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St. Eleanor Church

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December 4, 2016



PARISH STAFF

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Director of Parish Services

Mr. Dan Weckerly, Music Director

OFFICE STAFF

Mrs. Susan Gordon Mrs. Jean Phillips Mrs. Melissa Sinner

Mrs. Madelyn O'Hara Ms. Casey Semenza

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

<u>BAPTISMS:</u> 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.

<u>MARRIAGES:</u> 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.

<u>HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:</u> Communion is brought to the sick in their homes. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

<u>PARISH REGISTRATION:</u> 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. 2233 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.

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

<u>FINANCE COUNCIL</u> Meets five to six times a year to advise the pastor on financial and administrative matters of the parish.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3 4:30 Shelly Bone

Sunday, December 4

7:30 Brad Lundgren 9:00 Roz Cirino

10:30 For the People of the Parish

12:00 PM Peter Juliano 7:00 PM Virginia Rickard

Monday, December 5

6:30 Anne Marie Tate (1st Anniv.) 9:00 Anne Marie Tate (1st Anniv.)

Tuesday, December 6

6:30 Landon Vargas 9:00 Anne Marie Tate

Wednesday, December 7

6:30 Saint Ambrose
6:30 Tom McCaulley
9:00 Albert Carusi

Thursday, December 8
The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

6:30 Anthony R. Capaldi 9:00 Dennis Dugan 12:05 Frank Cotteta

7:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Friday, December 9

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

6:30 James Foster 9:00 Fred Schmitt

Saturday, December 10

9:00 Anne Marie Tate 4:30 William McCandless

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:



- ~ Lena Mae, daughter of Stephen and Sara Rattigan
- ~ Conor Maddox Lontz, son of Adam and Carly Lontz Thibault
- ~ Peyton Elizabeth, daughter of Melissa Wilson

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday,
December 4, 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

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



Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:

~ Frank Cotteta on his birthday, given by daughter, Marie ~ Helen Blanche on her birthday, given by Michele and Dick

Robbins

~ Jason Daniel Cirafasi on his 37th birthday, given by Mom and Kelly

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. **There are no more roses available for 2016.**

Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

For the month of **December** we will be praying for **Deacon John A. Hasson** and all his intentions. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons, please call Betty Rowlands at 610-489-3742.



A WORD

FROM THE

Dear Friends,

With the turkey and stuffing leftovers gone and the Eagles sliding into a losing season, we find ourselves at the beginning of PASTOR December and now the Second Sunday of Advent with just three weeks to Christmas

Day. I am grateful to Matt Kirsch and his many young volunteers who switched out the missalettes last weekend for the start of our new liturgical year. Thank you to all who have already taken a tag or tags from our Giving Trees in the narthex. The kindness and generosity of our people is legendary.

Saint John the Baptist makes his appearance in our Gospel this weekend announcing, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" This charismatic and alluring figure invites us to "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." Advent is a season of repentance and preparation. The purple vestments and Scripture readings all focus us on the Birth of Christ and His return in glory. Where do we place our focus personally, where are our minds, thoughts, words and activities during this busy time of year. Are we preparing and planning for the Lord's coming? Disciples can do nothing less.

You might have noticed some new monitors in the narthex this weekend. We have invested in these for several reasons. Instead of the static bulletin boards in the narthex, these monitors will provide updated information on events and happenings on a continuing basis. A side benefit is that the narthex will be clear of posters either hanging on the bulletin boards or on easels. We will still have the bulletin boards on the opposite side of Church for the other entrances, although with their limited space, there will most likely be more information on the monitors.

These monitors will also be usable for our large celebrations, such as Christmas and Easter, showing what is going on inside of our main Church during Mass. We have additionally upgraded our portable monitor which we use in the Chapel for such occasions. The portable monitor will now be used all year long in Vianney Hall for the many meetings that take place there and then brought over to Chapel for these special occasions. We are also upgrading the internet connection and Wi-Fi in the Church area for those who use electronic prayer books and missals.

