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ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

February 12, 2017



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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

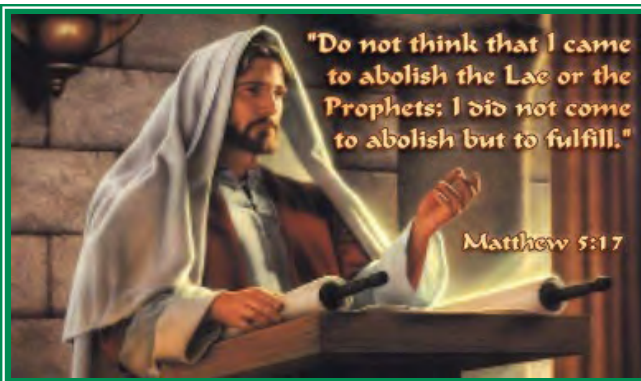
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): For adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or adults in need of Confirmation. Meetings are held during the school year. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 12, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 11

4:30 Anthony R. Capaldi

Sunday, February 12

7:30 Joyleen Branco
9:00 Mary Anne Petitto
10:30 Mary Ellen Maida
12:00 PM Velia Fanaro
7:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Monday, February 13

6:30 Leslie Ely Yuhasz
9:00 Billy Ansel

Tuesday, February 14

Saints Cyril & Methodius

6:30 Kathleen Phillips (7th Anniv)
9:00 Louis Stifnel

Wednesday, February 15

6:30 Regina Brunner
9:00 Ralph DeFeo

Thursday, February 16

6:30 Stephanie Machen
9:00 Mary Yurick

Friday, February 17

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

6:30 Albert & Nancy Viola
9:00 Daniel Andrew Hoover
(1st Anniv)

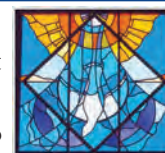
Saturday, February 18

BVM

9:00 Claire La Penla
4:30 For the People of the Parish

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:



~ Teagan Louise, daughter of Todd and Lauren Clementoni
~ Alexandra Felicia, daughter of Justin and Iulia Carina Herciu

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, March 5, 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:



~ Mildred Scalzo on the 4th anniversary of her death given by the Getts family

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





Dear Friends,

From Saint Paul we hear this weekend:

“But as it is written: *What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him*, this God

has revealed to us through the Spirit.” And from the book of Sirach: “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing.”

Our Scripture readings turn our attention to the awesomeness of God, to His immensity. And yet, this awesome, all-powerful, eternal God chooses to reveal Himself to us, His creatures, whom He has made His sons and daughters. Certainly, turning our minds towards this reality, gives us pause. It helps us to ponder what choices we make and what direction we take.

Over the past several months, you have seen information both in the bulletin and on our website about our new adventure known as *ChristLife*. *ChristLife* helps all people discover, follow, and share Jesus Christ as members of the Catholic Church. The initial segment of this wonderful series is called *Discovering Christ*. A seven-week series includes dinner, prayer, a DVD teaching, small group discussion of the DVD topic. It also includes a Saturday retreat day after week five.

This series begins with a look at a very basic question of life ~ what is the *meaning* of life. From there it delves into who is Jesus, what's His importance, who is the Holy Spirit and what's His role. It is a series for everyone: from clergy to the fully-committed Catholic to the person who has little or even no religious training.

We are beginning a pilot series this February 20 through April 3 (Monday evenings). We are most excited about its potential and its impact on the lives of all who participate. It is a disciple-building series, affirming the God-given answers to the questions of the meaning of life. After this pilot, we will begin offering *Discovering Christ* to all our parishioners. You don't want to miss this opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a more personal and deeply enriching way. His presence, His power, His love transforms us!

Check out *ChristLife* on our parish website. Go to the tab “Explore” click and then click on *ChristLife*. There is a short video and also a link to the *ChristLife* webpage. If you have any questions, just call the parish office and someone from our *ChristLife* Team will reach out to you. This series is one of our Amazing Parish outreach efforts.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken



The 2017 Schedule for our Pilgrim Virgin Statue home visits has lots of 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](tel:610-489-4412). We will deliver/pick up the Statue for those who can't manage its size/weight.

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.



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: HJEEM3.

