



# Saint Eleanor Catholic Church

647 LOCUST ST. COLLEGEVILLE PA 19426

## Third Sunday of Advent Celebration of the Eucharist December 13, 2020

### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns  
**MORNING SONG**

**SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

LORD, have mercy. **All: LORD, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **All: Christ, have mercy.**

LORD, have mercy. **All: LORD, have mercy.**

**COLLECT**

### THE LITURGY of the WORD

**FIRST READING:**

**IS 61:1-2A, 10-11**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

### CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the LORD our God.



SAINT ELEANOR  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: LK 1:46-50, 53-54**  
*My soul rejoices in my God.*

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

The Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those  
who fear him in every generation.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty. He has  
come to the help of his servant Israel for he  
has remembered his promise of mercy.

**SECOND READING: 1 THES 5:16-24**

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all  
circumstances give thanks, for this is the will  
of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench  
the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic  
utterances. Test everything; retain what is  
good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May  
the God of peace make you perfectly holy and  
may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be  
preserved blameless for the coming of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is  
faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL: IS 61:1**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he  
has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the  
poor.

**GOSPEL READING: MARK 1:1-8**

A man named John was sent from God. He  
came for testimony, to testify to the light, so  
that all might believe through him. He was not  
the light, but came to testify to the light. And  
this is the testimony of John. When the Jews  
from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him  
to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and  
did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the  
Christ." So they asked him, "What are you  
then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not."  
"Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So  
they said to him, "Who are you, so we can

give an answer to those who sent us? What do  
you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I  
am the voice of one crying out in the desert,  
'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah  
the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also  
sent.

They asked him, "Why then do you baptize  
if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the  
Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with  
water; but there is one among you whom you  
do not recognize, the one who is coming after  
me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to  
untie." This happened in Bethany across the  
Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:**

Waiting in Silence

Carey Landry

**THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, The Father almighty, maker  
of heaven and earth, of all things visible and  
invisible. I believe in one LORD Jesus Christ, the  
Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father  
Before all ages, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father; through him all  
things were made. For us men and for our  
salvation he came down from heaven, *(At the  
words that follow, up to and including and became man,  
all bow.)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of  
the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake  
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered  
death and was buried, and rose again on the third  
day in accordance with the Scriptures. He  
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to  
judge the living and the dead and his kingdom  
will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the  
Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the  
Father and the Son, who with the Father and the  
Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken  
through the prophets. I believe in one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one  
Baptism for the forgiveness of sins And I look  
forward to the resurrection of the dead and the  
life of the world to come. Amen.

### **PARISH PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, You have gathered us together as a parish to be Your visible life in our world. Here we unite in worship, proclaim Your word, celebrate the Eucharist, and are sent forth to share Your love and make disciples. LORD, we take your Great Commission seriously and long for our parish to be so on-fire that we draw people to You. Help is in that endeavor, as we strive to work together; ordained, religious and laity. Please make our parish amazing through Your power and Your grace. Amen.

### **THE LITURGY *of the* EUCHARIST**

#### **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

#### **PRAYER OF THE OFFERINGS**

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### **SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### **AMEN**

### **THE COMMUNION RITE**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER & DOXOLOGY**

#### **AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

#### **INVITATION *to* COMMUNION**

*The priest prays:* Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** LORD, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### **COMMUNION HYMN:**

Blessed and Holy

Bernadette Farrell

### **A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **THE CONCLUDING RITE**

#### **GREETING, BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

#### **RECESSIONAL**

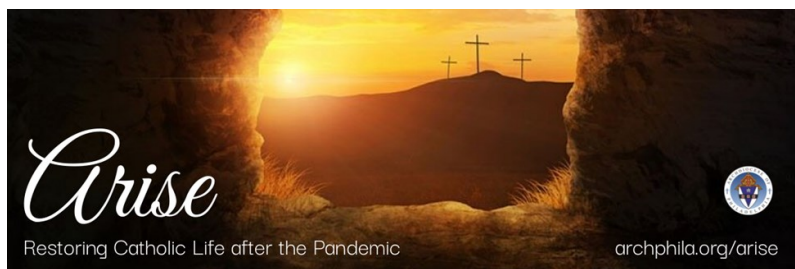
### **PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

## *Advent Prayer*

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.





## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DIRECTION ABOUT ATTENDING MASS IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC SAINT ELEANOR CATHOLIC CHURCH COLLEGEVILLE

We continue to rejoice here at Saint Eleanor welcoming back so many of our Parish Family week by week. **Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we celebrate together in-person the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**

We ask that each one of us do our part to ensure that our continued public celebrations of Mass are a peaceful and safe experience for all. Please take the time to read the instructions below as they have been **updated**. We ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass at this time. The Archdiocese has reported just recently that “there has not been a known traceable instance of contracting COVID-19 through attending Mass or receiving Holy Communion in the Archdiocese.” We pray that continues to be the case, especially as we continue to follow the guidelines from the Commonwealth and the CDC regarding sanitizing, social distancing, and occupancy numbers.