If anyone is interested in helping us to coordinate and compose the messages for the monitors, we'd be grateful for the technological assistance to keep the monitor information up-to-date. In this information- and video-driven world of ours, we hope this addition will not only keep everyone current but also provide a welcoming and friendly atmosphere within our narthex. As St. Paul says in our second reading this weekend, "Welcome one another, then, Christ welcomed as for the glory of God." May God be glorified in all our efforts and may our discipleship be strengthened by God's grace and mercy.

God bless you, God love you, Monsignor McCulken



The 2016 Schedule for our Pilgrim Virgin Statue home visits has some openings.

Consider signing up to host Our Lady's Statue for a week special to you and tell your friends

and family about this devotion. To reserve your week contact Kevin at 610-489-4412. We will deliver/pick up the Statue for those who can't manage its size/weight.

Dec. 04: Amanda Hernandez

Dec. 11: Lisa Fuges Dec. 18: Erin Eperthener

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. We are looking forward to 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.

There is no commitment required. 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 join us.

Please join us on any Thursday in Vianney Hall, the basement of the Parish Center and Offices (the former Rectory). We look forward to meeting you. Any questions, please call the parish office, 610.489.1647.

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Catholic focus. Log on at www.formed.org and sign up using your e-mail address and the Parish Code: HJEEM3.

2nd Sunday in Advent

World's First Love – By Bishop Fulton Sheen

With his characteristic eloquence and brilliance, Bishop Sheen discusses various problems common to mankind of every age and reveals clearly that every problem can be resolved. He emphasizes the unique dignity, strength, and gifts of women and their ability to help heal the world's problems. Sheen stresses mankind's need of the Mother of God and her burning love for all her children. The great resurgence of devotion to Mary is God's way of emphasizing the worth and dignity of every person against the false doctrines that have so confused the modern world. Journey with Mary towards the coming of the Savior on Christmas Day by reading a little each day!



FOR OUR DECEASED: Margaret Mary Murphy; John Morris, father of Amy Bucara; Michael Pilcicki, father of Kathy Rovito;

FOR OUR SICK: Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Joseph Art, Jr., Elizabeth Ashenfelder, Kathleen Bani, Lisa Caruso, Lori Bani, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Kathleen Beaudoin, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Deacon Manny Beltran, Brooke Bielski, Jackie Bielski, Arthur Buben, Jennifer Buczkowski, Diane Burg, Sandy Burns, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Monica Cipriani, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Kathy Cronin, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Vince DiDonato, Pat DiPiano, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, Claire Esposito, Vito Fabiano, Dorothy Fairbanks, John Fitzgerald, Neil Florio, Sandy Forcine, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Virginia Heinz, Joseph Heller, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Carisa Koziol, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Mike Creeden, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Nate Lentz, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Joe Lutz, Tom Lytle, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Mary Mahoney, Don Mangialardi, Marie and Sarah, Barbara Marosky, Agnes McCarver, Jaime McNutt, Doreen Keckley Meader, Allison Leo Mitchell, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Chucky Nelson, Marion Niedzolkowski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Lorraine Osisek, Marla Pennypacker, Steve Pinto, Ed Pressler, Carol Ann Price, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Jack Russo, Linda Sauer, Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, Dorothy Sloan, Joe Somers, 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!

In Gratitude for God's Generosity: Tithing the Tithe Committee News

Knowing that God can never be outdone in generosity, and filled with profound gratitude to God for his manifold blessings to our Parish family, St. Eleanor Parish has committed to donate a percentage (for Fiscal Year 2015-16, 1%) of the ordinary Sunday collections to individuals in need and organizations involved with Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Here we provide information about the final four donations for Fiscal Year 2015-16 from our parish family...

Father Chuck's Challenge ~ An additional donation of \$334.40 was given to help Father Chuck's Challenge continue their mission of building homes and developing villages for families in need in Nicaragua and Haiti. For more information on Father Chuck's Challenge, please visit the website at

http://www.fatherchuckschallenge.com. To donate directly, please mail checks to *Father Chuck's Challenge*, c/o Theresa M. Gilmore, 1020 Lake Lane, Pennsburg, PA 18073-1610. Please designate "ATTENTION: Father Kennedy" in the lower left corner of the envelope.

