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ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

October 9, 2016



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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. 2233 *Children's Liturgy of the Word:* Offered to the younger children in the parish during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9AM Mass on Sundays. *G.I.F.T.:* Junior High Program is held on select Sundays. Contact Mr. Matt Kirsch at 610-489-1647 ext. 15.

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.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 9, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 8

4:30 Mary Maieron (16th Anniv.)

Sunday, October 9

7:30 Joyleen Branco
9:00 For the People of the Parish
10:30 Rosemary Prince
(3rd Anniv.)
12:00 PM Josephine Tyrpin
7:00 PM Milton Johnson

Monday, October 10

6:30 Shelly Bone
9:00 Mary Wlazelek

Tuesday, October 11

Saint John XXIII

6:30 Mary Anne Petitto
9:00 Elizabeth Bondiskey

Wednesday, October 12

6:30 Lauren Magargal
9:00 Robert Steele

Thursday, October 13

6:30 Michael Giambrone
9:00 Isabella Grace Howell

Friday, October 14

Saint Callistus I

6:30 Gilbert Martin
9:00 Peter S. Wawczak

Saturday, October 15

Saint Teresa of Jesus

9:00 Charles Sauermelch II
4:30 Maria Maieron (5th Anniv.)

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:

~ *Amelia Rose, daughter of S. David and Erin Curry*
~ *Lillian Marie, daughter of S. David and Erin Curry*

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, October 9, at 2 PM in Vianney Hall (lower level of the Parish Center and Offices*). First-time parents need to attend and may attend this program before the birth of your child. **Baptismal paperwork is due in the Parish Office two weeks prior to the Baptism.** * previously known as the rectory



Rose for Life

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



Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:



~*In memory of John Vetrano on the anniversary of his death, given by the Vetrano 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 **October** we will be praying for our parochial vicar, **Father Christopher Moriconi**, and all his intentions. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons, please call Betty Rowlands at 610-489-3742.





Dear Friends,

I write this on the beautiful feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. A saint who is highly regarded almost universally by people of all faiths; the patron of our present Holy Father, Pope Francis. The simplicity, the joy, the thanksgiving, the humility and poverty of this little man from Assisi, who was transfixed on the humility and passion of Jesus Christ, transformed the Church and the world.



Saint Francis continues to transform and touch the lives of countless disciples who strive to embrace the cross of Jesus in their daily lives and to be joy-filled witnesses of His transforming grace. May Saint Francis intercede on our behalf. In the words of Saint Francis, *"Let those who belong to the devil go around moping. We ought to be glad and rejoice in the Lord!"* Amen.

Words are difficult to find to express my profound gratitude and thanks for our overwhelmingly successful **Amazing Harvest Festival**. It was a truly great time from beginning to end. Even Mother Nature cooperated with the weather. Fun was had by all. To Dolores Eichelberger, her core group of leaders, all of the volunteers who created and manned the various games and activities, those who set up and cleaned up, our parish staff and all who attended – thank you, thank you, thank you! I heard many people asking already about next year. The Amazing Harvest Festival provided an opportunity for us as a parish family, as disciples of the Lord, to come together for good fun, entertainment and friendship in the Lord on the day of the Lord. May it help us to grow in His love for one another and for all. Thanks also for your patience and cooperation regarding the restricted parking access during several of the morning Masses. The Knights of Columbus and others did a terrific service throughout the day with the parking.

Our **Parish Mission** for this Jubilee Year of Mercy begins this weekend under the guidance of Father Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R. We welcome Father Lewandowski and look forward to these special days of prayer, homilies, confessions and Masses as Father speaks to us and leads us to meditate on the theme of *"With the Lord there is Mercy!"*

Thursday, October 13, 7 pm in Vianney Hall, we will host our Inquiry Evening for all those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. All are welcome to check this out without necessarily making a commitment. Our RCIA gatherings will continue throughout the coming months on Thursday evenings for those interested in becoming Catholic and for Catholics in need of receiving the Sacraments. Be sure to invite your interested family members, friends or neighbors to attend.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken

RCIA ~ Sessions on and about the Catholic Faith ~ to Begin

Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM is



the opening night 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.

If you can't make it on October 13th, please join us on any other 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! St. Eleanor Parish has subscribed to a new resource for members. Formed offers free downloadable books, Bible studies, video and movies with a Catholic focus. Log on at www.formed.org and sign up using your e-mail address and the Parish Code: HJEE3.

