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# ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

*March 19, 2017*



## **PARISH STAFF**

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## **OFFICE STAFF**

Mrs. Susan Gordon  
Mrs. Jean Phillips  
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Mrs. Madelyn O'Hara



## **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 to 4:15 PM  
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.

## **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 Mass on Sundays. *G.I.F.T.:* Junior High Program is held on select Sundays. Contact Mr. Matt Kirsch at 610-489-1647 ext. 15.

**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.

**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



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 19, 2017

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday, March 18**

4:30 Joseph McGovern

#### **Sunday, March 19**

7:30 Marge Hogentogler

9:00 David Glodek

10:30 Thomas Mazzulla

12:00 PM For the People of the Parish

7:00 PM Anne Monaghan

#### **Monday, March 20**

*Saint Joseph*

6:30 Raymond Mundt

9:00 Calogero Manzo

#### **Tuesday, March 21**

6:30 Cyndi Keifer

9:00 Joyce Romano

#### **Wednesday, March 22**

6:30 Special Intention of

Anthony and Christina Viola

9:00 Pietrina Mule

#### **Thursday, March 23**

*Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo*

6:30 Dot Davies

9:00 Albert James Fitzgerald, IV

#### **Friday, March 24**

*Blessed Oscar Romero*

6:30 Peter Melle, Jr.

9:00 Peter Melle, Jr.

#### **Saturday, March 25**

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

9:00 Jeffrey Giradi

4:30 Anthony R. Capaldi

### 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:

~ *Connor Alfred, son of Roger and Patricia Elias*



Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, April 2, at 2 PM in Vianney Hall (lower level of the Parish Center and Offices\*). First-time parents need to attend and may attend this program before the birth of your child. Baptismal paperwork is due in the Parish Office two weeks prior to the Baptism. \* previously known as the rectory

### Rose for Life

~ *Offered in memory of Catherine Eliff to honor Our Blessed Mother, requested by Buzz and Madelyn McGee*



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

### Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:

~ *Gene Carmody on the 2nd anniversary of death, given by Rosemary Carmody*



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.

### Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Call Kevin at 610-489-4412 to schedule a week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We will deliver/pick up the Statue for those who can't manage its size and weight.



### Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

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





Dear Friends,

I am writing this in anticipation of the “great snow storm” approaching the Northeast. We’re trying to get everything to the printer in time. I thought perhaps we had dodged this kind of a snow event, especially with the truly mild February that we had. Of course, March is always an unpredictable weather month. I pray that all of us, and all to be affected by this storm, will be safe and well.

We are in week 4 of our *Discovering Christ* series. Twenty parishioners have been participating in this very engaging series focused on our relationship to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Each Monday evening begins with a simple but very delicious supper. Afterwards there is time for prayer, a DVD teaching on the topic of the night and then small group discussion. We are looking forward to making this series available to all our people in the months ahead. This one is a pilot version so that we can assess the logistical needs and elements going forward. May God continue to bless the team and all the participants in this journey.

Friday is (was) Saint Patrick’s Day, so greetings and blessings to all in honor of Ireland’s patron Saint. Also, since March 19 is a Sunday, the feast of Saint Joseph will be celebrated on Monday, March 20. May his intercession on our behalf help all of us to grow as disciples of Jesus every day.

We are looking forward with great joy to the celebration of Confirmation for our young people and adults on Saturday, April 1 at two Masses. Bishop Edward Deliman will be here to celebrate this truly remarkable Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. Pray for all those to be confirmed and their families. May the fire of Pentecost descend not only on them but on all of us as well.

Jesus is the only one who satisfies the longings of our heart, the thirst of our souls for eternity. May we continue to open our hearts and souls to Him and His grace throughout these holy days of our Lenten journey. May we share the joy of the Gospel, the joy of Jesus, with everyone we meet along life’s way.

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



## *St. Eleanor Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration- in Our Lady Chapel*

*Are you looking to experience a deeper, more thoughtful Lent? Instead of giving up chocolate, please consider spending an hour with the Lord in Adoration. If you would like to be added to our sub list, please email [Perpetualadoration@stleanor.com](mailto:Perpetualadoration@stleanor.com). Picking up an open hour can be an uplifting Lenten activity!*

**Tuesdays 7 AM  
Tuesdays 5 PM  
Thursdays 10 AM  
Fridays 8 AM**

Please contact Erin Finkelmeier at [efinkelmeier@gmail.com](mailto:efinkelmeier@gmail.com) for more information or to commit to an hour.

