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ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

April 23, 2017



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Music Director

OFFICE STAFF

Mrs. Susan Gordon
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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.

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 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.

Jesus,
I Trust in You.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 23, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

4:30 James Tarlecki

Sunday, April 23

7:30 Anthony R. Capaldi

9:00 Terese Glodek

10:30 For the People of the Parish

12:00 PM Sp. Int. of Most Reverend
John McIntyre

7:00 PM Mary Jo Castrianni
(1st Anniv.)

Monday, April 24

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

6:30 The Bernstiel Family

9:00 Michael Hudak

Tuesday, April 25

Saint Mark the Evangelist

6:30 James J. Fitzpatrick
(1st Anniv.)

9:00 Robert McGuire

Wednesday, April 26

6:30 Russell DeGrassa
(1st Anniv.)

9:00 Sister Mary Waldron

Thursday, April 27

6:30 Rosemarie Bullock

9:00 Phyllis Salamon-Heffron

Friday, April 28

Ss. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignon de Montfort

6:30 Isabella Black

9:00 Paul Alt

Saturday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena

9:00 Mary Margaret "Mimi"
Anzalone

4:30 Peter Melle, Jr.

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:



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Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, May 7, 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

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



Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:



~ John Karmazinski on the 11th anniversary of his death given by Don, Donna Peterson and family

~ Rose Kaeser on the 7th anniversary of her death given by husband, Ed

~ Regina Brunner on the 3rd anniversary of her death given by brother Francis and Peggy

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.

Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

For the month of April we will be praying for **Father Christopher Moriconi** 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,

This Sunday is the Octave Day of Easter. Like Christmas, the Feast of Easter is too large and awesome to be confined to just one day. It lasts for eight full days. It is also Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Lord appeared to Saint Faustina and revealed the depths of His Mercy, asking that this Sunday be dedicated to His Divine Mercy. Many of you, I am sure, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. How compassionate is our loving Savior in desiring to pour forth His Mercy on all who seek Him. At 3 pm Sunday, we will have a Holy Hour including the recitation of the Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in Church. Come and be nourished in the Mercy of the Savior.

Our Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday Masses were truly inspiring and moving. Our attendance at each of the celebrations was impressive. It is great to see so many people practicing their Faith by attending the special devotions and services of Holy Week and to see so many people attending Mass on Easter Sunday. We know that parking is a challenge. We did have the assistance of the Fire Police to help out on Easter Sunday morning. Thank you all for your participation and example of faith and piety. If you did not get your Easter gift, the book, *Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody* by Allan Hunt, be sure to pick up a copy at the Church entrances. One parishioner on Easter Tuesday told me that he had already read the book and found it very interesting, helpful, and easy to read. In fact, he said it was hard to put it down.

On Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday we had the assistance of some of our college-age and high-school age parishioners acting as assistant Masters of Ceremonies. They were the ones in the new deep purple cassocks. Their efforts aided the liturgical celebrations in a profound way, allowing all of the various aspects of these special liturgies to flow effortlessly and smoothly. Our hats off to them for giving of their time and talent and offering public witness to their deep faith in our Lord. The young men who assisted us this year were Ben Grimm, Jed Cainglet, Brad Lynch, Kevin Lynn, and John Paul Schiele. Again, our deep thanks to them for this service and for their service throughout the year as Sacristans and Assistant Sacristans.

I attempted to give public thanks to all those who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful. Of course, it is easy to overlook a group when speaking extemporaneously. But here, I would like to publicly thank everyone who did so much to assist our parish family to celebrate nobly the Paschal Mysteries of our Faith: Father Moriconi who planned and practiced with all those involved, our weekly volunteer core of Church cleaners, our core group of Holy Saturday morning cleaners, our Welcoming Ministers, our Ushers, our choirs, cantors, musicians, our Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, our Altar Servers, our collection counters, our Church decorators, and our Parish Staff ~ everyone who gave their time and talent out of love for the Lord! God bless you all!