FOCUS ~ Fellowship of Catholic University Students ~ founded by Curtis Martin to help launch young adults into a lifetime of missionary discipleship. FOCUS sends missionaries onto college and university campuses as missionaries. Their success is truly remarkable; the work to be done overwhelming. Our donation to FOCUS in the amount of \$750 will support Juliana Coppa who is FOCUS Team Director at the University of California, Los Angeles. Juliana grew up locally in Trooper and is a Temple graduate. Each FOCUS missionary must raise the funds to support themselves as they do this work.

Check out their website at www.focus.org. If you wish to provide additional support for Juliana or for any of the missionaries working with FOCUS, you may do so at donations@focus.org or mail to PO Box 18710, Golden, CO 80402-9809. Their phone number is 303-962-5750.

Saint John's Hospice ~ this well know and well established outreached to Homeless Men in Philadelphia continues its long tradition of meals, help and support to those men in great need. Originally founded by Saint John the Evangelist Parish, it is an outreach of Catholic Social Services. A donation in the amount of \$500 has been made on behalf of our parish family. Check out their website at http://saintjohnhospice.org. You may provide your personal donations through that website or mail to Saint John's Hospice, 1221 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. They also are appreciative of donations of casseroles and even volunteers offering time at the Hospice.

As you can see elsewhere in the parish bulletin, we have been setting aside 3% of our ordinary Sunday collections for our Tithing the Tithe opportunities. Our Committee will meet shortly to review requests and begin making determinations of donations for this fiscal year. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish which allows us to do all that we do here in the parish and to also assist our brothers and sisters in need.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Final Update for 2016 Appeal As of 11/18/16

668 Donations-3rd in Archdiocese \$107,555 pledged-11th in Archdiocese 117% of goal achieved



Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Sgt. Thomas Albany 1st Lt. Andrew Bone Lt. Sean Feeney Bryan Luther Jeremy Somplasky Cmdr. Wendy Arnold, MD 1st Lt. Brian Davis CM/Sgt. Charles Gordon Andrew Somplasky Ryan Somplasky

Midn. Zachary Sermarini



Week Ending November 4, 2016

Regular Collection \$ 26,373 Other Collections \$ 6,764 Total \$ 33,137 Diocesan Collections \$ 4,718

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2016—November 4, 2016 \$ 480,975 July 1, 2015—November 4, 2015 \$ 466,508

YTD Tithing

2016-17 \$ 14,206 2015-16 \$ 4,481

**Regular Sunday collection figures now include YTD Tithing



The Divine Mercy theme for the month of December is "Mary." On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, in 1937, Mary appeared to St. Faustina, and said to her, "My daughter, at God's command, I am to be in a

special and exclusive way your Mother; but I desire that you, too, in a special way, be My child."

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 Gerry Daly at 610-454-7984. There will be no Divine Mercy devotions on Dec. 8, due to the Holy Day.

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@steleanor.com.

Holiday deadlines:

Dec. 25 Bulletin-Deadline is Noon on Dec. 12 Jan. 1 Bulletin-Deadline is Noon on Dec. 16



<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> will not be in session Sunday, December 25th and January 1, 2017.

25th and January 1, 2017 Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume its normal schedule during

the 9:00 am Mass beginning Sunday, January 8th. May God bless you and your family this Christmas season!



Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Edward Deliman will celebrate Confirmation at Saint Eleanor Parish on *Saturday, April 1, 2017*. All parents of children in 6th or above who attend a *Catholic Private School*, other than Holy Cross Regional Catholic School, and who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, should immediately contact *Teri Lahey*, at 610-489-9434, ext 2232 or tlahey@steleanor.com to make the proper arrangements. Thank you!

P.R.E.P Tuesday Session

Kindergarten class and their catechists participated in

WEAR PJs to P.R.E.P.

All P.R.E.P. students were invited to come to class in their PJs and bring a snack for the children at St. Mary Franciscan Shelter for Homeless Families!

Kids helping Kids!



2017 Sacrament Dates

<u>First Penance</u> Saturday, February 25, 2017

Confirmation Saturday, April 1, 2017

First Holy Communion Saturday, May 6, 2017



Christmas Present
REDISCOVER GOD'S MERCY

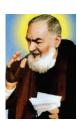
Join Matthew Kelly and six other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-

changing journey through Best Advent Ever™ Rediscover Mercy. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with simple tools that will help you rediscover God's great mercy so you can be an instrument of mercy to others.

