



ST ELEANOR CHURCH

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Welcome



December 30, 2018
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph

PARISH REGISTRATION: New to the parish? Please call for an appointment with one of the priests

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 8am to 7pm, Friday: 8am to 5pm, Saturday: 9am -1pm

CLERGY

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

PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Linda Coyne, Finance Director
Mr. Ted Locker, Facilities Manager
Ms. Janet Genuardi
Mrs. Laura Jusko
Mrs. Jean Phillips
Mrs. Madelyn O'Hara

SACRED MUSIC

Ms. Elizabeth Calabro, Director
Mrs. Mary Barbuto, Organist

Ms. Mary Kate McGuigan—Ministry
Development Director

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Matt Kirsch



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending December 7, 2018

Regular Collection	\$	28,520
Other Collection	\$	447
Total	\$	28,967
Diocesan Collections	\$	6,388

Regular Sunday Collections

Fiscal Year-to-Date**

June 30, 2018-December 7, 2018 \$ 619,998
June 30, 2017-December 7, 2017 \$ 637,209

YTD Tithing

June 30, 2018—December 7, 2018 \$17,744
June 30, 2017—December 7, 2017 \$18,154

Mass Schedule

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

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 2:00 pm in Holy Cross school Library.
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.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 to 8:45 am; 3:30—4:15 pm
(Wednesdays after Masses
By appointment anytime.)

PERPETUAL ADORATION

In Our Lady Chapel
(except 9am Saturday—2pm Sunday)

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: After-school religious instruction for children in grades K - 6. Classes held on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Teri Lahey, at 610-489-4677 x31.

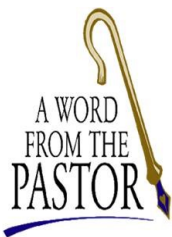
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Offered to the younger children during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses on Sundays September through May.

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



A first aid kit and an AED are available in the Narthex across from the chapel.

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.



Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the sixth day in the Octave of Christmas. On this day, by the graces of Jesus and the prayers of Mary and Joseph, may all our families experience the deep, abiding love and blessings of God flowing through them to one another and from your own homes into the lives of all others.

Every year, I am awed at the tremendous kindness and generosity of so many of you to the priests. Your Christmas card greetings, gifts, cookies, and other special goodies overflow. We, all of us, are deeply grateful for your kindnesses and remembrance of us at Christmas time, and throughout the year. You are most kind, thoughtful and gracious! Thank you most sincerely!

One of the hallmarks of this amazing parish family is the willingness to share your Faith in our Lord by kind deeds and thoughtful actions. You assist in all our many drives and collections that go directly to those in need. You support the needs of the parish both to maintain and increase our ministries as well as to preserve the beautiful buildings and property of the parish campus. You thoughtfully look after one another, helping where needed and supporting each other on this journey of faith.

May God continue to bless and fill you with every grace in the New Year!

During the two weekends leading up to Christmas, we inserted a four-page description of all those charities which received donations from our parish family through our *Tithing the Tithe* program. Over \$36,000 was given on behalf of our parish family to those involved with the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy both near and far. This is *in addition to* the truly generous donations given to the various second collections for National and Archdiocesan appeals. Again, thank you so very much!!

I am hoping that the idea of tithing helps all of us to look at our charitable giving from a *scriptural* perspective. A sign of a disciple, or as Matthew Kelly would say a Dynamic Catholic, is generosity. Why? Because God is totally generous. We are His image and likeness, and we are to reflect Him to the world. Generous people are people we want to be around. They are generous not only financially but also with their time and their talent.

Take a look at your ordinary income for the past year and calculate what percentage you gave to charity ~ church and other charities. Then see if you might be able to increase your giving for next year by one percent or two percent. Making the decision now, will allow you to give with a joyful heart and relieve the pressure of deciding on an ad hoc basis about good causes throughout the coming year. God is never outdone in generosity. Just never.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken

Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:

John M. Drummy on his birthday given by the Drummy family
Mary Tatasciore on the 7th anniversary of her death given by her 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.