Finally, on Holy Saturday morning, we had our first Easter Egg Hunt on our front lawn for children 6 years old and under. It was a wonderful event with many participants and lots of Easter Eggs, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. I took a break from our Church cleaning and setting up efforts to visit with everyone and to lead those gathered in prayer. It was a lot of fun. Thanks to Matt Kirsch and his noble crew of teenagers who planned and executed a great time for all.

Don't forget about our upcoming parish dinner/theater event on Saturday, May 6, *A Tribute to the Jersey Boys*, at Imperial's Catering, 40 E. First Avenue, Trappe. It will be a great night for all. We are grateful to our sponsors for their help in making it a great night.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken



St. Eleanor Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration- in 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

Monday 1 AM
Tuesday 12 AM
Tuesday 5 PM
Thursday 10 AM
Friday 12 AM
Friday 8 AM

Please contact Erin Finkelmeier at
efinkelmeier@gmail.com for more information or to
commit to an hour.



FORMED is here! Formed offers free downloadable books, Bible studies, video and movies with a Catholic focus. Log on at www.formed.org and sign up using your e-mail address and the Parish Code: HJEE3
Divine Mercy in the 2nd Greatest Story Ever Told
Renowned speaker & author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. This vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.



FOR OUR DECEASED: John Bogda, brother-in-law of Frank and Dolly Panfile;

FOR OUR SICK: Catherine Alexander, Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Joseph Art, Jr., Elizabeth Ashenfelter, Kathleen Bani, Lori Bani, Lisa Caruso, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Kathleen Beaudoin, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Deacon Manny Beltran, Jackie Bielski, Arthur Buben, Diane Burg, Florence Burkett, Sandy Burns, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Monica Cipriani, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Ed Coyle, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Marie Cunningham, 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, John Fritz, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Elizabeth Groff, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Helen Hart, Virginia Heinz, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, 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, 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, Bob Newton, Marion Niedzolkowski, Maria Olszewski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Ed Pressler, Carol Ann Price, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Kathleen Riggs, Dennis Ritchie, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Betty Rowlands, 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, Albrette 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!



On Good Friday in 1937 Jesus told Saint Faustina: "I desire trust from My creatures. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all will be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy. (1059)

If you would like to know more about Saint 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 McDonnell, 610-409-2622.

NOTE: Divine Mercy Sunday is April 23rd.

SETTING AN EXAMPLE ~ CHRIST'S WITNESS TITHING THE TITHE

We all know that "tithe" is a percent of income, gifts or possessions that someone gives away to charity, back to God. Biblically, Abraham gave a tenth of his bounty to Melchizedek (Book of Genesis). However, that percentage is not a "do-or-die" figure regarding generosity and gratitude. The spirit of gratitude and generosity is the key.

The "Tithe" is another expression for our Sunday Contributions which we offer for the mission, activities, upkeep, maintenance and care of our parish family and facilities. ***We give back to God generously not because there are needs to fill, bills to pay or buildings to build but because we need to imitate and live out God's generosity which He showers upon us.***

We are God's image and likeness in this world, we are His representatives entrusted with the care of His creation. We all have a longing that only God can fill. We live to our fullest and truest, when we live in accord with His plan and model our own lives after His generosity.

Now what is this ***Tithing the Tithe*** program which we have been talking and writing about for over a year now? Simply put, ***it is our parish family effort to place our trust in God and to share gratefully our blessings with others.***

In our first year, we chose 1% of our ordinary Sunday collections to be given to support those engaged in the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We have a committee that vets those seeking help and oversees our donations. In the fiscal year 2015-2016, Saint Eleanor Parish Family gave from our Sunday collections **\$15,129.62 to charities.** This is in addition to the generous contributions which our parish family makes to the second collections required from the Archdiocese and the US Bishops.

In this current fiscal year, we have pledged 3% of our ordinary Sunday collections for charity. That will amount to somewhere near \$42,000 in the present fiscal year. ***This is a large jump.*** We continue to trust in the generosity of God and seek to share gratefully His blessings with others.

So for every dollar you donate to our Sunday collection, 3% of it is given to those who are engaged in the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy (groups/ individuals vetted by our committee). ***Your generosity, your donation to Saint Eleanor is in a sense multiplied as a portion of it is shared with others beyond our parish borders.***

We keep you informed as to whom you are helping through our parish bulletin and website. Go now to our website to check out all the charities that we have donated to as a parish family so far.