### GENERAL POINTS

The Faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until further notice. You are **not** required to attend Mass in person at this time.

Please stay home ~ if you are sick, feel ill or have a fever.

Please stay home ~ if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor and also the CDC Guidelines at the link that follows.

Click here to read the CDC Guidelines for those at higher risk: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass continues to be available to all **via live stream**.

Our **10:30 AM** Sunday Mass is live streamed weekly. You will be able to find it on our website, our YouTube channel, our Facebook page. Once it is aired, it remains available on those various platforms. Remember there are many live-stream Masses around the country including at our Cathedral. Mass is also available on television such as at EWTN.

### MASS SCHEDULE ~ All Masses are celebrated in Main Church

**WEEKDAY** – 6:30 AM – Monday through Friday

9 AM AM – Monday through Saturday

**WEEKEND** - VIGIL MASS – 4:30 PM Saturday

SUNDAY – 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM

### BEFORE COMING TO MASS

Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.

Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing, and “anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance” (CDC Guidelines).

Please do not come to Mass if you are sick or are at higher risk for severe illness with COVID19 (see above).

Missalettes are not available in Church. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you. A **WORSHIP AID** (*included in the Parish Bulletin*) is available both on-line and for pick up when coming into Church. When leaving, please take this with you, it cannot be reused.

### PARKING & ENTERING THE CHURCH

We recommend parking in the two top level parking lots - the one as you come in off Sixth Avenue and the one off the driveway from Locust Street in front of the Church main entrance.

For now, we continue to use one way into Church – the doors into the Narthex. For leaving Church at the end of Mass, we are using both the Narthex doors and the doors near the cry room to facilitate a faster exit.

Hand sanitizers are available at the Church entrances and throughout the Church. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the Church.

As you enter into the Church proper, you will be able to pick up a Worship Aid (which will be included in the Parish Bulletin) to use during Mass and then to take home with you. Please do not leave it in Church.

Also, as you enter our main Church, there is a basket to accept your Sunday donation envelopes for the Parish as well as for any other collections. *All envelopes for any weekend or even second collections can be placed together in this same basket.* We do not take up a physical collection during the Offertory of the Mass.

You will also notice round disc markers on the tile and floors indicating six feet distancing to help you social distance coming into, going from, and moving around in the Church.

So far, we are accommodating the number of people coming to each Mass in the Church and sometimes a small overflow of people into the Chapel. We continue to be set up to celebrate another Mass in the gym if the need arises due to a larger than expected influx of people. Information concerning that, if needed, will be provided by our team of Ambassadors at that time.

## SEATING

When taking a seat in Church, please honor all posted signs and painter's tape markers about where you may sit. Every second pew is available to ensure social distancing. Please do not move the tape on the pews.

Due to these current restrictions, you most likely will not be sitting in your usual place in Church. *Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.*

Members of the same household may sit together as normal, of course. Please allow 6 feet between your household and members of a different household. In an attempt to assist with seating, we have the Church divided into sections, to facilitate areas for families, couples and single attendees. These are not hard fast divisions but an attempt to help navigate within Church.

We have a team of helpers, our Ambassadors, to welcome you and to help you navigate your way into and around the Church, as well as your way out of Church.

## DURING THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

There is a cantor and organist at all the Masses. However, there is no congregational singing at this time. Some of the music is instrumental.

As noted above, there is no collection taken up during the Offertory of Mass. Please place your collection envelope into the marked basket as you enter the Church.

There is no Sign of Peace during Mass and the Precious Blood is not distributed.

There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.

## RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are uncomfortable about receiving Holy Communion during this time, that is fine. You do not have to receive, and you can make a Spiritual Communion in your place.

For the reception of Holy Communion, we are **not** using the main aisle to approach the Sanctuary for the weekend Masses. For Holy Communion, we use the inside side aisles. Please return to your pew either by the center aisle or the far side aisles.

Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line by keeping several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew. Also, hand sanitizers are available at the front of the Communion line for your personal use if you wish before receiving Holy Communion.

Those in the back of portion of Church, please follow the instructions of the Ambassadors to receive Holy Communion. A Communion Minister will come to each of the sections along the back portion of Church to distribute Holy Communion.

**The faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand at this time.** If you will be receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, please wait until a priest or the deacon comes to the center of the Sanctuary at the main aisle. Please proceed up the center aisle to the Sanctuary step to receive Holy Communion.

Those who receive a low-gluten Host are also asked to come to the center aisle and up to the Sanctuary where the priest or deacon with the small pyx will be sure that you receive Holy Communion.