Audio: Praying the Rosary Like Never Before

Dr. Edward Sri is a nationally sought Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN, and is a founding leader of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). In this discussion of his book "The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries" (Servant Books), Dr. Sri shares John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better, so that you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.



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

Consider signing up to host Our Lady's Statue for a week special to you and tell your friends and family about this devotion. To reserve your week contact Kevin at [610-489-4412](tel:6104894412). We will deliver/pick up the Statue for those who can't manage its size/weight.

October 9: Rita Smith MEV

October 16: Open

October 23: Sandy Maiale

October 30 through December 18: Open

"Pray without
ceasing."



FOR OUR DECEASED: James Watson,
Jr., brother of Robert Watson

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

FOR OUR LITTLE ONES: Brandon Gallagher, Baby Corey Gramazio, Maggie Lutz, Baby Nicholas Manzi, Kiera McMahon, Baby Zachary Sinnk, Philomena Stendardo, Isaiah Thoxton, Baby Dell Tolas, Justin Wichner

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

October 9-12, 2016

Parish Mission with

Rev. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

Fr. Bruce Lewandowski is a Redemptorist. He has been a religious for 28 years and a priest for 23. Originally from Toledo, Ohio, he served in Hispanic Ministry in East Harlem, the Bronx and Philadelphia. At present, he is the pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Baltimore, MD. Fr. Lewandowski will be speaking at all weekend Masses on Oct. 8/9.

- On Monday and Tuesday evenings, Oct. 10/11, there will be a Mission Service at 7 PM with confessions following.
- The Mission will conclude on Wednesday evening, Oct. 12, at 7PM with Mass.

The theme for the week is "**WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY**"-Psalm 130
Please plan to join us!



Jubilee Year of Mercy – The Church of Mercy

"...a soldier thrust his lance into His side, and immediately blood and water flowed out." –Jn 19:34 Throughout the ages, the Church has understood this moment in the life of Christ as the birth of the Church. St. John Chrysostom (4th cent.) explains, "Water and blood symbolized Baptism and the holy Eucharist. From these two sacraments the Church is born." At the same time, we see in the blood and water flowing from the pierced heart of Jesus a perfect symbol of God's infinite mercy.

In this scene of Jesus' heart being pierced for us, we find simultaneously a revelation of the Church's sacraments and a revelation of Divine Mercy. The fact that *mercy* and *sacrament* are revealed in the same moment allows us to understand that sacraments are encounters with God's tender mercy.

The Holy Year is a good time to consider how much we actually experience this truth. Many times we approach the sacraments out of routine, not really knowing why we are receiving them and not really sensing that they have any effect in our lives. But if the sacraments truly flow from the merciful heart of Jesus Christ, then our reception of the sacraments should be – *each time!* – a deeply transformative moment.

Let us spend this time of grace asking God to unlock the power of the sacraments for us so that we experience them as they truly are, an encounter with the jaw-dropping, life-changing merciful love of God's Heart. –Meghan Cokeley, Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

How to Live It

During the Year of Mercy, ask God for the grace to experience the sacraments as they truly are. Make an effort to be more open and attentive each time you receive Holy Communion or go to Confession. Study the Church's beautiful teachings on the sacraments. Work on removing from your life the sin that might be "clogging up" your ability to receive the effects of the sacraments.

Quote from Catholic Tradition:

"A final question: what can I, a weak fragile sinner, do? God says to you, Do not be afraid of holiness; do not be afraid to aim high, to let yourself be loved and purified by God; do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Let us be infected by the holiness of God. Every Christian is called to sanctity (see Dogmatic Constitution, *Lumen Gentium*, nos. 19–42); and sanctity does not consist especially in doing extraordinary things, but in allowing God to act." –Pope Francis, *The Church of Mercy*

To continue reflecting on this theme, consider one of these resources!