We know that there are graced-filled blessings to all who adopt a tithing way of life. Pray and think about it for yourself. Start out simply. Check out Matthew Kelly's really excellent Book, *Four Signs of A Dynamic Catholic* ~ (http://dynamiccatholic.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/4SIGNS_Generosity.pdf) Here he explains more fully the gifts of generosity, gratitude and personally living in the ways of God. As always, we are truly grateful and inspired by the kindness, support and generosity of our people. ***In God's love, Monsignor McCulken***



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

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending March 31, 2017

Regular Collection	\$ 30,079
Other Collections	\$ 457
Easter	\$ 1,570
Easter Flowers	\$ 477
Total	\$ 32,583
Diocesan Collections	\$ 5,047

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2016—March 31, 2017	\$ 1,061,932
July 1, 2015—March 31, 2016	\$ 1,050,433

YTD Tithing

2016-17	\$ 31,857
2015-16	\$ 10,504

**Regular Sunday collection figures now include YTD Tithing

BOOK NOW FOR THIS FUNDRAISER! WILL SELL OUT!

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 7 p.m. – Dinner at 7:30 p.m.—
Showtime is 8:30 p.m.
BYOB

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

Limited event seating. First come first served.



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 who 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 in need.

As of 3-31-17, our parish family has made **369 donations (3rd in the Archdiocese)**, with gifts totaling **\$73,035 (8th in the Archdiocese)** which is 72% 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. 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.

Walking With Purpose is offering an EVENING session: Living in the Father's Love. In this powerful 6-week study, we discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationships, not only with God, but also with those we love. The study will be held Mondays beginning April 24th from 7-8:30pm in Vianney Hall. To register for the study contact Maureen Bulwicz at MBulwicz@gmail.com or 610-454-0650.



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 by April 23rd.

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for May will be on **May 20**. 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. Hamilton.



Mass for Healing Tuesday, May 16

We are continuing our monthly **Mass for Healing**. Our next one will be on **Tuesday, May 16**, at 7:00 PM. We warmly invite everyone to this Mass, family members, friends and neighbors.

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.



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 jphillips@steeleanor.com.



Special Denomination Gift Cards In Stock

AMC Theatres \$10 Rebate 8%
Barnes & Noble \$10 Rebate 9%
Regal Theaters \$10 Rebate 8%
Starbucks \$5 Rebate 7%



Join the Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) for Catholic Charities Night with the Phillies, a night of family fun in support of the CCA!



Wednesday, June 14, 2017 7:05 PM
Citizens Bank Park
Tickets range from \$20 to \$38 and a portion of all proceeds will directly benefit the CCA. Tickets should be purchased at: www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight
We hope to see you at the ballpark!

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.steeleanor.com/> or contact Jim DeBald at jdebald@yahoo.com.



St. Eleanor CYO in conjunction with Pope John Paul High School will be holding JV Girls Volleyball Clinics on Sunday April 23rd, 30th & May 7th from 6:00-8:00 PM and Monday April 17th from 6:00-8:00 PM. ALL St. Eleanor Parishioners entering 5th and 6th grade in September 2017 are invited to participate. Any questions please contact Ryan Sell at 814-207-1189 or rsell01@gmail.com. Please note there is limited space so please act quickly if you are interested.

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

CYO will be holding GIRLS JV and Varsity Basketball Clinics. All St. Eleanor Parishioners are welcomed and invited to come and work on basketball fundamentals. The rising 7th & 8th grade clinics will be held on Wed., May 31 and Wed., June 7 from 6:00 to 8 PM. The rising 5th & 6th grade clinics will be held on Thursday, June 1 and Thursday, June 8 from 6 to 8 PM. There is no charge for this clinic, but we would like to have an idea of the number of girls attending. Therefore, if your daughter wishes to attend, or if you have any questions, please email SECYOCLINIC@gmail.com. Additional information can also be found on the St. Eleanor CYO web site <http://cyo.steeleanor.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.steeleanor.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.