Children's Content Now Available

Your children will love the new content we have for them on FORMED — programs, ebooks, movies, and talks that will entertain, engage, and inspire them with the beauty and wonder of their faith.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Bernadette may have been a poor, uneducated, sickly French girl, but her visions of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes, and her subsequent courage to follow out the requests of Our Lady demonstrate to all of us, young or old, rich or poor, that our Lady “doesn’t promise us happiness in this world, but in the next.” Listen and be inspired! Perfect for all ages — children to adult — and great for listening during car rides!



FOR OUR DECEASED:

FOR OUR SICK:

Catherine Alexander, 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, Mary Bruno, Arthur Buben, Diane Burg, Sandy Burns, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Anthony Cicippio, Monica Cipriani, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Mike Creeden, 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, Mary Filippini, John Fitzgerald, Neil Florio, Sandy Forcine, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Elizabeth Groff, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Virginia Heinz, Joseph Heller, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Carisa Koziol, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Nate Lentz, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Marion Lukens, Joe Lutz, Tom Lytle, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Mary Mahoney, Don Mangialardi, Marie and Sarah, Barbara Marosky, Elaine Maxcy, Agnes McCarver, Jaime McNutt, Doreen Keckley Meader, Allison Leo Mitchell, Kathleen Kane Monzi, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Chucky Nelson, Marion Niedzolkowski, Marie Olszewski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Steve Pinto, Ed Pressler, Carol Ann Price, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Jack Russo, Ralph Russo, Linda Sauer, Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, Dorothy Sloan, 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 Stando, Isaiah Thoxton, Baby Dell Tolas, Justin Wichner

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



The Divine Mercy theme for the month of February is "LOVE." In November, 1936, St. Faustina visited heaven in spirit and saw its inconceivable beauties and the happiness that awaits us after death. Afterward she wrote: "And God has given me to understand that there is but one thing that is of infinite value in His eyes, and that is love of God; love, love and once again love; and nothing can compare with a single act of pure love of God." (778)

If you would like to know more about St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy, please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in Our Lady Chapel. For more information, please call Gerry Daly at 610-454-7984.



2017 Sacrament Dates

First Penance
Saturday, February 25, 2017

Confirmation
Saturday, April 1, 2017

First Holy Communion
Saturday, May 6, 2017



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

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

Starts: Feb 21, 2017 from 7PM to 9PM

Where: Guadalupe room

Contact: Giuseppe Scillia at 610-608-3516

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending January 13, 2017

Regular Collection	\$ 28,772
Christmas	\$ 1,274
Solemnity	\$ 878
Other Collections	\$ 455
Total	\$ 31,379
Diocesan Collections	\$ -

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2016—January 13, 2017	\$ 750,904
July 1, 2015—January 13, 2016	\$ 754,604

YTD Tithing

2016-17	\$ 20,969
2015-16	\$ 5,798

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



Pray for Those Serving Our Country

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

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

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.



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 laurajusko@yahoo.com.



BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

**We were able to collect 35 donations on
a goal of 36. This will help save
up to 105 lives!**

**Next blood drive is scheduled for
Monday, July 24th and Tuesday, July 25th in
Vianney Hall. Hours: 2:00 – 7:00 (Both days)**

Bulletin Deadlines

All information and announcements to be published in the bulletin need to be in the Parish Office by the Thursday that is ten days prior. Flyer inserts need to be in the Parish

Office two weeks ahead of the desired bulletin date.
Bulletin information and inserts should be e-mailed to jphillips@stleanor.com.

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



In the exercise of prudence during this cold and flu season, the distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass has been suspended. Thank you for your understanding.



HEARTS FOR LIFE

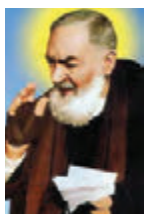


St. Eleanor students in G.I.F.T programs and those preparing for Confirmation are collecting new infant and maternity items to help women in crisis pregnancies and their babies. Suggested donations are printed on paper hearts that can be taken from the display at church entrances. Your donations go to these pro-life agencies in our community that offer loving guidance and help to these needy mothers and babies: * Mom's House, * A Baby's Breath and * Birthright. The Hearts for Life drive continues through St. Valentine's Day.



