

# ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

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February 25, 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



## 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

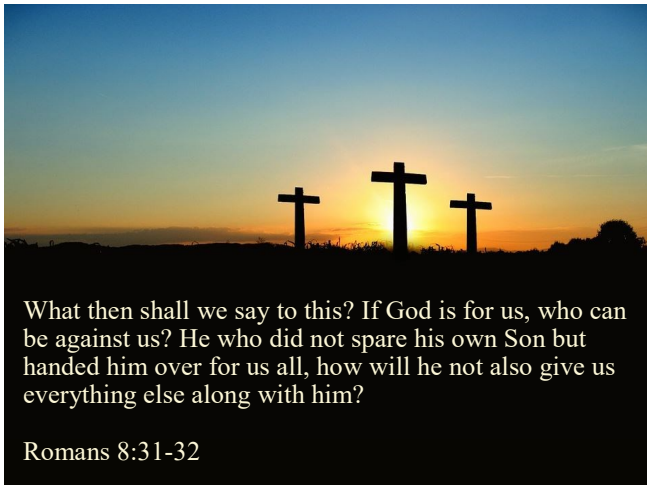
Monday to Friday: 6:30 am  
Monday to Saturday: 9:00 am

## 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.)



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, February 24

9:00 Mary Beth Witman  
4:30 Jennifer Buczkowski

#### Sunday, February 25

7:30 Jean Raffeo  
9:00 Anthony Greco  
10:30 The People of the Parish  
12:00 Anthony L. Greco  
7:00 PM Jennifer L. Buczkowski

#### Monday, February 26

6:30 Gabrielle M. Devine  
9:00 Charles and Kathleen Heil

#### Tuesday, February 27

6:30 Claire Kilpatrick  
9:00 Daniel Cahill

#### Wednesday, February 28

6:30 Elaine Renzi  
9:00 James Petaccio, Sr.

#### Thursday, March 1

6:30 Ed and Jean Milligan  
9:00 Carmela Valerio

#### Friday, March 2

##### *World Day of Prayer*

6:30 Kathleen M. Heil  
9:00 Kathleen Kane Monzi

#### Saturday, March 3

##### *St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

9:00 Janet Jones (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
4:30 George Wert (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

## Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 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.



Derek Daniel, son of Kevin and Meredith DeWan

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, March 4th, 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**

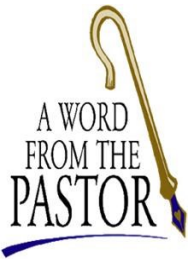
For the month of **February**, we will be praying for **Monsignor Michael T. McCulken**, and all his intentions. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons, please call Betty Rowlands at 610-489-3742.

### **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	
Jeanette Pascuzzi Heacock	







Dear Friends,

Happy Lent! That is not an oxymoron. Lent is certainly a time for repentance and conversion and personal sacrifices, things we sometimes try to avoid or put off, but we do any and all of these out of love and for love because Jesus is risen. We do them, so that our love can grow more abundant, more deeply and more fruitfully.

Here we are at the Second Sunday of Lent already. I pray that your Lenten journey towards Easter is going well. Once again this year, on the weekend of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Friday/Saturday, March 9-10, at the suggestion of our Holy Father, Pope Francis at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we will observe **24 HOURS FOR THE LORD**.

It will be a time for adoration of our Lord in the Eucharist and for Confession. Our **24 HOURS FOR THE LORD** will begin at 4 pm on Friday and continue until the 4:30 Vigil Mass on Saturday. This means that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not end with the Saturday morning Mass but continue throughout the day on Saturday. There will be a sign up poster in the narthex for our families and our people to sign up to spend some time with our Lord.

We will have additional confession times as well to accommodate our people. The additional times will be Friday evening after Stations of the Cross, 8-9 pm and Saturday, 11am – 1pm. The usual Saturday confession times will also be available. The **24 HOURS FOR THE LORD** will conclude with the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish family. We are blessed with Eucharistic Adoration throughout the week but on March 10 we will have additional hours for all to come and spend a little extra time with our Lord. The additional confession times will hopefully be convenient for our folks. To encounter the Mercy of the Lord is not only to be forgiven but also to be healed!

Our second *Discovering Christ* series is drawing to its close. We will be hosting another in the near future. On Saturday of last weekend, the group enjoyed the blessings of a daylong retreat, here on campus. It was an opportunity to intensify growing closer to Jesus our Lord in the context of stepping aside from the usual daily commitments and to focus on their relationship with Jesus *and* His relationship with them. Continue to pray for these fellow parishioners as they come to the end of this series.