Rose for Life

In memory of Ed Ocelus given by Madelyn and Buzz McGee
To reserve a Rose for Life, call Donna Kolb, 610-547-0478

Holiday Schedule

December 31—4:30 pm vigil for Holy Day
11:00 pm—Holy Hour

January 1—9:00 & 10:30 am, 12 noon (no 7:00 pm Mass)
Parish Office closes at noon on December 31st and will be closed on January 1st.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation

**Tuesday, January 1st
Vigil—December 31—4:30 pm
January 1st Mass Times
9:00 & 10:30 am, 12:00**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 29

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 James Himsworth, Jr.
4:30 The People of the Parish

Sunday, December 30

7:30 James J. Himsworth, Jr.
9:00 Special Intentions of the Bernsteil Family
10:30 Irene Nowakowski
12:00 Stanley Greenfield
7:00 Deceased members of the Waldron Family

Monday, December 31

Saint Sylvester

6:30 Robert Krensavage (23rd Anniv.)
9:00 John Drummy

Vigil for Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

4:30 The People of the Parish
11:00 PM Holy Hour with Benediction

Tuesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God- Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 Robert Holzworth
10:30 Gerald Reilly (1st anniversary)
12:00 Fr Ed Hamilton

Wednesday, January 2

6:30 The People of the Parish
9:00 Mary McCree

Thursday, January 3

6:30 Walter Houck
9:00 Mary Tatasciore (7th anniversary)

Friday, January 4

6:30 Catherine DeBenny
9:00 Anne Pacitti

Saturday, January 5

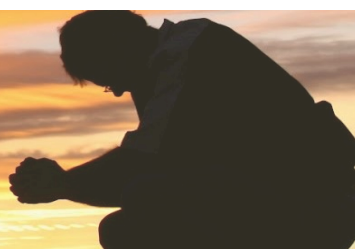
9:00 Walter Houck
4:30 George Wert (4th anniversary)

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 will be held on Sunday, January 6th at 2 PM in Kateri Hall. First-time parents need to attend & may attend this program before the birth of your 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.

PRAYER



FOR OUR DECEASED: Rosemary Backus (mother of Patty Fiore and sister of Bill Skelly), Carol Ann Stralo (sister of John Cosia), Concetta Martorana (mother of Gary), Bryan Santry (son of Marlene)

FOR OUR SICK: Catherine Alexander, Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Joseph Art, Jr., Elizabeth Ashenfelder, Kathleen Bani, Lori Bani, Lisa Caruso, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Jackie Bielski, Cindy Borowski-Burns, Bob Buda, Diane Burg, Florence Burkett, Sandy Burns, Cass Buscaglia, Nora Calabro, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Trish Caufield, Marc Chevrier, Michael Christie, Monica Cipriani, Joseph Clarke, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Lori Craig, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Nicholas Cruciani, Marie Cunningham, Mary Ann Daley, Eric Davis, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Isabella DeSimone, Vince DiDonato, Ron DiNicola, Pat DiPiano, David Dolan, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, John Doyle, Pamela Drayton, Claire Esposito, Vito Fabiano, Dorothy Fairbanks, Mary Filippini, John Fitzgerald, Neil Florio, Sandy Forcine, John Fritz, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Elizabeth Groff, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Karl Hampton, Marjorie Hebard, Virginia Heinz, Bobby Henzler, Deacon Tammy Hockenbrock, Tonia Hopkins, Margaret Jones, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, JoAnne Leap, Bud Leo, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Kathleen Lewis, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Marion Lukens, Joe Lutz, Francis Magee, Maryanne Magee, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Anthony Maiale, John Mancini, Judi Mandronicho, Marie and Sarah, Barbara Marosky, Rose Massino, Laura McCandless, Agnes McCarver, Ed McDade, Elizabeth McDade, Kathleen McFadden, Paul McFadden, Valerie Milne, Allison Leo Mitchell, Flora Monteiro, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Gabe Muscella, Bob Newton, Marion Niedzolkowski, David O'Neill, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Mark Osisek, Donna O'Sullivan, Francis Panfile, George Pastino, Ed Pressler, Rachel, Bill R., Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Carolyn Rider, Marjorie Rigg, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Betty Rowlands, Carol Ann Roy, Linda Sauer, Monsignor Francis Schmidt, Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, David Sebok, Angela Shinal, Bob Smith, Joseph Smith, Anne Marie Stoudt, Yoshiko Strohlein, Brian Sullivan, Dennis Sullivan, Daniel Taormino, Howard Taormino, Latonya Taphorn, Ron Tautkus, Maggie Terrance, Michael Troemel, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Jaclyn Tyson, Cristina Utti, Dominic Vacanti, Ted Valis, Jr., Juanita Vasas, Sharon von Clef, Billy Watts, Nancy Wenrich, Ken Whichard, Barbara Witman, Pat Willits, Beverly Zapata, Albrette Zvarik