- Recommended Book for the Month: *Saints and Social Justice: A Guide to Changing the World*, Brandon Vogt
- Lighthouse Catholic Media CD: *God's Family and Ours: The Church and the Trinity* by Dr. Scott Hahn



Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Sgt. Thomas Albany
1st Lt. Andrew Bone
LTJG Sean Feeney
Bryan Luther
Jeremy Somplasky

Cmdr. Wendy Arnold, MD
1st Lt. Brian Davis
CM/Sgt. Charles Gordon
Andrew Somplasky
Ryan Somplasky

Midn. Zachary Sermarini

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending September 2, 2016

Regular Collection	\$ 23,270
Other Collections	\$ 9,613
Total	\$ 32,883
Diocesan Collections	\$ 185

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date

July 1, 2016—September 2, 2016	\$ 226,045
July 1, 2015—September 2, 2015	\$ 223,913

Week Ending September 9, 2016

Regular Collection	\$ 27,186
Other Collections	\$ 9,642
Total	\$ 36,828
Diocesan Collections	\$ 57

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date

July 1, 2016—September 9, 2016	\$ 253,231
July 1, 2015—September 9, 2015	\$ 248,409

Amount Available for Tithing the Tithe

July -	\$3,684
August -	\$3,298



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.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWS

The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia presented Holy Cross Regional Catholic School with a grant of \$3972.50, to support implementation of the "Theology of the Body" program. Holy Cross proudly and gratefully received the grant check on Monday, September 19.

"Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition" is in place for Holy Cross students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. It uses stories, real-life examples, activities, and prayers, while referencing current culture. The "Theology of the Body for Teens" is presently a part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia high schools' religion curriculum.



Looking for disciples interested in sharing our faith with our parish children

One of the greatest joys of our parish family is sharing our Catholic Faith with our young members! This is a vital, life-giving and ever dynamic aspect of parish life. Here at St. Eleanor, our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is responsible and leads this endeavor for all our children attending public schools and all our children receiving Sacraments. We have about 800 children who attend PREP and we need countless numbers of volunteers to help share our faith with our precious young ones. Will you consider helping out this coming Fall? You will join dozens and dozens of others who have answered this call already. The primary requirement of a catechist is a love for Jesus and a willingness to share the Catholic faith. If you are interested in learning more about what is involved in being a volunteer, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Teri Lahey, at 610-489-4677 ext. 2232, or llahey@stleanor.com. You will be glad you did.

Children's Liturgy of the Word held at the 9 AM Sunday Mass will begin on October 2. We look forward to sharing God's Word with your children. We wish to thank all of the volunteers who will be participating in this special ministry. Also, we always **welcome new volunteers!** If you are interested in joining this special ministry, please contact Teri Lahey at llahey@stleanor.com.



2017 Sacrament Dates

First Penance
Saturday, February 25, 2017

Confirmation
Saturday, April 1, 2017

First Holy Communion
Saturday, May 6, 2017



The Divine Mercy theme for the month of October is "Eucharist." Jesus said, "He who feeds on my flesh, and drinks my blood has life eternal, and I will raise him up on the last day." (John 6)

The Eucharist was the center of St. Faustina's life. She wrote: "One thing alone sustains me, and that is Holy Communion. From it I draw my strength; in it is all my comfort. I fear life on days I do not receive Holy Communion....Jesus concealed in the Host is everything to me." (para. 1037)

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's Chapel. For more information, please call Gerry Daly at 610-454-7984.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

UPDATE as of 9/16/16
 638 Pledges-2nd in Archdiocese
 \$104,700-10th in Archdiocese
 114% of goal
THANK YOU!

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for October will be on **Oct. 22**. 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. Chylinski.



Mass for Healing Tuesday, October 18

We are continuing our monthly **Mass for Healing**. Our next one will be on **Tuesday, October 18 in the chapel** at 7:00 PM. We warmly invite everyone to this Mass, family members, friends and neighbors.

GET READY TO VOTE

On the tables at the church entrances you will find blue booklets entitled "A Brief Catechism for Catholic Voters." This publication is intended as a guide which will assist you in making choices and decisions about voting in elections. **IT DOES NOT TELL YOU WHO TO VOTE FOR! You are encouraged to pick one up.**

Walking With Purpose is offering a new course called Keeping In Balance. This 22-week course focuses on keeping balance within. Do you feel pulled in many directions? Do you find it hard to balance the demands placed on your time? Is it difficult to manage all the details thrown your way? If so, this study is for you! Join us as we explore biblical ways that we can manage life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. We will be meeting on Thursdays beginning Oct. 6th from 12:30-2:15pm in Vianney Hall. Cost is \$75 for the study guide and meeting supplies. For more information or to register please contact Maureen Bulwicz at [610-454-0650](tel:610-454-0650) or MBulwicz@gmail.com. No prior bible study experience needed.

Walking with Purpose is in search of someone to provide childcare during our Bible Study. Children will be in the room adjacent to where the study will take place. The study is scheduled for Thursdays from 12:30-2:15 PM starting October 6 to March 30. Visit www.childprotection.org for Safe Environment clearance requirements.