And, what a special weekend this was for our parish family and particularly for our young ones who made their First Penance. We held two celebrations due to the numbers of youngsters and families involved. It is such a wonderful blessing to see these little ones encounter the mercy of the Lord for the first time. They will soon be receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus in First Communion, May 5. Please keep them and their families in your good prayers also.

God bless you, God love you,  
*Monsignor McCulken*

Tweeted by Pope Francis on  
February 14th .



When we confess our sins with humility and sincerity, we receive forgiveness and are reunited with God and our brothers and sisters.



## Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium

### Lenten Series

### Wednesday Nights

7:30 pm

- Feb. 28th - St. Eleanor - "God's Will and My Dream "  
Preaching: Fr. Mike Sowards (Rev. Dr.)
- March 7th - Trinity-"God's Will and My Identity "  
Preaching: Pastor V.G.Coats
- March 14th - St. James - "God's Will and My Worldview"  
Preaching: Pastor John Hogue
- March 21st - Lower Providence - "God's Will and My Response" Preaching: Pastor Martha Kriebel

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

for our local neighbors in need on this Blessed Holiday. We will be hosting sign-ups for donations in the Narthex after each Mass

**March 3rd & 4th**

Hams & Gift Card Donations will be collected at Kateri from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 24th.

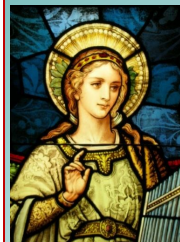
**THANK YOU** for your Lenten sacrifices and your continuous generosity.

If you have any questions, please contact Roberta Ortwein at 267-640-3062



## 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@stleanor.com](mailto:ecalabro@stleanor.com) or call 610-489-1647 ext. 22.

A Note from the Pa Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs re: Giving Tree Gifts for Veterans.

"Dear Friends, I am writing to say thank you for your support. This program is only possible because of people like you. There is no better gift than people sharing, caring and working together for the common cause of "Serving Those Who Have Served". We would like to thank you for your generosity and that of the members of your church in sponsoring so many of our residents. They were so very pleased with their gifts. Your thoughtfulness went "above and beyond" to make this holiday a very happy time for so many residents.

We are extremely fortunate to have your support and thank you once again for enriching the lives of our residents. I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your kindness. Respectfully, R. Scott Steffen, Volunteer Coordinator

"Pray without  
ceasing."



**FOR OUR DECEASED:** Wilbur Robinson, Deceased Christine Doyle, mother of Colleen McCabe, Casey Zemplinski, uncle of Patrick Sinner, Ted Lewandowski, uncle of Sharon Drummy and Mark Dylinski, Jean Barbuto, mother of Don, Richard DeFiore, brother of Betty Rowlands, Hugh P. McCann Jr, brother of Kathy Preston

**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, 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, 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, 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

**FOR 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

#### 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](mailto:jgenuardi@steeleanor.com).

**March 25th Bulletin Deadline—March 12th  
April 1st Bulletin Deadline— March 15th**

## Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions Sunday, April 8th

**3:00 pm**

**Don't Miss the amazing special graces.**

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

The Divine Mercy theme for the month of February is "LOVE." In November, 1936, St. Faustina visited heaven in spirit, and saw its inconceivable beauties and the happiness that awaits us after death.

Afterward she wrote: "And God has given me to understand that there is but one thing that is of infinite value in His eyes, and that is love of God; love, love and once again love; and nothing can compare with a single act of pure love of God." (778)

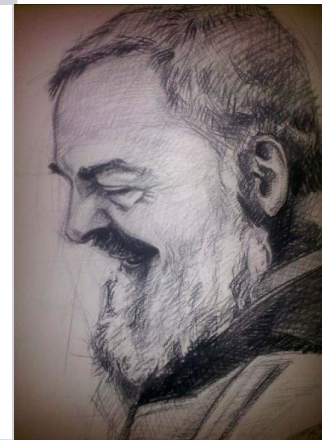
If you would like to know more about St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy, please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in Our Lady Chapel. For more information, please call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622.