## **RCIA ~ Sessions on and about the Catholic Faith ~**



for all those inquiring or interested in discovering more about our Catholic Faith! These sessions, about an hour and a half long, are information and faith sharing evenings that will continue through the coming months on Thursday evenings. They are hosted by a team of our parishioners and clergy. It has been an inspiring and awesome journey together investigating the ways of God, the person of Jesus Christ our Savior, and the prayer life of the Church.

Any adult, interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, or interested in joining the Catholic Church, or a Catholic wishing to complete the reception of their Sacraments, is invited to call one of our priests at the parish office, 610.489.1647.



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

### **Solemnity of St. Joseph Movie – Joseph of Nazareth**

Take time this week as a family to honor St Joseph on his feast day and reflect on the mysteries of Christ from the vantage point of this very human, noble, and spiritual man of faith as he grapples with the challenges of protecting and raising Jesus amidst the threats of his age. Make movie night a regular “together time”!





**FOR OUR DECEASED:** Joan Carbo, sister of Jane McLaughlin; Arthur Smith, brother-in-law of John Woodman, Lucy Capobianco, wife of Rocco

**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, Kathleen Beaudoin, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Deacon Manny Beltran, Brooke Bielski, Jackie Bielski, Mary Bruno, Arthur Buben, Diane Burg, Sandy Burns, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Anthony Cicippio, Monica Cipriani, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Ed Coyle, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Marie Cunningham, George Daher, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Vince DiDonato, Ron DiNicola, Pat DiPiano, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, John Doyle, Claire Esposito, Vito Fabiano, Dorothy Fairbanks, Mary Filippini, John Fitzgerald, Neil Florio, Sandy Forcine, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Elizabeth Groff, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Virginia Heinz, Joseph Heller, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Catherine King, Carisa Koziol, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, Bud Leo, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Nate Lentz, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Marion Lukens, Joe Lutz, Tom Lytle, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Mary Mahoney, Don Mangialardi, Marie and Sarah, Marianne Marcello, Barbara Marosky, Elaine Maxcy, Agnes McCarver, Ed McDade, Jaime McNutt, Doreen Keckley Meader, Allison Leo Mitchell, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Gabe Muscella, Chucky Nelson, Marion Niedzolkowski, Marie Olszewski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Kathy Plucinski, Ed Pressler, Carol Ann Price, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Jack Russo, Ralph Russo, Linda Sauer, Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, Anne Marie Stoudt, Yoshiko Strohlein, Dennis Sullivan, Howard Taormino, Ron Tautkus, Michael Troemel, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Cristina Utti, Dominic Vacanti, Jr., George Vermuth, Billy Watts, Nancy Wenrich, Pat Willits, Albrete Zvarik

**FOR OUR LITTLE ONES:** Elizabeth DePaul, Brandon Gallagher, Baby Corey Gramazio, Maggie Lutz, Baby Nicholas Manzi, Kiera McMahon, Baby Zachary Sinnk, Philomena Stendardo, Isaiah Thoxton, Baby Dell Tolas, Justin Wichner

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



The Divine Mercy theme for the month of March is "Mercy." On March 27, 1937, Jesus told St. Faustina: "My daughter, do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My Mercy. I will make up for what you lack.

Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My Merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace." (1074)  
If you would like to know more about St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy, please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in Our Lady's Chapel. For more information, please call Gerry Daly at 610-454-7984. **There will be no Divine Mercy Chaplet on Thursday, April 13, Holy Thursday.**

*Prayer Service for Immigrants and Refugees*  
*Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.,*  
*President*



*Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 4:00 PM*  
*Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul*  
*18<sup>th</sup> and Benjamin Franklin Parkway*  
*Please join us to support and encourage our brothers and sisters who are immigrants with both your prayer and presence.*



### **The Bible and the Mass** **The Jewish Roots of Christian Liturgy** 8 week DVD Bible Study A Biblical Tour of the Mass