OUR LITTLE ONES: Emerson Brady, Brian Bruder, Elizabeth DePaul, Damien John Erskine, Brandon Gallagher, Baby Corey Gramazio, Maggie Lutz, Baby Nicholas Manzi, Kiera McMahon, Baby Zachary Sinnk, Isaiah Thoxton, Baby Dell Tolas, Justin Wichner, Baby Evan Gerhold, Kate Greco, Kyce, Baby Nicholas Taphorn, Christopher Younossi

DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy theme for the month of December is "Mary." On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception when the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Faustina she asked that St. Faustina practice the three virtues dearest to her and most pleasing to God. These are humility, purity and love of God. St. Faustina practiced these virtues faithfully. Can you? 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. Information, please call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

NEW YEAR'S ADORATION HOURS:

Close- Saturday, December 29 at the 9 AM Mass
Open- Wednesday, January 2 after the 9 AM Mass

Once again this year, there will be a special **Holy Hour starting at 11 PM on December 31 followed by Benediction at Midnight. All are welcome to attend.

We need a few good men and women! We have some times, especially in the overnight hours, that have your name on them!
perpetualadoration@steeleanor.com

ROSARY

All are welcome
Monday thru Friday after the 9am Mass;
Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM- Chapel

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 can not manage its size & weight.

PRAY for THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Sgt. Thomas Albany	Alexander Franke, SN
1st Lt. Andrew Bone	Lt Sean Feeney
Cpl. Bryan Luther	Michael Thomas
Andrew Somplasky	Ryan Somplasky
Sgt William Ronan	1st Lt. Connor Lyons
Cmdr Wendy Arnold, MD	Ens. Katherine Heacock
CM/Sgt Charles Gordon	Jeremy Somplasky
Specialist Michael Thomas	Private Nicholas Bielski
Midn. 2 Class Zachary Sermarini	

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.

Growing as a Disciple of Christ

In August *The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* announced the establishment of the *USSCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism* which will focus on addressing the sin of racism in our society, and even in our Church, and the urgent need to come together as a society to find solutions. All (arch)dioceses are invited to host a USSCB Listening Session on Racism. The Listening Session on Racism is an opportunity for the Church to listen to its members and others who have been harmed by racism or its effects. We hope to call the Church to a renewed reflection on these harms that leads ultimately to healing.

USSCB Listening Session on Racism

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Monday, February 25, 2019— 7:00 pm

In preparation for the listening session the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will host several events to discuss this very important topic within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Monday, January 21, 2019, 6:30PM; Music Prelude, 7:00PM

The Racial Divide, Bishop Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Belleville. **Saint Joseph University**, Chapel of St. Joseph, 5600 City Avenue, Philadelphia

USSCB Listening Session on Racism, Monday, February 25, 2019, 7:00PM. **Saint Joseph University**, Chapel of St. Joseph, 5600 City Avenue, Philadelphia

Tithing the Tithe

In our 3rd year of St. Eleanor's *Tithing the Tithe* program, fiscal year 2017-2018, the Parish continued to donate 3% of the ordinary Sunday collections to individuals in need and organizations involved with the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy within our local and greater Philadelphia community as well as for missionary works in other lands.