### Padre Pio Prayer Group

**Next Meeting and Mass  
March 17th**

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



### Mass for Healing

**March 12th  
7:00 PM- Church**



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

### Counting Our Blessings

#### Week Ending February 9, 2018

Regular Collection	\$ 28,141
Other Collections	\$ 342
Total	\$ 28,483
Diocesan Collections	\$ 203

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

July 1, 2017—February 9, 2018	\$ 896,330
July 1, 2016—February 9, 2018	\$ 859,154

#### YTD Tithing

July 1, 2017— February 9, 2018	\$ 22,469
July 1, 2016— February 9, 2018	\$ 20,968



# 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>

### Fasting

The bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is recommended.

Fasting—

- Fasting and abstinence unites us to the redemptive suffering and death of our Lord. "The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice."
- The practice of fasting: In the Latin Catholic Church, the penitential practice of fasting allows a person to eat one full meal each day. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal.

Beyond the fasting from food, there are traditions Catholics use during Lent.

The links below offer you thoughts on how to enhance your Lenten practice of fasting.

**Brother Casey** -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I8aWqipuJLQ>

**Bishop Barron** -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vm3JK7JYAKs&t=8s>

**Matthew Kelly**—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6zpDwu0rUQ>

### 24 Hours for the Lord

March 9-10

Chapel

4pm Friday through the start of the Saturday vigil Mass at 4:30 pm

Join us for this **extended Adoration** - sign up in the Narthex to spend time as an Adorer.

**Additional Confession times** on Friday at the conclusion of Stations—8:00—9:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 am—1:00 pm

### The St. Eleanor High School Youth Ministry

Program (BOLD) has been invited to lead the

Lenten prayer and devotion, the **Stations of the Cross**.

The Stations of the Cross through the Eyes of Teenagers will be presented on **Friday, March 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Church.

All are invited to attend to pray and worship.



### 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)

### 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

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

Sunday: 6 pm

Please contact us at [perpetualadoration@steleanor.com](mailto:perpetualadoration@steleanor.com)







## **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 the most. Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide support needed to tens of thousands of people through countless 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. If possible, please include your first month's payment when you mail your gift card envelope. You will then receive a monthly statement.

**GIFTS OF CASH** – Checks should be made payable to the "Catholic Charities Appeal." Please complete and mail the enclosed gift card in the envelope provided. Please do not send cash through the mail.

**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. The wide array of Catholic Charities Appeal beneficiaries allows your donation to be eligible for the majority of matching gift programs. We are happy to help guide you through the steps to secure a corporate match for your donation. 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 [www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org).

**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, and gifts of retirement or life insurance assets. This type of gift offers many financial and tax benefits to you and your loved ones. More importantly, it provides an enduring testament to your values and ensures what you have spent a lifetime building, is allocated according to your wishes. Please consult with your tax advisor on the tax treatment of all gifts, as they may vary from individual to individual. All gifts to the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal will be acknowledged by His Excellency Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. For more details on ways to give to the CCA, please visit [catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://catholiccharitiesappeal.org).

For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal, please call Sarah O. Hanley, Executive Director, at 215.587.5650 or email [cca@catholicfoundationphila.org](mailto:cca@catholicfoundationphila.org).

[WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIESAPPEAL.ORG](http://WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIESAPPEAL.ORG)

# **HELP US TO RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 4**

REGISTER BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018

REGISTRATION SHEET IN THE BULLETIN OR ON THE  
SAINT ELEANOR PARISH WEBSITE ([STELEANOR.COM](http://STELEANOR.COM))

### **Operation Rice Bowl Catholic Relief Services**

Operation Rice Bowl gives all a chance to participate in almsgiving by collecting monetary gifts throughout the season of Lent to help our brothers and sisters.

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. Pick up your Rice Bowl starting this weekend—return them through Holy Week.

**Notice:** Please be aware that we will no longer be providing paper recycle containers. Although this was intended as a fundraiser for the parish, not only was the company unresponsive in emptying the dumpsters but we also did not receive the promised funds.

**This is effective immediately as the dumpsters are already full.**

## 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 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.steleleanor.com/youth-ministry>

## FORMED is here! Formed offers free

downloadable books, Bible studies, video & movies with a Catholic focus. Log on at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and sign up using your e-mail address & Parish Code: HJEEEM3



### The Mass

Come with Brother Francis as he celebrates the life-changing power of the Mass in this inspirational and instructive presentation!