- Can't We Just Talk? Why Worship Needs More than Preaching
- The Mass as Heaven on Earth: The Eucharist and Christ's Coming
- The Last Supper and the Lost Tribes of Israel
- David, the Thanksgiving Sacrifice, and the Eucharist
  - The Fourth Cup and the New Passover
- You Snooze, You Lose: Why You Should Wake Up for the Offering of the Gifts
  - Q&A Session

Starts: Feb. 21, 2017 from 7PM to 9PM  
Where: Guadalupe room  
Contact: Giuseppe Scillia at 610-608-3516

### **COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS**

#### **Week Ending February 17, 2017**

Regular Collection	\$ 28,701
Other Collections	\$ 232
Total	\$ 29,933
Diocesan Collections	\$ 580

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

July 1, 2016—February 17, 2017	\$ 889,012
July 1, 2015—February 17, 2016	\$ 890,018

#### **YTD Tithing**

2016-17	\$ 24,788
2015-16	\$ 8,283

*\*\*Regular Sunday collection figures now include YTD Tithing*



### *Pray for Those Serving Our Country*

Cmdr. Wendy Arnold, MD  
1st Lt. Brian Davis  
CM/Sgt. Charles Gordon  
Sgt. William Ronan  
Jeremy Somplasky  
Midn. Zachary Sermarini

Sgt. Thomas Albany  
1st Lt. Andrew Bone  
Lt. Sean Feeney  
Bryan Luther  
Andrew Somplasky  
Ryan Somplasky  
Michael Thomas

### **PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT**

For those men, married or unmarried, discerning a call  
to serve God and the Church as a Deacon

Thursday Evening, April 20th 2017, at 7PM  
St. John Vianney Auditorium at  
ST CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY  
100 East Wynnewood Road  
Wynnewood PA 19096

For additional information and to register  
please contact

Deacon Michael Pascarella,  
Associate to the Vicar for Clergy  
(215)587-4532



*WICS - Our next meeting will be held on  
Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00PM in  
Vianney Hall. We will be having our  
tea party so remember to bring a tea  
cup! We always welcome new members.*

### **ST. ELEANOR PARISH PRESENTS: A TRIBUTE TO "THE JERSEY BOYS"**

Take a journey back in time as this group  
performs show-stopping hits such as "Sherry,"  
"Walk Like a Man," "Working My Way Back to  
You," and more!

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Imperials Catering  
40 East 1st Avenue, Trappe  
\$45 per ticket – Adults only  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. – Dinner at 7 p.m.  
BYOB

To Purchase Dinner Show Tickets visit:  
[http://imperials catering.com/  
events/shows/ticket\\_sales](http://imperials catering.com/events/shows/ticket_sales)  
or call Lee at 610-570-6141.

Limited event seating. First come first served.



## DISCOVER THE RICHES OF **THE MASS**

A Five-Part Bible Study Featuring Edward Sri



#### **Dates, Times, Location**

March 2 from 7-8:30PM in  
Kateri Hall and continuing every  
Thursday for 5 weeks.

#### **Cost/Registration**

There is a \$20 per  
person fee for the  
workbook.

#### **For More Information**

Contact Erin Trautman at  
484-619-1023 or  
etraut93@gmail.com.



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the Liturgy. The words and  
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seen in a new light, leading  
you to a more meaningful,  
more fruitful worship  
experience.

### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

The Chris Cusatis Memorial Fund offers two \$250.00  
scholarships for eligible 3rd and 5th grade students  
from Saint Eleanor and enrolled in the St. Eleanor  
PREP Program or Holy Cross Regional Catholic  
School.

The scholarship honors Chris' commitment to service  
for the Church. If you are a 3rd or 5th grader who has  
performed service for the Church in the past year,  
write a brief (1-2 page) essay about your service to  
apply for the scholarship.

The essay will be evaluated based on the genuine  
demonstration of service, as Chris admired hard work  
and commitment to the parish. All submissions can be  
sent to [cjcscholarshipfund@gmail.com](mailto:cjcscholarshipfund@gmail.com) by  
April 23rd.