This program is simple and free! Let mercy transform your relationships, work, and ability to embrace and experience all of life.

TO LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP, VISIT BestAdventEver.com

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for December will be on **December 17.** 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, December 13

We are continuing our monthly Mass for Healing. Our next one will be on Tuesday, December 13 in the chapel

at 7:00 PM. We warmly invite everyone to this Mass, family members, friends and neighbors.



SCRIP NEWS

SCRIP SELLERS NEEDED

Position Description: The Scrip Team needs volunteers to sell Scrip before and after weekend Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Volunteers work 3 different shifts.

Time Commitment: 2 hours once or twice a month

Talent to Share: Attention to detail for monies collected and information taken Contact Person: Madelyn O'Hara, 610-489-1647, ext. 25, mohara@steleanor.com

CHRISTMAS

Starting Saturday, November 6, we will have special small denomination gift cards available—perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift-giving. The following cards will be available: \$10 Amazon, \$10 AMC, \$5 Barnes & Noble, \$10 Regal Cinema, \$5 Panera, \$5 Starbucks, and \$10 Target. **December 11** is the last day to order special gift cards for Christmas. Please plan ahead and keep this in mind so that you have all the scrip you need on time.

If you should have questions, please contact Madelyn O'Hara at 610-489-1647, ext. 25 or mohara@steleanor.com.

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.steleanor.com/ or contact Jim DeBald at jdebald@yahoo.com.

SE CYO DANCES: CYO sponsors monthly dances throughout the school year. Individual Dance Pass are available for Purchase:
Cost \$7- per dance. Please visit our web-site for more information and to purchase dance passes: http://cyo.steleanor.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 Next Dance of the 2016-2017 school year will be held in Saturday, January 14th.Contact Dan Cordrey with any questions to: myah22700@comcast.net

<u>Has your email address changed?</u> If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed.

http://cyo.steleanor.com.

<u>United Way</u> 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!

The Giving Tree is in the Narthex.

Several organizations are
represented. Please take a tag and
return the wrapped gift with the tag
attached on <u>December 10th or 11th</u>.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and
dedication to those in need.



WICS - St. Eleanor's Women In Catholic Service will **not** meet in November. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, **December 20th** at 7:30 in Vianney Hall.



St Eleanor Playgroup

We invite all parents, grandparents and caregivers to join us with your children to play, pray, have fun and learn about Jesus. We meet on Wednesday mornings from

9-11 AM in Vianney Hall. Each week we share fun songs and prayers and do a simple craft. Please join us with your infants, toddlers or preschoolers with plenty of time for the children to play and for the adults to chat.

Please contact Laura with any questions at 215.390.0933 or <u>laurajusko@yahoo.com</u>.



Once again I am making a plea for your assistance and help to extend *Christmas* greetings to all our adult

parishioners and visitors, and of course our children as well. Our past experience has confirmed that your presence, smile, warm greetings, your wish for a Merry Christmas means quite a lot and works wonders not only for those you greet but for yourself as well.

In addition to a warm and heartfelt welcome of everyone who comes into Church for Christmas, we will be distributing to all the adults a copy of our Christmas gift-book, *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly. I hear it is an excellent read. If a couple wishes only one copy that is fine but you should be focused on trying to give a copy to every adult. If someone wishes an extra copy that is fine as well.

We do this primarily before Mass begins. And because we need to have many volunteers for each of the Masses, we ask you to meet up with the others to work out the logistics to ensure every entrance is covered. We will need some limited help at the end of the Masses as well.

For planning purposes, for the 4 pm and 4:15 pm, please arrive one hour early. For the 6:30 pm arrive by 5:45 pm at the latest; for the 8:30 pm arrive by 7:45 pm at the latest. For Christmas morning Masses, please arrive *at least* one half hour early.