This episode includes:

- "The Celebration of the Mass"—an animated representation of what happens during the Mass and our encounter with Jesus as we celebrate this wonderful gift of God
- "With a Heart of Praise"—a moving prayer-song that expresses our gratitude to God
- "The Parable of the Publican and the Sinner"—a moving, animated depiction of Jesus's teaching on humility and forgiveness

Rich in instruction and inspiration, *Brother Francis: The Mass* is a unique way of helping children experience the presence of Christ as they attend Mass.

Congratulations to St Eleanor Parishioners who received First Honors at Mount St Joseph Academy

Lauren Mezzanotte and Nanine Taglianetti  
Great work!

## Kingdom Kids Program

### 9:00 am Mass

Parents are welcome to drop children (ages 6 mo to 3 yrs) in Vianney Hall by 8:40am and pick up after Mass.

Space is limited and paperwork will be required at initial drop off. Parents must have a working cell phone with them and leave a diaper bag for the child if necessary.



Contact Lisa Weaver at [Lsoda08@yahoo.com](mailto:Lsoda08@yahoo.com) for further information. Please pray for the success of this amazing new ministry.

### 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](mailto:shannaanna@gmail.com)



## 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.steleleanor.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)

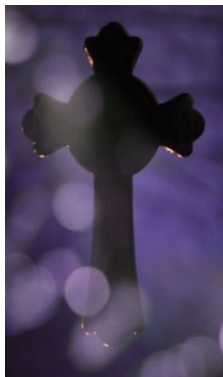
### Next Dance—March 17th

**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)



## Lenten Supper

Friday, March 9th

Holy Cross Cafeteria

Open to men, women, and young adults

Doors open at 5:15pm serving a small meal until 6:00pm

Homemade winter vegetable soup, salad, garlic knots, cookies, coffee, tea, iced tea, water

Fr. Christopher Moriconi will be our guest speaker.

The supper will conclude in time for the Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the church.

Please RSVP by February 28th to Eva Kolodziej at [ekolodziej5@comcast.net](mailto:ekolodziej5@comcast.net) or 610-331-8489 or Alice Ann Schiele at [aliceannschiele@yahoo.com](mailto:aliceannschiele@yahoo.com) so that we can plan ahead with food.

Perkiomen Valley Council 3633

**Knights of Columbus**

serving the parishes of Saint Eleanor & St Mary.

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.

Call GK Robert Donaghy at 215-783-4106  
or 610-287-0794 [bob.donaghy@hpe.com](mailto:bob.donaghy@hpe.com)

[www.kofc3633.org](http://www.kofc3633.org)



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**Cards** are

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items: tools, clothes, entertainment, favorite  
restaurants and anything else.

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**\$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**

### Holy Cross Now Accepting Registration From New Families for 2018-2019 School Year



Registration for New Families is OPEN at Holy Cross  
Regional Catholic School. We have limited spots  
available for students in grades Pre-K through 8. For more  
information about Holy Cross or to schedule a tour, please call 610-  
489-9434, ext. 1, or visit our school web site at [www.hcrc.school](http://www.hcrc.school).

Holy Cross offers Full-Day programs for PreK and Kindergarten, as  
well as our after-school CARES program.

Holy Cross has a proud academic tradition, and is fully accredited by  
Middle States. Our strong Catholic identity is rooted in our belief that  
God is at the center of who we are and all that we teach. We offer an  
Accelerated Reading program for grades K-8; an Advanced Honors  
Mathematics program for those that meet the criteria, starting in 4<sup>th</sup>  
grade; and weekly instruction in Music, Art, Computer Technology,  
Physical Education, Library Skills, and Spanish.

### 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.



### Metanoia

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

**It's easy to join our mailing  
list!**

**Just send your email address  
by text message:**

Text

**ELEANOR**

to **22828** to get started.



Message and data rates may apply.

**Tuesday, March 13:** Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima,  
North Wales @ 7:30pm

**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



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Join us for dinner every Friday beginning February 23rd until March 23rd from 4PM - 7PM as Saint Mary Parish continues the tradition of **Lenten Diners**. Menu variety. 40 Spring Mount Road, Schwenksville, [www.churchofsaintmary.org](http://www.churchofsaintmary.org) or 610.287.8156



St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center Presents: **Religion and Science/St. Francis de Sales** – Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm – CFLC, 26 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St., East Greenville. Presenter: Brother Daniel Wisniewski, Professor, DeSales University – hear the ways religion and science interact and how the Catholic Church has responded. \$5. 215-679-2237