Gloves may not be worn to receive Holy Communion in the hand. Please remove the gloves to receive Holy Communion or consider receiving on the tongue as outlined above.

When you approach the Communion Minister, please keep your mask on until you have responded "Amen." If you wish you may remove the mask as you approach the Communion Minister. Once the Host has been placed onto your hand, move to the side, a few feet to receive Our Blessed Lord, then replace your mask to return to your pew.

## EXITING THE CHURCH

At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church and proceed to your car, following the guidance of our Ambassadors. Right side of Church, we ask that you exit by the Cry Room doors. Left side of Church, we ask that you please exit by the Narthex doors. Please do not congregate for any reason, nor stay behind inside Church, as the Church needs to be cleaned and sanitized before the next celebration.

Please take the parish bulletin/worship aid home with you.

Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Our parish staff and team are committed to following the guidelines from the CDC, the Commonwealth, and the Archdiocese for safety of our people.

To view the CDC guidelines, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html>

To view the Archdiocesan guidelines, especially the most recently issued ones, visit: <https://www.archphila.org/arise> . *This is filled with useful and helpful information.*

## FINAL THOUGHTS

This is a lot of information, a lot to digest. In this unprecedented time we live with much uncertainty. None of us have ever lived through such an event as the threat this pandemic poses to all. Please check the website of the Office for Divine Worship for a complete listing of liturgical updates during the COVID-19 Pandemic, information on the ARISE initiative of the Archdiocese, and other resources, <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/home-page/news/>.

We continue to pray for proper vaccines and medications that will help cure the virus. In the meantime, we trust in the Lord Jesus who does not abandon us but walks with us and leads us. We keep our eyes on Him and not on the storm around us. With abiding charity, prudence, patience, and undiminished hope, we rejoice to worship together.

God bless you and God love you!!

### Current Mass Times

Monday—Friday—6:30 & 9 am

Saturday—9 am

Saturday—Vigil Mass—4:30 pm

Sunday—7:30, 9:00 am, 10:30 am  
12:00 pm (no 7 pm)

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 to 8:45 am; 3:30—4:15 pm  
(Wednesdays after Masses,

### 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.

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: Religious instruction for children in grades 1 and up. The components are Six-week summertime At-Home program, Fall Family Option and Confirmation program. Teri Lahey, Director. 610-489-4677 X 31.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Offered to the younger children during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses on Sundays September through May.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Composed of registered and active members of the parish family who advise the Pastor concerning pastoral circumstances and needs of our parish family.

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

### SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Scheduled most Sundays at 1:30 pm. Please make arrangements in advance with one of the priests. First-time parents attend Pre-Jordan, a Baptismal Preparation meeting usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm.

**Pre-registration with the parish office is required at least 7 days prior to the class. 610-489-1647.**

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.

### Counting Our Blessings

#### Week Ended November 20, 2020

Regular Collection	\$	26,201
Other Collection	\$	1,465
Block Collection	\$	2,300
<b>Total</b>	\$	29,966
Diocesan Collections	\$	3,003

#### Regular Sunday Collections

#### Fiscal Year-to-Date

July 1, 2020— November 20, 2020	\$	495,968
July 1, 2019— November 20, 2019	\$	575,606

#### YTD Tithing

July 1, 2020—November 20, 2020	\$	12,552
July 1, 2019— November 20, 2019	\$	14,689

*While Masses are being celebrated in person, please check the website for our live stream Mass (10:30 am, Sunday)- [www.steleanor.com](http://www.steleanor.com).*

### CLERGY

Msgr. Michael T. McCulken, Pastor  
Rev. John A. Franey, Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. Alessandro Giardini, Parochial Vicar  
Msgr. Thomas A. Murray, In Residence  
Deacon John A. Hasson  
Deacon Edward T. Hinson

### PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Linda Coyne, Finance Director  
Mrs. Darlene Gaspar  
Ms. Janet Genuardi  
Mrs. Laura Jusko  
Mrs. Jean Phillips  
Mrs. Jane Watson

### SACRED MUSIC

Ms. Elizabeth Calabro, Director  
Mrs. Mary Barbuto, Organist  
Mr. Frank Orman, Organist

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Matt Kirsch

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, December 13

7:30 Joyleen Branco  
9:00 Jacquelyn R. Tyer  
10:30 Frank Cotteta  
12:00 The People of the Parish  
John Hoban- Mass celebrated privately

#### Monday, December 14

#### Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Phil Ronca  
9:00 William Dolan

#### Tuesday, December 15

6:30 Carmella McGriffin  
9:00 Special Intentions of  
Priests and Deacons of the Parish

#### Wednesday, December 16

6:30 Paul Schneider (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
9:00 Peggy and Ralph Allen, Jr.