January 8 was National Choir Appreciation Day, a day set aside to honor the talent, sacrifice and dedication of choral singers all across the country. Although the celebration focuses on choirs that perform repertoire of all kinds, it provides an opportunity to highlight music ministry at St. Eleanor Parish. Our parish choir has a decades-long record of service in singing praise to God. But there is always room for more participants. Now that 2017 is here, please consider adding your voice to its ranks. Men and women are welcome, and the ability to read music is not a requirement. Teens and young adults are especially encouraged (PJP and Spring-Ford students who are members of school chorus, why not strengthen your voices by joining us?). Rehearsals are each Thursday evening in church, beginning with prayer promptly at 7:15. Contact Music Director Dan Weckerly (610.574.1605) for more information.

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for February will be on **February 18**. 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, February 21



We are continuing our monthly **Mass for Healing**. Our next one will be on **Tuesday, February 21** 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

Looking Ahead Important Dates

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



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

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



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.steleleanor.com/>. **We will continue to do a food collection at each dance.** Each child is asked to bring at least one canned good which will be donated to the St. Eleanor Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your help with the worthy cause. **The Next Dance of the 2016-2017 school year will be held in Saturday, February 11th.** Contact Dan Cordrey with any questions: <mailto:myah22700@comcast.net>. **Has your email address changed?** If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed. <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/>

United Way is an important source of funding for our program. Please consider us when you are completing your donor card. Our number is 08018. Thank you! . Remember to Like Us On Facebook!



St. Eleanor Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration- in Our Lady Chapel

"The best, the surest and the most effective way of establishing PEACE on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament."- Pope John Paul II

The Adoration Ministry is in need of new adorers! Below is a list of the hours that have most need for new adorers:

Mondays 12 AM
Tuesdays 12 AM
Wednesdays 7 AM
Thursdays 11 AM
Thursdays 4 PM
Thursdays 9 PM
Fridays 12 AM
Fridays 8 AM
Fridays 2 PM

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

Catholic Social Services

HELP FOR YOUNG MOTHERS

Alicia Jones needed help. She was a 22-year-old single mother of a 3-year old and an infant. And thanks to the generosity of people like you, Catholic Social Services (CSS) Montgomery County Family Service Center was able to be there for her. Alicia now attends parenting classes at CSS every week. She and the other mothers have learned vital parenting tips such as proper nutrition, potty training suggestions, healthy communication and so much more. She has also greatly benefited from nursing students who provide classes throughout the year. Alicia finds that there is always something new to learn in these classes and that they are helping her be a better mother.



These classes also benefit Alicia and the other mothers socially, helping them establish a network of friends who are going through some of the same things they are. Moms from different parts of the Archdiocese, even different countries, get to meet each other, exchange encouragement and share their experiences. On a more urgent level, Catholic Social Services offers a choice model food pantry where Alicia and others can go if they are experiencing, in her words, “a tight week.” At Martha’s Choice Marketplace, Alicia and her family are able to choose healthy foods they need for their families.

Alicia recently started working on her resume through the sites job readiness program. Her hope is to find better employment opportunities so she can provide for her family.

People, like Alicia, visit CSS sites when they have lost hope and need a helping hand. These vital programs CSS offers would not be possible without your generous donation to the Catholic Charities Appeal. Think of your donation as the answer to the Prayer of Saint Francis — “Lord, make me a channel of thy peace ... that where there is despair, I may bring hope.”

WAYS TO GIVE

The Catholic Charities Appeal is recognized as a non-profit institution. As such, all gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. It has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives a separate financial audit. Besides gifts of cash, donors to the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal may contribute in many other ways, each offering tax advantages according to their circumstances:

- Pledge Gift • Gifts of Cash
- Matching Gifts • Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)
- Gifts of Security • Planned Gifts



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HOLY CROSS REGIONAL SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR



Young scientists of Holy Cross Regional Catholic School proudly displayed their projects at the annual Science Fair on Friday, January 20. All students in kindergarten through grade 8 are encouraged to participate, as an important component of the continuing study of the Scientific Method. For 6th graders, participation is required, as fulfillment of the Holy Cross science curriculum.

Nine students will represent Holy Cross at the Montgomery County Science Fair, held at Ursinus College, March 7th-10th 2017. For a list of the school winners, visit the Holy Cross Facebook page.

Congratulations to all participants!