If interested and for more information, please contact Geraldine Petr (geraldine.petr@gmail.com; 617-935-5653).



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: cyo.steleanor.com.



Registration for CYO Basketball will begin on Sunday, September 11th and end on Sunday, September 25th. Registration is open to registered St. Eleanor parishioners that are currently in 5th thru 8th grade (boys and girls). JV Level consists of 5th and 6th graders and Varsity Level consists of 7th and 8th Graders. Registration and payment are only available through the CYO Registration website: <http://cyo.steleanor.com/registration/> cyo.steleanor.com. All late registrants will be wait listed until it is determined that there is space available to add to the registration. All late registrations will incur a \$10 late fee. If you are interested in a position as a head coach for one of the teams, please contact Vince DeFlavia, Athletic Director at <mailto:vinman6399@comcast.net>, or Chris Phillips, Winter AD at <mailto:christophermphilips@yahoo.com>. (FYI : Registration for High School Basketball will be held at a later date.)

CYO DANCES: SE CYO sponsors monthly dances throughout the school year. These dances are open to 6th through 8th grade boys and girls in our local community. To enter the dance, the student must have a Dance Pass. Parish children have the choice of ordering an Annual Dance Pass or a Single Dance Pass. Children who are not members of St. Eleanor Parish must purchase a Single Dance Pass online prior to the dance and bring proper ID to enter the dances. Current school year ID's are considered proper ID. ID's from the previous school year, library cards, YMCA cards, report cards, etc. are not considered proper ID and cannot be used to gain admittance. To be admitted into the dance, you must have purchased either an Annual Dance Pass or a Single Dance Pass on line. The dances are chaperoned by parents of our CYO teams and programs. The doors open at 7 PM and the dancing ends at 10 PM sharp. Once inside, a child cannot leave without a parent before 10 PM. When dropping off your child please ensure your child has entered the dance before you depart. Please remember that there will be no dance tickets sold at the door. You must have a pre-purchased Dance Pass to enter the dance. There is a standard dress code for the dance and guidelines for parents to assist in chaperoning. **Annual Dance Passes Will Be For Purchase:** Cost \$35 and will admit you into all 7 dances. Individual Dance Pass: Cost \$7- per dance. Please visit our web-site for more information and to purchase dance passes: <http://cyo1.steleanor.com/registration/cyo.steleanor.com>.

We will continue to do a food collection at each dance. Each child is asked to bring at least one canned good which will be donated to the St. Eleanor Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your help with the worthy cause. The First Dance of the 2016-2017 school year will be held in Saturday, September 24th. Contact Dan Cordrey with any questions at 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. **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!



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. First fall meeting is Wednesday September 21.



Our website has a new look!

Visit our newly-designed website at www.steleonor.com.
Same address—lots of new and enhanced information!
We are always working to improve the site—please be patient as we are still under construction.



Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast: Parish members are invited to attend the Sunday October 16, 9 AM Memorial Mass for the Knights of Columbus followed by a Breakfast in Holy Cross Cafeteria at 10 AM. Raymond Hritz will be presented the Lux Mundi Award for his years of service as a Catholic Witness. The breakfast speaker is Rob Picard, former Philadelphia Eagles and Detroit Lions wide receiver. Fee for full buffet breakfast is \$10 adults/\$5 children under 7. Contact Joe Bondi at 610-489-6394 or Tom Kinney 610 831 0239 to register. Please register before October 10.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 28 through November 6, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Norristown Planned Parenthood at 1221 Powell St., Norristown, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information, and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Rita Smith, M.E.V. 610-489-1929 or email providar-ita1@gmail.com for more information.



A Baby's Breath - Run for Life
to benefit

A Baby's Breath Crisis
Pregnancy Center

5k Run or 1 Mile Run/Walk

Pope John Paul II HS, Royersford PA

Saturday, October 29, 2016, 9:00 AM.

Registration and Sponsorship information for both events available at:

www.ababysbreath.org or call 610-489-0083.

PS - Please also contact us if you are Interested in volunteering for the race!

MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

To be held on Saturday,
October 15, 2016
at 1:00 PM

*Light refreshments provided by our
Hospitality Committee in the Narthex
following Mass*

All are invited to attend. If you wish to be anointed, please call Susan Gordon at the Parish Offices 610-489-1647 ext. 16



Sacrament of Anointing

TABERNACLE & SANCTUARY RESTORATION

Here is a synopsis of the income and expenses related to the work undertaken in our Sanctuary...