#### Thursday, December 17

6:30 Bryan Santry  
9:00 Hayley Rose Alba

#### Friday, December 18

6:30 Barbara Lopez  
9:00 Timothy O'Hara

#### Saturday, December 19

9:00 Jaycob Parker and Family  
4:30 Deceased members of  
McMorrow Family

#### Sunday, December 20

7:30 Lena Bono  
9:00 Rocco Tatasciore (33<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
10:30 Frances Jusko  
12:00 Barbara Ambrozewicz  
The People of the Parish- Mass celebrated privately

From  
the  
Pastor

Dear Friends,

Today is Gaudete Sunday, the third of Advent when the Church invites us to rejoice and give praise for the nearness of our Lord. It comes about midway in the penitential and prayerful anticipation that is the holy season of Advent. Thus, we see the rose color vestments and the rose color candle on the Advent Wreath.

As the celebration of Christmas draws near, today is a day of joy to focus on the presence of Jesus who is with us now and who leads us and guides us in these days.

December 13 is also the feast day of Saint Lucy, an early martyr in Syracuse, Sicily. Her name means light and she is the patroness of the blind. During these dark December days, Saint Lucy reminds us to focus our attention on Jesus Christ, the eternal and true light of the world. In our Gospel this weekend, we are told that John the Baptist came to testify to the light, to Jesus. Isaiah prophesizes about the Messiah and Jesus tells us point blank in the Gospel that He is the fulfillment of all the hopes and prophecies of old, especially this particular one.

My friends this is who we are and what we are about ~ acknowledging Jesus as Lord, Savior, Redeemer who even now offers us forgiveness, healing, and hope. Jesus came to search us out, to restore our relationship with God and with one another. May these final days of Advent help us to focus our attention on Jesus, on giving thanks for all that we have, and in rediscovering the depths of our relationships with one another through the love of Christ dwelling within us by His Holy Spirit. Come, Lord Jesus!

This pandemic is inflicting so many with financial hardships. These are real and they hurt. We understand and realize that your ability to donate is impacted if your finances have been impacted during this time. Please notice in our weekly reporting in the bulletin that our parish Sunday collections have decreased significantly.

Christmas and end of year are usually a time when many more people than usual and many of you offer substantial donations for our mission and our work. Your donations keep our parish family strong in fulfilling Christ's mission. *We truly need your continuing help. Whatever you are able to donate to our parish for Christmas and for the end of this calendar year is deeply appreciated.* Together let us do all we can to stay strong, persevering, and generous, imitating our abundantly generous God. Please consider mailing in your donation for Christmas to help us along. Thank you most sincerely.

Great news ~ our parishioner, Ryan Pignon, finished his Eagle Scout project, with a little touch up still to be done when the new wood has been seasoned. I am referring to the newly refurbished gazebo/grotto for our Lady near the outdoor Stations. It looks beautiful and our maintenance men have replaced the statue of our Lady there. Be sure to take a look at it when you can.

More great news, we received word that Ryan O'Connor, grade 8 student at Holy Cross and our parishioner, has been named a 2021 Neuman Scholar by the Connelly Foundation. This a prestigious award and accomplishment giving him a four-year scholarship to an Archdiocesan high school of his choice. We congratulate Ryan, his family, and Holy Cross. It seems that Neuman Scholars run in the O'Connor family as Ryan's older sister, Kelly, is also a Neuman Scholar. Blessings to all!

God bless you, God love you,  
Monsignor McCulken

### **Mass Card and SCRIP HOURS:**

**Monday-Friday: 9am to 4pm**

**Other parish office visits are by appointment.**

### **PARISH REGISTRATION:**

**New to the parish? Please call for an in person or Zoom appointment with one of the priests.**

### **Parish Office Hours**

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve— 9 am—12 noon  
Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

#### **Note:**

When dropping something off to the Parish Office when we are closed, please **do not** place it in the mailbox. There is a mail slot at the bottom of the front door for items delivered during off hours. We would hate to see your materials get into the US Postal system by accident.

### **Baptisms**

*Congratulations and prayers from our Saint Eleanor Family to the parents, godparents, and families of the newly baptized incorporated into the Body of Christ.*

Our next Pre-Jordan Program January 10th at 2 pm in Kateri Hall. *First-time parents need to attend & may attend this program before the birth of their child. **Pre-registration with the parish office is required at least 7 days prior to the class.** Baptismal paperwork is due **two weeks** prior to Baptism.*

### **Rose of Resurrection in Memory and Rose for Life:**

For a **Rose of Resurrection** to remember those who have passed away, call Paula Pezzano at 610-489-0533. Please request roses at least one month before the rose is to be placed on the altar.

#### **Rose for Life**

To reserve a Rose for Life, call Donna Kolb, 610-547-0478.  
Roses recommended donation is \$8 per request.