An **interactive workshop** to assist Catholics in the spiritual and temporal aspects of end of life planning. Speakers include: a priest from the archdiocese, an estate planning attorney, a funeral director, a representative of Calvary Cemetery and a financial planner. Visitation BVM, Norristown, in the Larkin Center. Tuesday evening February 27<sup>th</sup> 6-9 PM. Light refreshments will be served. To reserve your spot or information please call Tim Seiders at 215-699-6993



**One Day Retreat** with Franciscan Friars of the Renewal: February 28, 9 AM —2 PM The One Day Retreat will include 2 Conferences, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration, and Mass. To register for an event contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro. [olme@olme.org](mailto:olme@olme.org) 610-582-3333 or [www.olme.org](http://www.olme.org)



March 1- 7-8:30pm—The Tech-Wise Family: Building Family Culture and Virtue while Putting Technology in its Proper Place. Join us for a lecture and discussion Regina Angelorum Academy, 105 Argyle Road, Ardmore. Speaker: Mr. Andy Crouch, author of *The Tech-Wise Family*. <https://raa-tech-wise.eventbrite.com>; Free



**Man-Up Spirituality Conference** "March 3, 7:30 AM-4:30 PM.. An opportunity for men to hear inspirational talks from fellow men on the journey of faith. The day, which will include time for Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will conclude with Mass. Mirenda Center at Neumann University, Aston PA Speakers include: Jim Towey, Don Saleski, Mark Forrest, and Brian Gail; [manupphilly.com](http://manupphilly.com)



**St. Patrick's Day Party**—Sat. March 3rd, 2018; 7-11 PM St. Mary Parish Gym, Schwenksville. Sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Featured Band: The O'Shenanigans \$30/person includes Live Music, Beer, Full Irish Buffet, Bagpipers, Irish Dancers, DJ, Raffles, and Fun !! contact John @ (610) 316-6826 / [JOHNMCGETTS@VERIZON.NET](mailto:JOHNMCGETTS@VERIZON.NET) Limited tickets available at door – Doors open at 6:45

The Ladies of Helena at St. Helena Church (1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell) invite women to their **Communion Mass** at 11 AM and Breakfast following Mass on **March 4<sup>th</sup>**. Price \$20.00 adults and \$12.00 children 4-11. Guest speaker is Pat Ciarrocchi. Her topic is "A Life Journey with Many Crossroads". For more information and reservations, please call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636.



Please join us, March 4-7, for a **Week of Renewal** at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 1260 S. Trooper Road, Norristown. We are fortunate to have Bill Wegner from Good News International conducting the mission for us. The theme is "Returning to the Heart of Jesus". Evening sessions will begin at 7pm. For additional information please call 610-666-1520.



**The Cross and the Light Passion Play** A critically-acclaimed musical and video surround experience of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. St. John Bosco Parish, Hatboro. **March 8, 9, & 10.** [crossandlight.org/stjohnbosco](http://crossandlight.org/stjohnbosco) or contact 267-803-9930. Flyer: <http://www.phillyevang.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/TCTL-Event-Flyer-1.pdf>



**Cultural Heritage Mass** March 17 - 2pm Procession; 2:30pm Mass; Native American, Asian, African, European, Caribbean, and Brazilian Catholics welcome all to this celebration! Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap; Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul



**Basket Bash and Food Drive**—Sat, March 17 Perkiomen Valley High School Cafeteria Non-perishable Healthy Food drop off: Noon – 6 PM; Basket Bash: Doors open at 4 pm, Raffle starts promptly at 6 PM; Adults only (ages 18+) non-alcoholic event. Complimentary drink & small snack coupon. Feel free to bring dinner/snacks for you, family & friends! Cash & credit cards accepted. <https://dailybreadcommunityfoodpantry.yapsody.com>



March 20, 6pm-9pm—Is Yoga Really a Christian Exercise? **An Evening of Reflection.** Learn the Catholic perspective on the use of yoga as a physical exercise. Encouraging all yoga enthusiasts, pastors and those seeking the truth on this much debated topic to attend. Presenter: Susan Brinkmann McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center, Malvern Retreat House; \$35.00 per person – dinner included. [malvernretreat.com/register](http://malvernretreat.com/register) or call 610-644-0400;



St. Teresa of Avila Rectory is looking for a dinner cook for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Must have at least 2 years' experience. Food shopping necessary. If interested, please call Gina MacDermott at 610-666-5820.