Over **\$36,000** was donated to worthy ministries.

Our *Tithing the Tithe* efforts place us in the heart of the Gospel, in the heart of Christian living. To quote Matthew Kelly, "God is by His very nature generous. God wants to convince us of His generosity, and in turn wants us to live generous lives."

MOM'S HOUSE - \$500

BIRTHRIGHT OF POTTSTOWN - \$500

ABBEYFEST MINISTRIES - \$2,500

BLESSED SARNELLI COMMUNITY - \$1,000

METANOIA YOUNG ADULTS ~ \$1,000

FATHER CHUCK'S CHALLENGE - \$5,000

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - \$6,000

SISTERS OF LIFE - \$1,000

A BABY'S BREATH - \$5,000

SAINT JOHN'S HOSPICE—\$1000

TRINITY MISSIONS—\$5000

SAINT EDMUND'S HOME—\$1900

SUMMER WORK CAMP EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH GROUP—\$1500

DIOCESE OF SAINT THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS—\$5000

Looking to Participate in a New Ministry for the New Year?

Serving as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is a very special ministry in the life of our parish. If you sense a call to serve the Lord and our parish family in this way, we are looking for additional ministers due to retirements and people moving out of the parish. Volunteers need to meet certain requirements: you must be fully initiated, having received the sacraments of Baptism,

Holy Communion, and Confirmation; if married, be in a valid Catholic marriage; be approved by our pastor; attend both archdiocesan and our parish training sessions. When commissioned, you may only serve in our parish. Please call the parish office to register your interest: 610-489-1647 or email the office- church@steeleanor.com. Thank you for considering participating in this vital ministry of service.

SACRED MUSIC MINISTRY

We invite you to share your talents.

Did you know that there are over 1000 verses in the Bible that reference music—singing hymns of praise, blowing of trumpets, making a joyful song unto the Lord! You are invited to share your talents and become a member of St Eleanor's Sacred Music Ministry. All involved seek to celebrate the Liturgy in a manner that promotes participation by all with exultation and reverence.

A CALL FOR CANTORS

The primary role of a cantor is to lead & invite the congregation to actively participate in singing during Mass.

All parishioners who have received the sacrament of Confirmation are eligible to become a cantor.



Adult Choir rehearsal have begun. Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Church.
Join us!

**All inquiries for
all Sacred Music Ministries, contact
Elizabeth Calabro at 610-489-1647 x 22.
ecalabro@steeleanor.com**



COMING SOON

January 6—Holy Hour for Vocations
January 8— Mass for Healing
January 19—Padre Pio Prayer Group
January 27—Holy Cross School Open House

Holy Hour for Vocations

On **Sunday, January 6, 2019**, parishes across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will come together as a community of faith to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. So that as many people can participate as possible, Holy Hours for Vocations will be held at various parishes in the Archdiocese. These Holy Hours are designed to unite Catholics across the Archdiocese in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. During these Holy Hours, we ask Christ to help us bear the fruit that He intends to harvest through adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Eleanor, Collegeville, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
(Before the 7:00 pm Mass)

MASS FOR HEALING

January 8 7:00 pm

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Next Meeting and Mass - January 19
9:40-Prayer & Confession
10:30- Mass & blessing with Padre Pio's relics

SCRIP

SCRIP Gift Cards are available for a variety of items: tools, clothes, entertainment, favorite restaurants & more. **SCRIP HOURS** Mon.—Thurs., Noon— 7:00 pm and Friday, Noon—4:00 pm in Parish Office; Before & after Saturday Vigil Mass & Sunday 8:00 am—12:00 Noon in Narthex.

No SCRIP Sales December 29-January 1

We want to share an important security issue that has come to our attention. For the past few years, Montgomery and Chester Counties have been targeted by a group known as the Felony Lane Gang. This gang targets parked vehicles in hopes of stealing personal belongings including purses, wallets, check books, credit cards, etc. They have been operating especially in parking lots in the area. For security and safety reasons, when in our school or church parking lots, please do not leave your vehicle running, unlocked, nor leave any valuable items in your locked car! If you suspect any suspicious activity, please report it to the office immediately and call 911! Thank you.