**Bulletin**—All info and announcements to be published in the bulletin are due to the Parish Office by the Thursday ten days prior. Flyer inserts are due to the Parish Office two weeks ahead of the desired bulletin date. Bulletin information and inserts should be e-mailed to [jgenuardi@steeleanor.com](mailto:jgenuardi@steeleanor.com).

**Bulletin Deadlines:** 12/27—12/14; 1/3 - 12/21.



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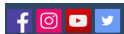
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**FOR OUR DECEASED:** Helen McCann (mother of Kathy Preston and Patricia Bergandino), George Sampson (uncle of of Irene), Loretta Polychronakis

**FOR OUR SICK:** Anthony Adamo, William Adams, Catherine Alexander, Bob Bielski, Henry Blaney, Joseph Brignola, Ralph Bucher, Connie Clarke, Georgia Cordrey, Shirley Cox, Ruth Daukus, Ron DiNicola, James Donaldson, Joan Earhart, Molly Enright, Doods Fetalvero, Pat Fillipini, Tom Fuller, Leroy Gallus, Betty Gephardt, Teresa Giunta, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Amy Hahn-Kirsch, Karl Hampton, Lisa Hendricks, Bill Howat, Helen Karchner, Mary Marinari, Patricia Martin, Msgr. James McBride, Agnes McCarver, Martha Meng, Rebekah Nester, Patrick O'Rourke, Debbie Palumbo, Doris Palumbo, David and Mary Grace Phillips, Steven Pinto, Paul Schneider, Jeanne Sproat, Anthony Stumpo, Dr. Edward J. Szymala, Mary Tybeski, Bernadine Wahalla, Joan White

**OUR LITTLE ONES:** Baby Clara Krsnich, Corey Gramazio, Noah Ellingsworth, Erica Roque

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

## **PRAY for THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

Sgt. Thomas Albany	Alexander Franke, SN
1st Lt. Andrew Bone	Lt Sean Feeney
Cpl. Bryan Luther	Specialist Nicholas Bielski
Andrew Somplasky	Ryan Somplasky
Sgt William Ronan	1st Lt. Connor Lyons
CDR Wendy Arnold, MD	Ens. Katherine Heacock
CM/Sgt Charles Gordon	Jeremy Somplasky
Midn. 2 Class Zachary Sermarini	LCpl Thomas Busfield
Ens. Henry Schweizer	LCpl Jacob Coppola
Sgt. Daniel Stein	

## **PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE**

Call Kevin 610-489-4412 to schedule a week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We will deliver the statue for those who need assistance.  
Dec. 13: Karen Cedrone, Dec. 20: Todd Siska,  
Dec. 27: Kevin Strnad

## **PRAYER WHEEL FOR PRIESTS and DEACONS**

For the month of December, we will be praying Reverend 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.

## **The Divine Mercy Devotion**

The theme for the month of December is "Mary". We can ask for the grace to be a "special child" of Mary by praying the rosary every day. Please join us in Our Lady's Chapel on Thursday evenings at 7 pm for Divine Mercy Devotions. For information please call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622.  
**No Divine Mercy Devotions will be scheduled for Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. In the event of a snowstorm, if schools are closed or Adoration suspended, Divine Mercy Devotions is also canceled**

## **Padre Pio Prayer Group Zoom Meetings**

3rd Saturday of the month

10:30 AM

Contact Bob at 610-948-4153 or [flyfishin2day@comcast.net](mailto:flyfishin2day@comcast.net). Information regarding the Zoom Meeting contact Betty Rowlands 610-489-3742 or [bttyflwr@yahoo.com](mailto:bttyflwr@yahoo.com).

## **ROSARY**

All are welcome

Monday thru Friday after the 9am Mass;

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm;

Saturday 8:30 am

## **PERPETUAL ADORATION**

The Adoration Team is excited to announce that Adoration has resumed in the Chapel on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Each day Adoration will begin after the 6:30 AM Mass and close at 9 PM. This time frame contained the fewest number of Open Hours for both days. Depending on the response, we will expand the number of hours each day and/or include other weekdays. We look towards a full restoration of our Adoration schedule as we are able to do so. Please respond to [perpetualadoration@stleanor.com](mailto:perpetualadoration@stleanor.com) if you are able to cover one of the hours and sit with our Lord.

## **LEGION OF MARY**

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation, under the guidance of the pastor, in Mary's work of crushing the head of the serpent and advancing the reign of Christ.

*Visit us at one of our meetings all Catholics are welcome*

Meetings are held weekly Monday 10:00A to 11:30A

Come PRAY with us in the Kateri Room



## A Pastoral Message from Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez on the Occasion of the Season of Advent

This year, perhaps more than ever, we need Christmas and its promise of hope for a suffering humanity in the person of Jesus Christ. To fully understand and be ready to accept that profound gift on Christmas day, we must prepare our minds and hearts. If we embrace the Season of Advent fully, we will be ready for the Savior. Though our Advent experience may be far from typical this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this holy season can still be one of prayer and charity.