Donations to Date:	\$134,682.75
Expenses:	\$127,610.14

The final aspect of the original proposals shared with our parishioners in July 2015 is the expansion and renovation of the two Sacristies behind the Main Altar. The original estimate for this work was approximately \$38,000.

We currently have \$7,072.61 towards that project. *We are grateful for those who continue to make donations through the use of the special gold envelopes.* The Sacristies are the "work rooms" where the liturgical items are stored and prepared for use at Mass and all Church services. Additional space and storage are very much needed for efficiency and organizing those who serve our liturgies.

A Prayer for Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.



Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen.

Food Pantry

Saint Eleanor Parish

Food Pantry

The Saint Eleanor Conference of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will open its food pantry to all parishioners and members of our local community in need of food assistance.

The pantry, located at the white Saint Kateri Tekawitha trailer in the school parking lot, will be open from 10am to 12pm on the third Saturday of the month. This program is supported and made possible through the outstanding generosity of our parishioners. Now more than ever food and monetary donations are needed in our efforts to support all those in need.

CARES After School Program at Holy Cross Regional School has paid positions available for Childcare Assistant from 2:45pm-6:00pm Monday-Friday working with children ages 5 and older. Job duties would include some of the following: Serving students snacks, supervising students outside on the playground or in the gym, assisting students with homework, promoting recreational activities for students.

All applicants are required to provide a current Pennsylvania Police Clearance and Child Abuse Clearance, attend a class on child safety (dates and times will be provided), submit a resume to jreynolds@hcrc.school along with days available.

Rerum novarum

Promulgated by Pope Leo XIII in 1891, it is the first of the great encyclicals laying out the social doctrine of the Catholic Church as an answer to the excesses of both the Industrial Revolution and rise of Marxism. This study is a good basis for understanding later developments and teachings of Pius XI, John XXIII, Vatican II, Paul VI, John Paul II and Benedict XVI. The text can be downloaded from <http://www.papalencyclicals.net/Leo13/I13rerum.htm>.

Registration is required to participate in this study. Please call Giuseppe Scillia at (484) 961-0575 and leave a message.

Start Date: Tuesday, September 20 in Guadalupe Hall
When: Tuesdays, from 7PM to 8:30PM

FOUND!!!

A woman's ring was found in the large parking lot last week. If you think it might be yours, please call the Parish Office at 610-489-1647 ext. 10.

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.

All young adults ages 21-39 are invited to a special Theology on Tap with Archbishop Charles Chaput on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, on the second-floor terrace of the 'Stove and Tap' restaurant (329 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA). The event is hosted by Metanoia Young Adults of Montgomery County. Archbishop Chaput will speak about his new book, "Strangers in a Strange Land," about living the Catholic faith in contemporary American culture. Food and drink will be available for purchase beginning at 7 p.m., and Archbishop Chaput will speak at 7:30 p.m., followed by time for Q&A. Please visit metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/archbishop for more details and to register.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

St. Titus' Annual Harvest and Holiday Vendor Event on Saturday, November 5, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Last year we had over 45 crafters/vendors on hand together with some awesome food to enjoy. If you are interested in renting table space for \$30, please contact Eileen Heflin at heflin618@verizon.net.



Catholic Pilgrimage to Mexico's Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine over the Feast Day. December 8 – 13, 2016, \$2,149.00 per person including air from Philadelphia. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Holy Mass everyday. For a Flyer or more information please call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660.



St. Joseph's Preparatory School invites students and parents to an Open House on Sun., Oct. 16, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Before the Open House, you are also invited to join the Prep Community for Mass at 8:30 a.m. in the Church of the Gesu (on campus). Interested 8th grade boys should sit for the Scholarship/Entrance Exam on Saturday, November 12, or Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Students are registered automatically upon completing an application. Academic scholarships and financial aid grants will be awarded to eligible students.



The **Academy of Notre Dame de Namur** will offer its Ninth Grade Entrance and Scholarship Exam on Sat., Nov. 5 and Sun., Nov. 13. Open House will be held on Sun., Nov. 6, 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. For more info, call 610-971-0498 or visit www.ndapa.org/admissions.



Immaculata University will hold four admissions events in October for undergraduate students, including those interested in the university's nursing and education majors, and graduate students. For more information about these events, or to register, visit www.immaculata.edu/october.