LENT

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses
6:30 and 9:00 AM, 12:05 and 7 PM

Ashes will be distributed at a service at 4:00 PM

Lenten Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday

6:30 and 9:00 AM

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays at 1:45 PM (for school)

Fridays at 7:00 PM

Parish Lenten Confessions

Wednesdays after morning Masses

Saturdays from 8:00 to 8:45 AM and

3:30 to 4:15 PM

Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 PM

Also by appointment

Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday Nights in Lent at 7:30 PM

Mar. 8 - Trinity UCC, Collegeville - What is Prayer?

Mar. 15 - Evansburg United Methodist - Lectio

Divina method of prayer

Mar. 22 - St. James Episcopal - Ignatian

method of prayer

Mar. 29 - St. Luke's, Trappe - Contemplative and

Meditative practices using our senses

Apr. 5 - Trinity UCC, Collegeville - Praying with

Icons, figurines and pictures



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.



Congratulations to the players advancing to the District Round in The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shooting Contest. 14 yrs. old-Kelly Paris & Luke McCarthy, 13 yrs. old-Hanna Tulli & Dominic

Miceli, 12 yrs. old- Shannon O'Brien & Liam Dubas, 11 yrs old- Anna Margerum & Stephen McFadden, 10 yrs old -Jill Cobaugh & Danny Rovi. The District Round will be held at Pope John Paul High School in Royersford on Sunday, February 12th at 3pm.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop



February 12, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Present." This is the simple response a man makes to the Call of the Church as he is about to be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The simple response which is his "Yes" to the invitation of Our Lord to begin to live a life of service to the Church and to all of his sisters and brothers.

We are blessed in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to have had many men utter their "present" and then responded by generously and joyfully ministering to the needs of our Parishes, hospitals, schools and various other ministries. We are blessed by priests who have preached the Word of God, celebrated the Sacraments and offered us the guidance and support we needed throughout our lives. We are blessed by priests who have given their lives to support your life in Christ. Their "Present" on their Ordination day has been for them to travel to many different places and ministries. For some, however, their "Present" now finds them depending on you for your generous care and support. Villa Saint Joseph in Darby, Regina Coeli in Warminster, as well as various other health care facilities provide a home and health care for our priests who are retired or in ill health and are no longer able to serve you in active ministry. They now depend on you for your prayers and financial support.

Our annual 2017 Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese will be taken up on the weekend of February 18th and February 19th throughout the Archdiocese. In the past your generosity to this important collection has been both generous and heartwarming. We are truly grateful. We recognize it as a sign of your own love and gratitude to these priests who have served so well. Through your continued gratitude and generosity we can be sure that they will be watched over and cared for in their remaining days.

Please know that your kindness is remembered daily in their Masses, intentions and prayers. We ask that you continue to remember them in yours.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Christ,

+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

St. Teresa of Calcutta Day of Reflection Monsignor Michael Mannion, who enjoyed a twenty nine-year friendship with Mother Teresa, is coming to Malvern Retreat House to direct a day retreat on Wednesday, February 15. He will be sharing his personal experiences with this newly proclaimed saint, as well as the spiritual insights that he gained from her. Please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information.



All are invited to Ostatki: A **Polish Mardi Gras** Celebration to support St. Mary Polish American Society at the TK Club at 500 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on Sunday February 26th from Noon to 6 pm. This event will feature Polka music from the Naturalistix Polka Band, Polish food, a full cash bar, a 50/50 drawing, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Tickets are \$10 advance sales, \$15 day of event. Tickets include the price of admission, with food not included. Advance tickets are on sale until Tuesday February 14th. We are also taking advance orders for pączki (Polish doughnuts) and frozen pierogi. For tickets, pączki, and pierogi pre-orders, please email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

9th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Spirituality Conference Registration is now open for **MAN UP PHILLY 2017!** On Saturday, March 4, 2017 at St Joseph University Hagan Arena, the men of your parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the MANUP PHILLY 2017. Speakers include EWTN's Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrasio, inspirational speaker, Kevin Reilly, former Philadelphia Eagle whose career was ended by a rare cancer that led to the removal of his left arm, and Damon Owens, director of JoyTOB and international speaker on the Theology of the Body. Acclaimed Irish tenor, Mark Forrest, will provide inspirational accompaniment during a special directed Eucharistic Adoration. Register now and save \$10 (Early Bird Special) at <http://manupphilly.com/>.