At the Angelus this past weekend, Pope Francis said, "Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to lead us to its fullness, which is the Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Soon we will rejoice in celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus in Bethlehem, remembering the words of Saint Matthew, "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'" As we direct our lives more fully toward the Lord Jesus during these days of preparation, let us pray for and encourage one another in our efforts to be people of hope.

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez

Archbishop of Philadelphia

### **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2020**

#### **PARISH ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

Sundays in Advent- After each of the Masses on Sunday morning (Chapel)

Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 PM

Additional priests available ~ Church

Saturday, December 19-

8:00 to 8:45 AM and 3:00 to 4:15 PM (Chapel)

#### **CHRISTMAS MASSES\***

CHRISTMAS EVE, Thursday, December 24

Vigil Masses

2:00, 4:00, 6:30 & 8:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25

Masses: 7:30, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

*\*ALL Christmas Masses will be live streamed to the Gym and on social media. Communion will be distributed at the Gym.*

*Reminder ~ there is limited capacity in Church (and Gym) due to social distancing requirements. Entrance is through Narthex and front doors only - doors will open one half hour before Mass time.*

NO EVENING MASS

#### **SCHEDULE FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

Thursday, December 31

Vigil Mass ~ 4:30 PM (Live-streamed)

Friday, January 1, 2021

Masses: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 12:00 Noon

### **St. Eleanor Elves**

Calling all parishioners! If you are looking for a simple way to give some of your time to your parish family during the holiday season look no further.



Take part in the LARGEST parish outreach project ever. Every family in our parish will have a Christmas ornament delivered to their homes and we need your help.

If you are interested in delivering ornaments to our parishioners beginning sometime in December, please call the parish office, 610-489-1647, to leave your information and we will contact you when deliveries are ready.

### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

## *The Giving Tree reimagined*

This year SVDP invites parishioners to support the 2020 Giving Tree by purchasing a \$25 Walmart or Target gift card. SVDP members will then ribbon a box for each family to be received via a drive thru pick up on December 12.

How can you donate? You can purchase Walmart or Target Scrip cards at the Parish Office where staff can easily place the cards in the SVDP mailbox. Or you can visit your local Walmart or Target to purchase a \$25 gift card, place it in an envelope marked SVDP Giving Tree and either drop it in the collection basket prior to Mass or mail it to St. Eleanor Church at 647 Locust St. Collegeville, PA 19426.



Saint Eleanor's Sacred Music Ministry invites all parishioners to gather with their families for a virtual Christmas Carol sing along on December 11 at 7:00 pm. Lift your voices in joyful song as the text of the carols will be scrolling on the screen. *This will be a virtual only event and we ask that no one visits the Church during this time.*

## Saint Vincent DePaul Society

*The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us.*

Have you been given an extravagance of blessings? As you give thanks for all that God has given you perhaps you might consider donating a \$25 Giant card to a family in need so that they might enjoy the extravagance of an abundant holiday meal.

It's easy! You can purchase a \$25 gift card at your Giant store, place it in an envelope marked SVDP and drop it in the collection basket on your way into Mass. OR you can stop by the Parish Office Monday thru Friday from 9-4 to purchase a Giant Scrip card there. The office staff will then place the card directly into the SVDP mail bin. Your generous donation will help many families enjoy meals with all the trimmings this holiday season. God bless you!

### Part Time Position Available For the CARES Extended Day Program

The CARES After School Program for Holy Cross Regional Catholic School is looking for a part-time assistant for our extended day program for the school year 2020/21. This is a paid position. CARES is an extension of the regular day serving children of working parents until 6:00 pm. School year hours are 3:00—6:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Duties include supervising children during transition from school to the extended day program, providing a safe environment, enabling children to engage in creative play and providing guidance and assistance during homework time. Archdiocesan clearance information can be found on our website. If you are interested in applying, please email Mary Jane Mead at [mmead@hcrs.school](mailto:mmead@hcrs.school).

### SCRIP

Enjoy your holiday shopping using the Parish Scrip program! The Parish office is open to sell scrip gift cards; hours are 9-4pm Monday through Friday. Another option is to buy scrip online either on Shopwithscrip or using the mobile app, RaiseRight. Be sure to use our enrollment code, EC593LC44847. Orders can be placed to pick up at the parish office or using eCards. Families can get gift cards delivered right to their homes or delivered right to friends and family as holiday gifts. It's convenient and contactless. Families must pay with a bank account or credit card. A small shipping fee applies. See Shop with Scrip website for details.