Has your email address changed? If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed: <http://cyo.steeleanor.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!



WICS - The next meeting for the Women In Catholic Service will be on Tuesday, May 23rd. We will begin the evening with a 6:30 Mass in the Chapel. After Mass we will enjoy some fellowship in Vianney Hall with our covered-dish dinner at 7:30. We hope you can join us.



Save The Date - Yard Sale! The St. Eleanor WICS, Women In Catholic Service, will be hosting a yard sale in the St. Eleanor parking lot on **Saturday morning, June 3rd from 8am-noon.** Mark your calendar and look for more information to come soon.



Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary members continue to visit registered families in our parish. During the months of October, 2016 through January, 2017, legionaries made 832 calls. Each contact is presented with a packet that contains a letter from Msgr. McCulken conveying his vision for the parish and his invitation for all to participate in parish life. Visitors also emphasize Monsignor's interest in all his parishioners and in their spiritual welfare. The Legion of Mary answers the Church's call to evangelization and through its emphasis on apostolic works, it is naturally directed to the Spiritual Works of Mercy. If you are interested in enriching your spiritual life, as well as taking positive action in carrying out the Spiritual Works of Mercy, the Legion of Mary may be for you. Legion meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in Kateri Hall. Visitors are always welcome! Please call Ray Hritz for more information (610-489-4167).

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparition at Fatima, a public square rosary will be held on Saturday, May 20th at 12 noon. The gathering will be held in Collegeville at the corner of Rt. 29 and Main Street (across from McDonald's). Subsequent rosaries will be conducted on the second Saturday of each month, June through October. For more information, call Ray Hritz at 610-489-4167.



FLOWER POWER

The Gardening Angels are in need of some volunteers to help with watering during the summer. If you are willing to assist with this occasional task please call Rachel Holdsworth at 610-409-9408. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Saint Vincent de Paul Vehicle Needed

One of our clients is in need of a car to get to work. If you would like to donate a car to a needy family please contact Kathy Zavrotny at (610) 489-3911. Thank you.



Golfers and non-golfers—The Valley Forge Chapter, Knights of Columbus, is holding its 9th Annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament on Friday, May 5, at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. The event includes breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf and individual/team skill prizes. Cost per golfer is \$100. Dinner only tickets available for \$35/person. Sponsorships are welcomed. Contact Gary Huster at 610-972-0356 (the bighue@aol.com) or Mark Nunan at 610-754-7185 (marknunan@dejazzd.com). All proceeds benefit local crisis pregnancy centers.



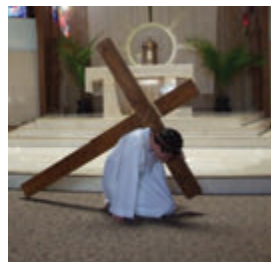
Holy Cross Regional Catholic School sent 38 students, divided into

3 groups, to compete in the Varsity Reading Olympics held at Pottstown Middle School. The Holy Cross

teams are lead by school librarian Miss Laura Hritz. Seven thousand 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students of public and non-public schools, from 21 school districts, participate in the event. At the end of the day, ribbons are awarded to the teams based on their performance. Holy Cross School is very proud to have taken home 2 blue ribbons and 1 red ribbon! Congratulations to all the participants!



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On April 10 the 8th Grade of Holy Cross Regional Catholic School presented the Living Stations of the Cross.

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Visiting from their convent in Bronx, New York, seven Sisters of Life had a wonderful and inspirational day with Holy Cross Regional Catholic School students. Spreading the charism of life, the cheerful Sisters



gave presentations on God's love. They shared stories, taught songs, answered questions, even played during recess! The Sisters then handed out prayer cards and said goodbye to our students as they departed school. Holy Cross was truly blessed by their presence at Holy Cross! For more information about the Sisters, visit www.sistersoflife.org.



FEAST OF MERCY

Jesus asked for a new feast day through St. Faustina. He called it the Feast of Mercy, and desires it be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. This is a day unlike any other!!