The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for April will be on **April 8**. The prayer meeting and confessions will begin at 9:40 AM. Mass will begin at 10:30 AM and blessing with Padre Pio's relics will take place after Mass. The celebrant is Fr. Moriconi.



### Mass for Healing Tuesday, April 18

We are continuing our monthly **Mass for Healing**. Our next one will be on **Tuesday, April 18**, at 7:00 PM. We warmly invite everyone to this Mass, family members, friends and neighbors.

### Looking Ahead Important Dates

Saint Eleanor  
Easter Egg Hunt—  
Saturday, April 15 at 11 AM  
Ages 6 and under



*We are asking our parishioners to donate candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. We are looking for **wrapped** candy—no nuts, please—that will fit in a plastic Easter egg. Receptacles will be at each church entrance and also in the school from March 1 through April 2. Thank you in advance for your assistance.*

Sunday, April 16-Easter Sunday-  
No 7PM Mass



### 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal Update

Our parish response to the Catholic Charities Appeal this year is off to a solid start. Thank you to all of you have taken the time to make your pledge or send in your donation. This is a vitally important and needed Appeal that allows us to participate in the archdiocesan efforts to share the love of Jesus with countless numbers of people who are in need.

As of 3-5-17, our parish family has made 186 donations (3rd in the Archdiocese), with gifts totaling \$29,357 (7th in the Archdiocese) which is 29% towards our parish goal of \$100,823.

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

**St. Eleanor CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)** is open to **ALL** St. Eleanor parishioners. Therefore, if you are a St. Eleanor parishioner, and regardless of the grade school, middle school or high school your son or daughter attends, your child can participate in ANY and ALL CYO sports. CYO sports include; volleyball, field hockey, soccer, football, cross country, basketball, track & field, tennis, golf and lacrosse. For additional information please visit our web site at <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/> or contact Jim DeBald at [jdebald@yahoo.com](mailto:jdebald@yahoo.com).



**Varsity Head Coaching Opportunity:** We are looking for a Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach. Interested applicants should contact Jim DeBald ([jdebald@yahoo.com](mailto:jdebald@yahoo.com)) and Chris Phillips ([christophermphilips@yahoo.com](mailto:christophermphilips@yahoo.com)).

**SE CYO DANCES:** CYO sponsors monthly dances throughout the school year. **Individual Dance Passes** are available for Purchase: Cost \$7- per dance. Please visit our web-site for more information and to purchase dance passes: <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/>. **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 the worthy cause. **The Last Dance of the 2016-2017 school year will be held on Saturday, May 13th.**

Contact Dan Cordrey with any questions: [myah22700@comcast.net](mailto:myah22700@comcast.net). **Has your email address changed?** If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed: <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/>.

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

**Remember to Like Us On Facebook!**



### March Madness 2017

High School Men are invited to gather on March 24th for March Madness 2017 – an Annual Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood. This free event includes great basketball and a pizza dinner.

The winning team plays against the seminarians! A special invitation is extended to past participants of Quo Vadis as well as CYO teams, but all young men are welcome to attend!

Register today at [heedthecall.org/event/basketball](http://heedthecall.org/event/basketball)  
Questions? Contact the Vocations Office at 610-667-5778.



On behalf of Bishop Timothy C. Senior, Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary we have been asked to share a survey generated by the Seminary's School of Theological Studies (STS).

The STS is interested in obtaining opinions from a broad demographic range within our Archdiocese about its course offerings. The web address for a secure and brief survey can be found here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7M7SPG5>.

Please consider taking a few minutes to assist the Seminary by participating in this survey.



### Lenten Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday  
6:30 and 9:00 AM

### Stations of the Cross in Church

Wednesdays at 1:45 PM (school)  
Fridays at 7:00 PM

### Parish Lenten Confessions

Wednesdays after morning Masses and 6:30-7PM  
Saturdays from 8:00 to 8:45 AM and  
3:30 to 4:15 PM  
Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 PM  
Also by appointment

### Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday Nights in Lent at 7:30 PM

Mar. 22 – St. James Episcopal - Ignatian  
method of prayer

Mar. 29 – St. Luke's, Trappe - Contemplative and  
Meditative practices using our senses

Apr. 5 – Trinity UCC, Collegeville - Praying with  
Icons, figurines and pictures



We cordially and warmly invite you to a  
special encounter with the story of our Lord's  
Passion and Death enacted by the eighth  
grade students of Holy Cross Regional  
Catholic School on **Monday, April 10 at 1:15 and 7pm**  
at St. Eleanor Church. It is always most inspiring and a  
wonderful way to begin Holy Week.