MOM Heart of the Home Day of Renewal - March 18. Registration is OPEN for our 23rd Annual MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal. March 18, 2017 • 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester. Even if you're not a mom, you are still welcome! Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers Lisa Mladinich and Eleanor Farzetta. See our registration form for all details at <http://www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html> or call 484-798-7368 or 610-384-4933 for more information.



Save the Date! Saturday, March 25, 2017, 1:30pm Event: **Archdiocesan Cultural Heritage Mass** Join us as we celebrate the Lord and the many cultures that make up His Church! Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia More information coming soon!



Mount Saint Joseph Academy a Catholic college preparatory school for girls, invites all interested 7th grade girls to register for The **Pre-HSPT** to be given on Saturday, March 25, 2017 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The Pre-HSPT is a 7th grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to eighth grade applicants. Registration is available *online only*. Register at: www.msjacad.org/practicetest. You will receive registration confirmation via email.



Lenten reflection by Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, staff journalist for Women of Grace and a frequent guest on EWTN. Learn how evil operates in our lives and how to defend yourself against its power. Friday, March 10, 7-9 p.m. at St. Agnes Church, 445 N. Main Street, Sellersville, PA. Refreshments and resources available. Reservations required. Cost is \$20 per person. Couples \$35. Students \$10. Clergy and religious free. Children under 12 must be accompanied by adult. Visit the Events page at www.womenofgrace.com or call 800-558-5452 to register.



St. Paul's Charismatic prayer group will be having a **Mass** on February 15, 2017 at 11am in **St. Paul's Convent chapel** located at 353 East Johnson Highway, East Norriton, PA. The celebrant will be Father Edward Hamilton.



Women's Spirituality Retreat, March 10 - 12 at Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. 609-884-3829 Join with other women in a creative exploration of your own story and stories of women in faith. Come alone, or with a relative or friend. A team of women has prepared this weekend of rest and renewal. Eucharist, other prayer experiences, beach walks, socials and fun are included. Cost: \$135pp, double occ.



Discernment Retreat February 17 to February 19 Friday (6PM) to Sunday (1PM) Villa Maria House of Studies Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the sisters in Formation. (Contact: ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553)

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. Tuesday, February 21: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm; Speaker - Fr. Tom Whittingham. Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) for more details.



The **Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers** is Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., will be the principal celebrant and homilist. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass. All are Welcome. To RSVP go to <http://www.opdarchphilly.org>, or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.



Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Help-Line: Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services-Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese is offering this convenient help-line to assist families connect to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. To reach the Help-Line call: 484-472-5041 or email: mailto:DDhelp@chs-adphila.org.



Women of Grace® is hosting a training session for women interested in facilitating an exciting new program entitled **Young Women of Grace: Embrace Your Femininity** for Catholic girls ages 12-17. The course is designed to counter the toxic messages aimed at today's young women and help girls discover the unique genius of their femininity. Course has an imprimatur from Archbishop Charles Chaput and is suitable for private use, in schools and parishes, home-school co-ops and after-school club settings. Study co-author Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, will lead the training session at St. Agnes Church, 445 N. Main Street, Sellersville, PA on Saturday, March 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Mass at 9:00 a.m.) Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Pre-registration fee \$25 per person; clergy and religious free. For a preview of the Young Women of Grace program, visit www.young.womenofgrace.com. To register for the training session, click on the Events page at www.womenofgrace.com or call 800-558-5452




Saturday March 4, 2017, 7:00 - 11:00 pm in the parish hall (gymnasium). Does being Irish mean more to you than wearing green on St. Patrick's Day? If so, then our **annual Hibernian St. Patrick's Day Party** at St. Mary is for you! Come on out to see live Irish music performed by the band Celtic Connection! The event includes full authentic homemade Irish buffet, bagpiping, beer, Irish dancers, DJ, raffles and craic (fun)!! \$30 per person. Sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Montgomery County Division 6 Officer Jack Duffy. All profit goes toward Irish/Catholic Charities and the PSP Landon Weaver Memorial Fund. E-mail Kevin Curry at thecurrys806@comcast.net for tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door this year due to the popularity of the event. Don't wait until the last minute or you might run out of Irish Luck!!!



IMPORTANT CEMETERY NOTICE Please be sure to clear any decorations from the cemetery that you wish to keep from your family plots by Sunday, March 5, 2017. Our cemetery personnel will begin the Spring clean-up for Lent on Monday, March 6, 2017 and everything remaining will be removed and disposed of.

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