Jesus told St. Faustina (and us): "On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession, and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the Divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened." (699)

Moreover, in 1937 Jesus appeared to St. Faustina, and gave her this message: "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity." (965)

Please join us in adoring God's Mercy on the Feast of Mercy on April 23, 3:00 P.M., in the church. Questions please call Mary Ann McDonnell at 610-409-2622.



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is pleased to announce that the Office of Youth and Young Adults has been officially renamed **ANTHEM**.

The new name was chosen as a result of careful prayer, consideration, and market research to gauge what would appeal to contemporary youth and young adults.

ANTHEM has its basis in the biblical story of David as well as a musical connotation. As the warrior who slew Goliath against all odds, the figure of David gives young people inspiration to face the challenges unique to their generation. In addition to being a warrior, David was also a poet who wrote the Psalms with an authentic heart of praise, speaking deeply to the connection music has for the faith life of young people. Music invites, unites, and speaks a universal language attractive to all.



Office of the Archbishop



Dear Friends,

Each April, our local Church participates in the national observance of Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Catholics across the Archdiocese share an ongoing commitment to create parish and school environments that are safe and that protect our young people from harm.

Through our Office for Children and Youth Protection (OCYP), the Archdiocese will once again engage in various activities and events on behalf of our young people. In preparation, OCYP has already provided parish Safe Environment Coordinators with information about resources, initiatives, and activities that demonstrate our constant efforts on behalf of young people and their safety.

I want to call particular attention to Blue Monday, on Monday, April 24, and Blue Sunday, on Sunday, April 30. Blue Sunday is a national day of prayer for abused children and those who care for them. Please be sure to keep this vital issue and all victims of sexual abuse in your prayers on that day. On Blue Monday, Catholics may wish to join the wider community in wearing blue to demonstrate the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and raise awareness about abuse prevention and education efforts.

In addition to strict safe environment practices, the Catholic community supports sexual abuse survivors and their families with healing and recovery. We realize and understand that every survivor's journey toward healing is a very personal journey. The first step is to report any incident of abuse or suspected abuse to law enforcement. The second is to seek help. To assist, the Archdiocese has professionals available to listen and has dedicated resources to cover the costs of a survivor's chosen path in counseling, addiction treatment and other services. I encourage you to learn more about these services and resources for survivors on the Office for Child and Youth Protection website.

Regrettably, April is also a time when damaging efforts to secure retroactive statute of limitations (SOL) legislation tend to increase – legislation that prejudicially targets religious and private institutions. Legislation to change the statute of limitations was intensely debated and passed by the state House of Representatives last year. The retroactive measure in that bill was stripped out by the state Senate after it was determined to be unconstitutional. The revised and improved Senate bill passed that chamber unanimously. This piece of legislation was one that the Catholic community could support. But the House failed to reconsider it, and it was left inactive at the end of the legislative session. Sadly, a good piece of lawmaking was allowed to fail.

The General Assembly is now in a new legislative season, and several new SOL bills have been introduced and are already moving. One bill mirrors the positive, *prospective* child protection measure passed by the Senate last year.

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This bill has already cleared the Senate is currently in the House for consideration. Another bill that includes the retroactive SOL has also been introduced in the House. I will continue to keep you informed on these developments. Like all other institutions that care for children, our local Church has learned hard lessons about child sexual abuse. We've also made great progress in protecting our children, families and wider Church community. Our shared commitment to prevent abuse from taking place within our Church is a permanent one. We should never shrink from those responsibilities or from an opportunity to help others understand our efforts. That commitment isn't just lip service either. Since 2002, the Archdiocese has invested nearly \$19 million in providing support for survivors and their families as well as training programs and background checks to prevent abuse from happening in the first place—and none of those funds have anything to do with civil litigation.

I'm deeply grateful for the part all our people play in our efforts to protect our young people. If you have any questions about this vital work, please contact Leslie Davila, Director of the Office for Child and Youth Protection at 215-965-1743 or ldavila@archphila.org. May God bless you during these last days of Lent and throughout the Easter season.