Check out the cds and books in  
the Lighthouse display rack in the  
narthex. There are items that we  
have ordered especially for Lent.



### Encounter Lent With The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual CRS Rice Bowl

This year's Rice Bowl seeks to open  
a path to a culture of encounter  
through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This  
Nationwide Lenten program gives people of all ages  
a tangible way to respond to human suffering  
through compassionate action. Find stories of hope,  
recipes, and daily reflections for each of the six weeks  
of Lent by visiting [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org).



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We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't al-  
ways do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year  
we invite you to do something different. Sign up for Best Lent  
Ever, a FREE, video-based email program featuring interna-  
tionally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author  
Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Matthew  
will help you identify what stands between you and happiness ~  
and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

<http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>

*Blessed is She*

We are women, just like  
you. We are single,  
married, mamas, and grandmamas too. Here at  
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daily devotions straight to your inbox. We walk with  
you on this crazy journey as a daughter of the King.  
Enter into a community full of women just like you.

<https://blessedishe.net/>

### 24 Hours for the Lord

**Friday, March 24 & Saturday, March 25, 2017**

*24 Hours for the Lord* is an initiative of the Holy Father in which par-  
ishes open the doors of their Church for a period of 24 hours. During  
this time, the clergy and faithful will have the opportunity to pray  
before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, reserved in the tabernacle or  
exposed in the monstrance. Confessions will also be made available  
during this period. 24 Hours for the Lord will be observed throughout  
the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

### Saint Eleanor Parish Schedule

Adoration in the chapel from 4PM on Friday, March 24  
until the Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 25

Confessions:

8-9 PM on Friday (following Stations of the Cross)

8-8:45 AM, 11 AM –1 PM, 3:30-4:15 PM on Saturday

**\*\*Please see the board in the narthex to sign up for an hour.**





Please join us for a Lenten Supper on Friday, March 24th, 2017 hosted by St. Eleanor WICS - Women in Catholic Service, at Holy Cross Cafeteria. Open to men, women, and young adults. Doors open at 5:15PM serving a small meal until 6:00PM. Soup, salad, bread, dessert, coffee, tea, iced tea, water.



Our Guest Speaker, Rev. Christopher Moriconi, will present "Back to the Basics: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving" from 6:15-6:45PM. The supper will conclude in time for Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM in the church. Please RSVP by March 17th to Alice Ann Schiele at [alice-annschiele@yahoo.com](mailto:alice-annschiele@yahoo.com) or Eva Kolodziej at [ekolodziej5@comcast.net](mailto:ekolodziej5@comcast.net) / 610-331-8489 so we can plan ahead with food. Bring a friend. The meal is free of charge; however, a freewill offering is accepted.



### FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2017

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, March 1, 2017, 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 especially recommended. All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



This Lent, journey with Bishop Barron and over 300,000 others! We'll delve into each morning's Gospel to grow closer to Christ...as he makes his way to the Cross.

<http://www.lentreflections.com/>



For the third week of Lent, watch **FORGIVEN Episode 3 *Embraced in Mercy*** for a "refresher" on making a good confession & trusting God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Parents: Also see Episode 4: "For Children: How to Make a Good Confession"

Register today: Go to [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG) & enter the parish code HJEE3 (all caps).

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### Footsteps to the Cross

Bethany Music Ministry will present ***Footsteps to the Cross***, Palm Sunday, April 9th at 7:30pm at St. Titus Church, 3000 Keenwood Rd., East Norriton. "Footsteps" is a prayerful meditation focusing on the final hours of Christ as told through Scripture, narration and music. It is a powerful look at the Way of the Cross and what it means in our contemporary world.

### Bulletin Deadlines

All information 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 [jphillips@stleanor.com](mailto:jphillips@stleanor.com).