The Pantry is bare!! St Vincent de Paul Society /St Eleanor Conference



With the change into colder and wet weather, the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Saint Eleanor's is experiencing a higher volume of visitors from local neighbors in need.

Please help us to provide for these families in their time of struggle with your always generous donations. Donations can be left in boxes at the front of Narthex at any time.

Thank you for your continued support.



Instagram

@sainteleanorparish

Follow us!

Archdiocese Safe Environment Efforts

There is nothing more important than the safety of our children. Providing a safe environment for young people entrusted to our care through parish activities is vital. With God's continued guidance and grace, for over a decade the Archdiocese has put in place policies and procedures to protect the children in our care, some of which exceed those required by law. We appreciate the invaluable commitment and continued compliance of our volunteers at Saint Eleanor.

Congratulations to the members of the Sacred Music Ministries and their director, Elizabeth Calabro for a wonderful and inspiring Advent concert and creche blessing.





Programs for Young Disciples

YOUTH MINISTRY



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 night 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>

Protecting God's Children
session is scheduled for Monday January 28.

Follow link for info and registration
https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18461&theme=0

Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry is seeking volunteers to assist the lead catechist during the 9 am and 10:30 am Mass. No experience required! Just a willingness to help children listen to Jesus' message! If you are interested in learning more about becoming involved in this beautiful ministry, please contact Teri Lahey at 610-489-4677 ext 2232, or llahey@stleanor.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word will not hold session on Sunday, December 30 during the 9 am and 10:30 am Mass! Children's Liturgy will resume Sunday, January 6.



CYO—<http://cyo.stleanor.com>

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

CYO Spring Sports Registration will begin Sunday, January 6th and ends on Sunday, January 20th & is open to registered St. Eleanor's Parishioners only that are currently in 1st through 8th grade boys and girls.

- JV & Varsity Baseball, JV & Varsity Softball, Girls JV & Varsity Lacrosse, Boys Varsity Lacrosse, Track, Pee Wee Track (1st thru 3rd grades, Varsity Track 4th thru 8th graders JV & Varsity Tennis, Varsity Golf, High School Coed Volleyball. Registration and payment are only available through the CYO website: <http://cyo.stleanor.com/>
- Please update your family information, including e-mail address. This is how CYO Registrar, AD, &/or your child's coach will contact you.

-Looking for **CYO Spirit Wear** for your son or daughter? 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. Consider us as you complete your donor card. Our number is 08018.

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

-Remember to Like Us On Facebook!

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

January 18—4Thirteens Pizza Party

January 26—Escape the Room

JUST ANNOUNCED!

THE FIRST ESCAPE ROOM SOLD OUT!
DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND....A 2ND ROOM ADDED
WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING SIGN UPS
FOR OUR 2ND ROOM, "FILE X"

ALL 9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

OPTIONAL (but ENCOURAGED): We will meet at St. Eleanor Parish for 4:30 PM Mass

OPTIONAL (but ENCOURAGED): After Mass join us at Jasmine Asian House at 6:00 PM to share dinner together and meet anyone you might not know. We will be escaping from the "File X" room at Escape Trappe (The Spellcaster Room has been filled to capacity). If you can't join us for Mass and dinner, please meet at Escape Trappe at 7:20 PM. **Sign-up for this event is online under the "Upcoming Events" section at stleanor.com/youth-ministry. You may also visit <https://tinyurl.com/y795dwna> to sign up. For more information please contact Matt or MaryKate at the Youth Ministry Office**

NEW BOLD Music Ministry Starting!

Music is a universal language that has the power to move us in remarkable ways. I know there are high school teenagers who have an incredible gift of music...whether that is playing drums, guitar, piano, singing, or the kazoo we would LOVE for you to be a part of our new B.O.L.D. Music Ministry.