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,
+Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Villa Maria Academy High School, a Catholic college preparatory school in the tradition of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, will hold our Practice Exam for 7th graders 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 7th 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.

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Mother & (Adult) Daughter Retreat May 12 – 14 (Mother's Day Weekend) Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212 Knowing that your relationship is special, and the need to nurture it throughout the years, this is a wonderful opportunity to walk upon common ground while celebrating your differences. Eucharist, small group sharing, prayer experiences, socials and fun are included - beach walks too! Cost: \$135 per person. Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829 for more information.

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Wedding Anniversary Mass Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput, presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Registration required!** To register visit: www.phillycatholiclife.org or call: 215-587-0500

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Join the Catholic Family Fun Club (CFFC) in the Archdiocese Every day local Catholics view the crowd-sourced events calendar at the Catholic Family Fun Club over 100 times. Join the CFFC to discover fun movie nights and other events—and even create your own playdates, craft nights, or other activities. Meet others of all ages in this group created by families, for families, to have fun and friends. <https://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Family-Fun-Club>.

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Mom's House – Rainbow Walk / Run – Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. – Location: Phoenixville Area High School, 1200 Gay Street, Phoenixville – Registration opens at 8:30 A.M. or pre-register online at their web site: <https://momshouse-phoenixville.org/events/>

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Tradition Conference June 19 In 1992, St. John Paul II approved the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of its promulgation, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will sponsor a conference on Monday, June 19, 2017 entitled, Tradition, A Celebration of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This day features national speakers who will focus on the four pillars of the Catechism and will be held at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel. All of the faithful are invited to attend. Please note, that headsets for translation will be provided for those who wish to listen to the talks in Spanish. More info & registration: <http://phillyocf.org/>.

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Mount Saint Joseph Academy invites 7th grade girls to experience life at the Mount. Join us for a morning visit. Half day visitations will continue through May 23rd. A parent may go online to arrange a visit. Visit our website at www.msjacad.org for more information.

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Widow/Widower Social Group - If you have an interest in joining the Widow/Widower's Social Group at St. Ann Parish in Phoenixville, contact Helene Kennedy at 610-933-0950.

The **IHM Philadelphia Homeschool Conference** will be held at St. Helena Catholic Church in Blue Bell on Friday, April 28 from 12PM to 6PM. This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic Homeschooling. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more info, visit www.ihmconference.org or email info.org.

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Annual Feast Day Mass for Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Join us as we honor St. Gianna Molla at the Shrine of Saint Gianna on Friday, April 28, 2017! 6:30 p.m. Rosary recitation, followed by Feast Day Mass at 7 p.m. After mass, veneration of Saint Gianna's first-class and second-class relics by all; ending with fellowship and light refreshments in the Church Hall. Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 625 West Street Road, Warminster, PA. To learn more: <http://saintgianna.org>.

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As part of the Spirituality Under the Dome series, **Immaculata University** announces its 11th annual "**Spirituality Day**" on Saturday, April 29, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with refreshments followed by the opening prayer and welcome at 9:15 a.m. in Alumnae Hall. The half-day event concludes at 12:00 p.m. Patricia Livingston, popular writer for *Living Faith* magazine, will be the keynote speaker for the morning. For further information, please visit the website at www.immaculata.edu/spirituality

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Join hundreds of single Catholics of all ages at the **National Catholic Singles Conference**, May 19th-21st, 2017 held at the DoubleTree Pittsburgh-Green Tree in Pittsburgh, PA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, prayer, food, fellowship and more! Space is limited so register now! For more information and to register visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com. Use promo code NCSCPA to receive a special discount. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 888.267.8885 x4.)

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Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Malvern Retreat House, Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. Fr. Jim Olson will be the celebrant for Mass. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. To register on line go to <http://www.opdarchphilly.com>. For more information please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

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A **weekend retreat** offers many opportunities: to know your God better, to know your Church better, to know your neighbor better, to know yourself better. Think about it. Retreat weekend is June 2,3,4 at St. Joseph's - in - the - Hills, Malvern, Pa. For more information please visit our web site at www.malvernretreat.com or call parishioner Mark Pinto @ 610-792-1679.

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