**All bulletin submissions for Easter, April 16, must be in the office NO LATER THAN Monday, April 3.**



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### AMPLIFYING THE CALL

Where do priests come from? They are called by God, to be sure, but often that call begins as a whisper and may be difficult to hear amid the distractions of the 21st century. The mission of the Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood is to amplify that call and give every potential priest a chance to clearly hear God's call and answer it.

Vocations are vital to the life of the Church. In fact, there is no greater indicator of the future health of an Archdiocese than the number of young men acceding to the call to a priestly vocation.

That's one reason why your generous donation to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal is so important. A portion of it will go to help support the work of Father Steve DeLacy, Director of the Vocation Office.

If a charitable gift could ever be considered selfish, a gift to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal to support vocations is certainly in the self-interest of every member of the faithful in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A would-be vocation is a delicate thing that needs to be carefully nurtured and reinforced. It requires communications, personal outreach and, dare we say, marketing. This takes money and manpower that Father DeLacy and his Vocation Office simply do not have.

In addition to fostering priestly vocations throughout the Archdiocese, the Vocation Office works closely with the thriving Newmann Centers at Temple and West Chester Universities and one that serves both Penn and Drexel. They are literally working to ensure the future of the Church.

The number of recent Diocesan vocations is up, but we're not where we need to be. We need about 30 new vocations per year, which would result in about 15 ordinations annually. Achieving that would be, quite literally, a godsend to the Archdiocese. Your donation to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal is critical.



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**Savor the Flavor 2017 - Casino Royale ~ "Shaken Not Stirred"** - Please join us at Pope John Paul II High School for our biggest fundraising event of the year, a restaurant fair and auction. Sat., April 1, 2017 from 7:00-11:00PM in the PJP Gymnasium. 181 Rittenhouse Road, Royersford. To purchase tickets (\$50 per person) please go to the [www.pjphs.org](http://www.pjphs.org) where you will find more info.



**Villa Maria Academy High School**, a Catholic college preparatory school in the tradition of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, empowers young women to lead lives of spiritual growth, intellectual inquiry, and Christian service. Villa Maria, located in Malvern, has scheduled Preview Breakfasts for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their families on April 3 and 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This will offer a "sneak peek" at high school life at Villa Maria. Our Practice Exam for 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be held on Saturday, April 29 and May 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Villa Maria is also offering Visit Villa Days for 7<sup>th</sup> graders on May 10, 15, and 18. Visitors will receive a preview of our school community by attending classes and having lunch with current students. If interested in these events, please register online at [www.vmahs.org](http://www.vmahs.org).



Saint Mary Parish, 40 Spring Mount Road, Schwenksville, will be holding its Annual Traditional Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Saturday, March 25, 2017 (The Feast of the Annunciation) at 12:00 PM. All are welcome. (Fr. Christopher Moriconi will serve as Sub Deacon.)

**A Baby's Breath Run for Life 2017** - Please come and enjoy a morning of family fun on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Norristown Farm for the annual Run for Life - benefitting A Baby's Breath Crisis Pregnancy Center - helping moms and their families for 17 years! 1 Mile Fun Run 9 am; 5K Run 9:30 am. Walk, Run or Wheel Please register at [http://www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR\\_RFL.html](http://www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR_RFL.html). For more information, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski, Race Director at 610-316-6281 or [budswed@verizon.net](mailto:budswed@verizon.net).



St. Francis of Assisi Church in Norristown will be holding their **Palm Sale** in the school gym, Buttonwood and Oak St. on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> (11 am - 5 pm) and Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> (9 am - 12 pm). We will also be selling homemade candies and homemade baked goods. Come help celebrate with us. Thank you!



Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Our upcoming events are listed below, contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) for more information, or visit our Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults](https://www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults)) for more details. **Tuesday, March 21:** Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors at 7:00pm; Talk Starts at 7:30pm; Speaker - Dr. Monique Ruberu.



**Pope John Paul II High School - Open House** - Wednesday, March 29, 2017 6:30 P.M. Students of all ages are welcome! Come let the PJP Student Ambassadors show you around our beautiful school, as they share their experiences and answer questions that are important to you and your family. You will have the opportunity to meet our administration, teachers, and coaches. We look forward to seeing you and your family on March 29!

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