I am hoping that you will accept this invitation to be an integral part of our 2016 Christmas celebration at Saint Eleanor Parish. Please respond to this email or call the parish office at 610-489-1647, ext. 10. Please provide your name, the Mass you will be attending, your e-mail address and phone number.

Thank you!





Boy Scout Troop 119 Wreath Sale

As is tradition, these Fraser wreaths are a large 30"outer/16" inner diameter wreath.

Decorations included are pine cones, artificial berries and a bow.

Cost of the wreaths is still \$20.00.

<u>How to place an order:</u>

This year's wreath sale will have a slightly different look. Orders will now be placed on-line or by phone. You will be able to pick up your order on the dates listed below. Follow this link... http://www.troop119.net/ and click on "Christmas Wreath Order Form" (in the center of the page above the oval scout picture) to place your on-line order, or call 610-409-9006 (Dalton Roberto, your troop 119 scout representative) to place your order by phone.

Wreaths will be ready for pickup at St. Eleanor's, at the Kateri Meeting Room, the modular building in the church parking lot, on Monday, December 5^{th} between 6:30 and 7:30 PM.



ST. ELEANOR PARISH PAPER RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

We earn money when you recycle paper in the paper retriever bin!

We are asking you to help us reach our paper recycling and fundraising goals. Please bring your newspapers, catalogs, junk mail, magazines, phone books, office paper, cardboard and books to the Paper Retriever Bin located in our rear parking lot near the Religious Education Center.



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!



Tickets for the 79th annual performance of Handel's "Messiah," presented by the Ursinus College

Choir and Meistersingers, are now on sale. Performances on Sat., Dec. 3rd at 7:30 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 4th at 2:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.ursinus.edu/tickets. Tickets are \$10.



Congratulations to our Holy Cross School robotics teams. Known as Team "TOBOR," which is robot spelled backward, Holy Cross has two robotics teams of students in

grades 4 through 8. They recently competed at the FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) LEGO LEAGUE Tune-Up in PA robotics competition held at Lansdale Catholic High School. Team TOBOR Red won the Outstanding Project Award and 4th place in Robot Performance; TOBOR Blue won 5th place in Robot Performance, among 45 public and private schools competing.

Gluten Free Hosts

A reminder that gluten free hosts are available for anyone who has celiac disease or gluten tolerance issues. All you need to do is see someone in the sacristy before Mass and they will take care of your request.

Adult & Children's Choir Christmas Concert

On December 11 at 4 p.m. the adult and children's choirs of St. Cleanor Church will present "Winter's Grace," a musical retelling of the Bethlehem story. This moving piece weaves together the season's most recognizable humns for Advent and Christmas. supplementing them with prayerful narration. The concert is free to the public and approximately one hour in length.



ST. ELEANOR **CUB SCOUTS**

HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m Santa to appear 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. HOLY CROSS CAFETERIA \$5 per person (tickets at door) (DONATIONS HAPPILY ACCEPTED ~ BENEFITS THE CUB SCOUTS)

COME ENJOY A FESTIVE MORNING MEAL WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS BEFORE CHURCH AND/OR YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from March 21 – 31, 2017, \$3,749.00 /person including air from Philadelphia, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass daily at the Holy Sites. For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660. $\Phi\Phi\Phi$

Maintenance/Custodial Full-Time Position There is a job opening for full time Night Maintenance/Custodial position available at Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford, PA. The hours for this position are from 2:00pm-10:00PM; five days a week. Please contact Ron Williams at 484-975-6500 ext. 3060 for further information and details.

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Christmas Spectacular at LaSalle College High School Sunday, December 4th from noon to 4pm. This event is open to all shoppers, so call your girlfriends and come and join the fun. Ticket cost \$25 which includes a spectacular shopping experience and a delicious buffet lunch with drinks! Tickets for students are \$15. Walk-ins are welcome. Tickets at the door are \$30. Tickets can be purchased online at www.lchs.org/shopping and then click on the register button. QUESTIONS? Please email Karen Donahue at kijido-nahue@yahoo.com or Donna Marzullo at dtmarzullo4@aol.com.

Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School's Annual Craft Show is going to take place on December 3rd from 9-4 and December 4th from 8-2. Free Admission to shop over 100 crafters, try your luck at our fabulous Raffles and enjoy breakfast or lunch from our delicious kitchen. Located at Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School, 3040 Walton Road, Plymouth Meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Invite You To: **Kathleen McCarthy** on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. Morning Session: 9:00 AM - Noon will include Conference, Exposition of the Eucharist, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Kathleen is Founder of Morning Star, New Dawn Ministries, and host of the popular weekly radio show, In His Sign. To register for an event contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508. olme@olme.org or 610-582-3333 or www.olme.org. All are welcome! Bring a Friend! Your generous donation will be deeply appreciated.

Activities Aide/Musician -Regina Nursing Center is seeking a full time activities aide that can also sing and play a musical instrument (piano, guitar, etc.). In addition to displaying musical talents, the employee will conduct a variety of activities to stimulate and enhance physical, emotional, and intellectual well being for our residents. We are seeking a high energy, outgoing individual who is gentle, caring, and enjoys working with the elderly. Previous experience with the elderly population a plus. This is a full time Monday-Friday position with a complete benefit package (medical, dental, vacation, sick, etc.) We offer a supportive family-like working environment and a great reputation for providing outstanding care. Email hr@reginanursingcenter.org.

College-Age* Retreat January 6 – 8, 2017 at Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. This retreat is designed to bring young people together of college-age (17-22). So whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! Cost: \$130 per person, double occ. Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829. Some financial aid is available. * Current Year High School Seniors are welcomed.

Country Day School of the Sacred Heart invites you to their Lower School Open House on Monday, December 12 at 4:00 p.m. There will be a special holiday performance of "Elflandia" by the Creative Little Hearts Club. Learn more about a K-4 Sacred Heart Education for your daughter and enjoy some holiday fun! Details and RSVP: www.cdssh.org CDSSH, 480 S. Bryn Mawr Ave. Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

As part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Fr. Dennis Gill will be leading a **pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes** on June 5-12, 2017. This Pilgrimage promises to be a deeply spiritual event in communion with the Mother of the Lord, with prayers for peace and healing for all of us, especially for the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For more on the 100th Anniversary of Fatima celebration, visit: http://archphila.org/fatima/

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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. Our ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith-based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) for more details.

Tuesday, December 20: Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Company, Collegeville, 7:30pm (If you wish to eat dinner beforehand please arrive at 7pm).

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Gaudeamus Music Ministry cordially invites you to our Silver Anniversary **Christmas Concert** Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Epiphany of Our Lord Church Plymouth Meeting, PA. Free will donation to benefit Amigos de Jesus, a home and bilingual school for orphaned children in Honduras.

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Father Zachary Navit, Chaplain at Saint Mary Center, Lansdale, invites you to join him in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima with a pilgrimage to shrines of Portugal, Spain, and France from September 11-21, 2017. Daily Mass, round-trip transportation with airport taxes and fuel surcharges, accommodations at four-star hotels, all breakfasts and dinners, private guide, baggage handling, and more included for \$3295. For more information, visit www.selectinternationaltours.com, or contact Susan at Select International (800-842-4842; susan@selectintl.com).

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Charismatic Mass St. Paul's charismatic prayer group will be having a mass on December 7, 2016 at 11am in St. Paul's Convent chapel located at 353 East Johnson Highway, East Norriton, PA. The celebrant will be Father Edward Hamilton.

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All are invited to a special Mass and Christmas Social on Sat., Dec.17th in St. Mary's Church in Conshohocken. This event will benefit St. Mary Polish American Society, The Mass will begin at 11 am, with a delicious meal in the Polish Christmas Eve tradition of Wigilia immediately following Mass. Tickets are \$15 per person, with the meal included. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, and blessed optatek wafers available. We will once again be taking orders for frozen pierogi for \$9 a dozen and babka for \$15 each. For tickets, babka, and pierogi pre-orders, email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861. Ticket sales, as well as babka and pierogi orders must all be placed by Tuesday Dec. 13.

Widow/Widower Social Group - If you have an interest In joining the Widow/Widower's Social Group at St. Ann Parish in Phoenixville, please contact Helene Kennedy at 610-933-0950 or hkennedy111@comcast.net.





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