### Join Nourish Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81400711761?pwd=OVFnSEU2bFV0SnZ6emU3R3pWbHpnUT09>

Time: Dec 14, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time  
Meeting ID: 814 0071 1761  
Passcode: 584568

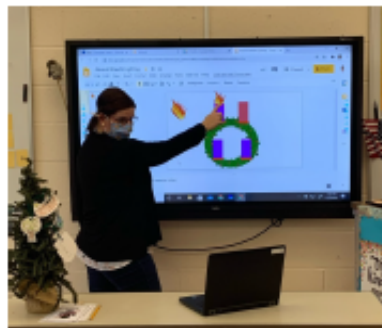


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### Kindergarten Highlights

Kindergarten has been hard at work since school started. We just completed learning all our letters and their sounds. As Advent is beginning, we are preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus. As a class, we sing an Advent song and light our Advent Wreath daily. We are learning the events leading up to Jesus' birth with our Jesse Tree and by creating a Christmas Story book. Each day we "travel" to a new country to see how others celebrate this holiday season during our Social Studies class. Kindergarten seamlessly transitioned to virtual learning these last two weeks and have enjoyed working as a class while seeing our friends and teachers via the computer. We look forward to learning to read, add, and subtract over the next few months.

Registration begins in January for the 2021-22 school year. Check the bulletin soon for more details or contact Susan Mollahan at [smollahan@hcrs.school](mailto:smollahan@hcrs.school).



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### 2020 Annual Advancement Fund

Go to our website: [www.hcrc.school/advancement-fund](http://www.hcrc.school/advancement-fund)

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# Programs for Young Disciples

During this time while many regular programs are suspended, the Youth Ministry program is a conduit to online activities. Contact Matt at [mkirsch@stleanor.com](mailto:mkirsch@stleanor.com)



**BOLD (Becoming Our Lord's Disciples)** is Saint Eleanor's high school youth group. All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for BOLD nights and high school events.

**4Thirteens** St. Eleanor's junior high youth group. All students grades 7-8 are invited for 4Thirteens nights & junior high events.

**GIFT (Growing in Faith for Teens)** is St Eleanor's service program for youth. All students grades 7-12 who wish to serve are invited to participate in GIFT programs.

We have 1 registration for all 3 programs. Registration is online and it is free!

Please follow this link to register for the Youth Ministry programs: <https://tinyurl.com/y6vopyrt>

## Children Who Are Attending Private Schools



If your child attends a private school (Grade 2 or Grade 7) and you are a member of *Saint Eleanor Church* please contact Teri Lahey at [tlahey@tlahey@stleanor.com](mailto:tlahey@tlahey@stleanor.com) for Sacrament registration and information. Thank you!

**NEW PREP Virtual FAMILY Learning Program** Saint Eleanor's Religious Education Program has created an virtual way to learn this year in response to COVID19 restrictions!

The **NEW Virtual Family Learning Program** is a parent/ child experience that features individualized learning on a flexible schedule.

**Components of the program include:**

Saldier **NEW** Textbook Series, Video resources

**(Flexible Parent /child learning experience)**

Student LEVEL **Zoom** (Parent/child)

Parish Devotional Experiences **(virtual option)**

Pricing for the **Virtual FAMILY Learning** is as follows: One Child ~ \$100. Two Children ~ \$150, Three Children ~ \$175, Four Children ~ \$200  
\*\*Please note that there is also a \$30 Sacrament material fee for Level 2.

**Online Registration is now OPEN to all Parish families! Contact Teri Lahey with questions at [tlahey@stleanor.com](mailto:tlahey@stleanor.com).**

## Junior Legion of Mary

Interested in growing in your relationship with our Lord through the guidance & love of the Blessed Mother? Our Heavenly Mother is waiting for the youth of our parish to aid her in good works and prayer. Meetings are Mondays 4:30-5:30 pm.

Contact Laura at [laurajusko@gmail.com](mailto:laurajusko@gmail.com) or 215-390-0933



## CYO NEWS

<http://www.stleanor.website.sportssignup.com>

**St Eleanor Catholic Youth Organization** is open to all 5th through 8th grades, 9th through 12th grades (Basketball only & Co-Ed Volleyball in Spring), and 1st through 3rd (Pee Wee Track/Cross Country) children of our PARISH. Please visit our web-site for more information.

- **Looking for CYO SPIRIT WEAR for your Son or Daughter?** Maybe for a birthday, Christmas or Graduation Gift? St. Eleanor CYO Gear can be ordered on-line here: <https://ragtee.com/store/index.php/portfolio/stecyo/>
- **UNITED WAY** is an important source of funding for our program. Please consider SE CYO when you are making charitable donations, this includes company matching thru United Way. Our agency name is, St. Eleanor, and please specify CYO. Our number is 08018. Thank you!

