM
31 Feast of the Holy Family Regular Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM 12 Noon (No 7:00 PM evening Mass) Holy Hour 11:00 PM (Chapel) Benediction—12 midnight	January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God <u>Masses</u> 7:30, 10:00 AM 12 noon (No evening Mass)					

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Christmas Open House December 16th & 17th
At St Mary's Providence Center. Tour Potts Mansion;
Santa on December 17th. Snacks included \$10.00
♦♦♦

PONY NITE, JANUARY 27, 2018 St. Titus Social Hall, 3000
Keenwood Rd, E. Norriton. Doors open 6pm; Post Time
7:15pm. Contacts: Bud Munro 610-275-8853; Dave
Dempsey 610-348-3536

**Are you a parent of a special needs child?
Do you need support and ministry from other parents
who are also raising special needs children?**

St. Basil's Church is starting a Ministry & Support Group
for parents of special needs children. The group meets on
the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in our Parish
Center. **Our next meeting is on December 18.** If
interested, contact Jim King at dre@stbasils.org or 610-
935-1261. (2330 Kimberton Rd., Phoenixville, PA 19460)

College-Age Retreat

January 5 – 7, 2018
Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ 08212

This retreat is designed to bring young people together
of college-age (17-22). So 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. Our
time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group
discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

Cost: \$130 per person, double occ.

Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call
609-884-3829

Metanoia is for Catholics in their 20s & 30s
looking to deepen their faith & meet fellow
Catholics. Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com or visit Facebook.

Tuesday, December 19—**Christmas Party**—
Appalachian Brewing Co, Collegeville

Tuesday, December 26—no event

Saturday, January 6: Rock Climbing @
Philadelphia Rock Gym in Oaks, PA
\$17/person arrive by 11:45am

61st Annual Archbishop's Christmas Gala for Children Thursday, December 21st

This year approximately 550 young people who receive services from
over a dozen programs administered by Catholic Social Services of
the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will attend the party held at the
Sheraton Downtown Philadelphia Hotel. They represent
approximately 16,000 children across the Delaware Valley who
benefited from residential and community-based programs offered by
CSS this year, including children with disabilities, at-risk children,
and dependent or court-adjudicated youth.

In conjunction with this year's event, CSS will hold a *Day of
Giving* on Thursday, December 21st. Similar to *Giving Tuesday*, this
initiative promotes generosity and encourages philanthropy. Money
raised will go towards the Archbishop's Benefit for Children Appeal.

This year round Appeal ensures the vitality of countless CSS
programs such as the Out-of-School Time Program, Strengthening
Families Program, Casa del Carmen Preschool Academy, Mercy
Hospice, and more.

To learn more about Archbishop's Benefit for Children Appeal,
please visit

<http://archbishopsbenefitforchildren.org>.

Thank you.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Sullivan
Vicar for Clergy

The Path of Discipleship: Orienting Everything in Your Parish to the Formation of Disciples of Jesus Christ

This workshop is designed to help parish leaders put order and
purpose into the activities and events in a parish so that
everything has a common goal and direction: the formation of
authentic disciples of Jesus Christ.

Friday, February 2, 2018 – 9:30am-2:30pm (*Snow date: Feb 16*)
St. Charles Seminary College Auditorium
100 E. Wynnewood Rd, Wynnewood, PA

Speakers:

Jason Simon, Executive Director, Evangelical Catholic
Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Director, Vocations Office
Meghan Cokeley, Director, Office for the New Evangelization

To register: \$25 per person
Online & mail-in registration: phillyevang.org/events

Position Available—Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, an independent, all-girls Catholic college preparatory school sponsored
by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a short-term substitute position in the history department from April 9 until June 9,
2017. Courses to be taught are AP US History, Honors Topics in US History, Topics in US History, and Modern World
History. Qualified applicants with teaching experience and a degree in history are asked to submit their resumes and PA clearances
to Anne Casavecchia at acasavecchia@gmahs.org by January 13, 2018.

PARISH JOB OPENING

Saint Genevieve Parish is seeking to hire a part time rectory cook to grocery shop and prepare dinners for our
priests 3-4 nights per week, days and hours flexible.

Approximately 12-15 hrs. weekly. Availability to serve an occasional rectory staff lunch and cook special
occasion dinners a plus. Experienced men or women interested in working in a friendly parish team environment
should send resume with introductory letter to Fr. Mulligan at rectory@stgensparish.com.