We invite you to consider being a part of this new component of our program. Please email [Matt Kirsch](mailto:mkirsch@gmail.com) with any questions mkirsch@gmail.com



MINISTRIES

Altar Cross Society	Take care of altar linens	Irene 610-287-8552
Cenacles of Life	meet each week to pray the rosary to end abortion. Tuesdays, 6:00 PM, Chapel	Rita 610-489-1929
Charismatic Prayer Group	Strives to develop a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit, Scriptures & the Mass. Wednesdays 7:30pm Vianney Hall	Joann 610-584-6552
ChristLife	Helping people discover, follow & share Christ as members of the Church.	Frank 610-650-8457
Church Cleaning Ministry	Group who beautifies our church each Monday	Ginny 610-539-9543
Church Decorating Group	Enhance our church each season	Margarida 215-888-7509
Couples for Christ	Couples & families supporting each other in the quest to live for Christ	Jinky 610-454-5754
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
Hospitality	Plans events to make all parishioners feel welcome.	Leslie 610-948-9122
Knights of Columbus	Meet 2nd Sunday of each month serving St Eleanor & St Mary	Robert 610-783-4106
Lector Ministry	Read at weekend Masses, Holy Days and other special Masses. Must be age 14.	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 after the 6:30 am Mass	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, chapel	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	Maureen 610-489-1647
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	Bettie 610-933-7243
Women's Guild	Gather to celebrate fellowship	Celeste 610-409-8808



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Midnight Mass for New Year's and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Tuesday, January 1- 12
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Celebrate the New Year feast of Our Lady.

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St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center presents:
Jan 4, 7-8:30pm Sacraments Series (Holy Orders)
Jan 8, 7-8pm American Saints: Blessed Stanley Francis Rother

Jan 15: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Jan 22: St. Thomas More

Jan 29: St. Philip Neri

Call for details: 215.679.2237

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College-Age* Retreat (17-22 yrs) . January 4 – 6, 2019. Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point. Renew your spiritual life and meet new friends. \$135 per person, double occ. Some financial aid is available. *High School Srs are welcome.* 609-884-3829 www.capemaymarianists.org.

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Celebrating 70 years Mass Sun, Jan 6, 10:30 am. Continental Breakfast Reception following Mass in the Parish Hall. All are invited. Holy Martyrs Catholic Church 120 Allison Road Oreland, PA 19075 215 -884-8575 holymartyrschurch@gmail.com

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St. Genevieve Parish Pro-Life Lecture, January 10, 7pm. The lecture will focus on the role of the laity & offer suggestions on the ways we can best work to convert the culture, especially on life issues. 1225 Bethlehem Pike, 215-836-2828

Young Adult Retreat , February 8 - 10. Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point for ages 22-35, married or single. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. \$135pp, double occ. www.capemaymarianists.org or 609-884-3829. Some financial aid is available

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Retrouvaille for Stressed or Troubled Marriages, February 8-10. A healing program that offers a welcoming and loving space to married couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope that it is not too late for a different and better marriage. Malvern Retreat House.

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Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family and Faith offers healing services & resources to families and individuals in need of support during challenging times especially separation and divorce. www.nonnatus.org or by calling 215-870-9913.

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The **Pregnancy Loss Support Group** is open to all women who have lost a child during pregnancy. For information on meetings, contact Melissa Haines at 267-481-5332 or Melissa.haines86@gmail.com

Perkiomen Valley Council 3633

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The Knights of Columbus – Perkiomen Valley Council #3633 Scholarship

The Purpose of the scholarship is to recognize two freshman entering Pope John Paul II High School and will award two scholarships in the amount of \$750 each for each academic year, totaling \$3,000 each over 4 years.

Who is an eligible applicant ?

A current eighth grade student in either St. Eleanor or St. Mary's Parish, regardless of where or how they complete their elementary education.

Has a completed application on file at JP II HS HS

Has a completed financial aid application on file at PJP HS

What criteria is used in evaluating? Eligibility based on financial need. Students will fill out the financial aid forms with PJP HS. <http://kofcknights.org/Councils/Scholarship%20Announcement%20%202019%20draft.pdf>