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





## MINISTRIES

Altar Cross Society	Takes care of altar linens	Irene 610-287-8552
Ambassadors	Welcomes and assists those attending Mass	Patty- 610-489-6633
Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div 6	Irish Catholic charitable organization; Meet last Thurs ages 16 and up	Mike Brown 610-324-0486
Charismatic Prayer Group	Strives to develop a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit, Scriptures & the Mass. Wednesdays 7:30pm Vianney Hall	Joann 610-306-6934
ChristLife	Helping people discover, follow & share Christ as members of the Church.	Frank 610-650-8457
Couples for Christ	Couples & families supporting each other in the quest to live for Christ	Jinky 610-454-5754
CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)	Provides opportunities for children to participate in spiritual, social and athletic activities	Jim DeBald 610-476-6756
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Assists with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and/or to our homebound.	Nancy 610-659-0237
Gardening Angels	Help keep our campus beautiful.	Rachel 610-409-9408
Knights of Columbus	Meet 2nd Sunday of each month serving St Eleanor & St Mary	Robert 215-783-4106
Lector Ministry	Read at weekend Masses, Holy Days and other special Masses.	Mark-610-792-1679
Legion of Mary	Lay ministry giving service to parish, visiting parish households and meeting for weekly prayer	Richard 610-489-3891
Lupus Support Group	Providing support, prayer and hope for those with this autoimmune disease	Christie 610-489-2761
Men of St Joseph	Meet for prayer & reflection on the Sunday readings every Friday virtually	Anthony 610-489-8812
MOSES. (Men of St Eleanor)	Strengthen and encourage men to be strong husbands, fathers and neighbors	Sandy 610-409-0587
Pilgrim Statue	Traveling blessed image of the Virgin Mary	Kevin 610-489-4412
Pray the Rosary	M-F after 9:00 Mass; Wed evening 7pm, Saturday 8:30 am	am Betty 610-489-3742 pm Angie 610-489-9903
Respect Life Committee	Promotes Gospel of Life through prayer, witness and education	Chris 610-409-0179
St Vincent DePaul Society	Through corporal works of mercy, SVDP bears witness to love of Christ by helping those in need	Helen— helenmforal@gmail.com
Ushers	Assist during weekend liturgies, Holy Days & special occasions	Butch 610-584-0225
Walking with Purpose	Catholic women's Bible study	Maureen—610-454-0650
Welcoming Ministry	Greet and welcome parishioners before Mass	Parish Office- 610-489-1647
Women's Guild	Gather to celebrate fellowship	Celeste 610-409-8808





## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### **St Charles Borromeo Seminary Institute for Christian Formation**

Are you searching for a deeper union with Jesus Christ? He is the answer to the questions in your heart. Move toward encountering the living Christ and your life will never be the same. Join us January 21, 2021 as we begin dynamic, integrated faith formation. Questions? Call the School of Theological Studies at 610-785-6287 or email [sts@scs.edu](mailto:sts@scs.edu) Or register at <https://www.scs.edu/ICF>

#### **Important Information for the Institute for Christian Formation:**

- Sessions are held Thursday evenings from 6:45 PM to 9:30 PM at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary (Room 1022 in the College Building)
  - Four (4) seasons / Eight (8) weeks /season: Spring 2021; Fall 2021; Spring 2022; and Fall 2022
  - Cost: \$250.00 per season (8 weeks)
- Non-college credit/non-college degree program. A certificate of completion will be awarded by the School of Theological Studies of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary to participants who complete all sessions. **If you are interested in carpooling to the classes from Collegeville, contact Nancy Kyle at [nkyle111@gmail.com](mailto:nkyle111@gmail.com) or 610-659-0237**

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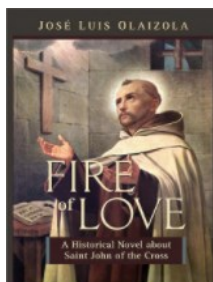
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#### ***Fire of Love: A Historical Novel about Saint John of the Cross by José Olaizola***

Richly drawn against the backdrop of Spain's Golden Age, this novel follows the joys and hardships experienced by the family of young Juan de Yepes Alvarez. His attraction to helping others, his call to the priesthood, and his entrance into the Carmelites all unfold with captivating style



**Arcadia at Limerick** Pointe will be opening their Independent Living the week of December 15th. Personal Care and Memory Care opening February/March 2021. Arcadia is spiritually focused and recognizes the importance of having a community where everyone has a place to truly practice their faith. For more information, call Kim at 484-354-4922 for Independent Living or Rose Anne at 484-752-2540 for Personal Care & Memory Care

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Sunday, **December 13th**, 2020-2:00 PM- **Cathedral Virtual Christmas Concert**. The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul proudly presents their first-ever Virtual Christmas Concert, Prayer for Peace, on December 13 at 2pm. For tickets, please visit. <http://cathedralphila.org/music/choirs-at-the-cathedral-basilica/>

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Tuesdays, December 15 & 22 – 7:00 - 8:30 PM—Zoom discussion **Everything You Wanted to Know About the Sacraments but Were Afraid to Ask!** 215-627-1838

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