Neumann Adult Spirituality Ministry November 9, 2016 - 9:30 A.M. - Nativity of Our Lord Parish Conference Center, Warminster, PA. The Mass - The Sacrament of Unity - Uniting Us with Heaven - We will review the elements of our liturgical celebration in order to better understand Mass as the "source and summit" of Christian life. Presenter: Deacon James Duffy. Cost: \$20. Brown Bag Lunch. Continental Breakfast Provided with Desserts at Lunch. Contact Cathy (215-262-0265).



On Saturday, October 15th, **Country Day School of the Sacred Heart** in Bryn Mawr will host its 9th Grade Scholarship/Entrance Exam at 8:45 AM. Register online at www.cdssh.org. Upper School Open House immediately following at 12:30 PM - 3 PM. No registration required.



Celebrate the **Blessing of Pets** — The residents of Saint Mary Center in Lansdale extend an invitation to an outdoor Blessing of Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi on Sun., Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel Courtyard. Pets and animals of all types are welcome! If your animal is unable to attend, consider bringing a picture to the blessing. Please have all animals on a leash, or in a carrier/cage.



Premiere of Documentary Film *Philadelphia Welcomes Pope Francis*. Premiere of an award-winning film documenting the World Meeting of Families – 2016 and visit of the Holy Father. All are welcome to attend the premiere and celebrate the one year anniversary of Pope Francis' visit to our great city. Thursday, October 13, 2016 from 7-8:30pm at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Michael A. Nutter Theatre, Entrance at 13th and Arch St., Phila. More info: email mailto:WMOF@americanbible.org or call 1-866-800-9683



Solemn Closing of the Cathedral Holy Door of Mercy Join Archbishop Chaput as he solemnly closes the Holy Door of Mercy at the Cathedral to end to the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Let us come together to thank God for all the graces we have received during the Jubilee! Sunday, November 6, 2016 - 6:30pm at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. More info: <http://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Closing-of-Holy-Door-Nov-2016.pdf>.

Lansdale Catholic 8th Grade Scholarship Exam LC will hold their annual Scholarship Exam on Saturday, October 22 at 8AM. You must send your application and the \$50 non-refundable fee to sit for this merit exam. Students from regional public, private and parochial schools are encouraged to call the Admission Office at 215.362.6160 x194 or visit our website at www.lansdalecatholic.com for information regarding the process.



Sacred Heart Parish Royersford, PA offers "**Come and Be Comforted- Seasons of Hope**," a 6-week group for the bereaved begins Tues., Oct. 4th. If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing is for you. The evenings run from 7 to 9PM. For registration, please call: Dottie Williams at 610-948-6406. If you attended last session, this is a new session. All bereaved are welcome.



Villa Maria Academy High School, a Catholic college prep school in the tradition of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, will hold an Open House for all interested students and their families on Sun., Oct. 16, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Villa Maria will administer its entrance/scholarship exam on Sat., Oct. 29 and Nov. 5, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. 8th graders who seek admission to Villa Maria as freshmen next fall can take the exam on either day. For further info, contact the Admissions Office at (610) 644-2551 or register online.



Mount Saint Joseph Academy, a Catholic college preparatory school for girls, invites all interested applicants and their parents to an Open House on Sun., Oct. 16th from 12:00 - 3:00. To pre-register for the Open House online visit our website at www.msjiacad.org. The Scholarship/Entrance exam will be given on Sat., Oct. 29th at 8:00 a.m. For more information please call the Admission Office at 215-233-9133 or visit us online at www.msjiacad.org.



St. Martin of Tours School (Oxford Circle) Alumni Mass and Lunch on Sunday, October 16, 2016, from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Cost is \$20/per person. Tours of School Available. Email Brenda Greene at bgreene@stmartinoftoursphila.org. Visit website for further information at www.stmartinoftoursphila.org.



The **Lay Missionaries of Charity**, who adhere to the spirit and charism of St. Teresa of Kolkata's Missionaries of Charity family, invite you to "Come and See" what the Movement is all about! Join us on Saturday, October 15 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Annex Room 1 at Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church, 40 Spring Mount Road, Schwenksville, PA immediately following 9:00 a.m. Mass and Confession. Meet and enjoy a presentation by lay persons who have been called to follow the LMC way of life serving the poorest of the poor, and tending the needs of our own families after the example of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP, please contact Karen Keller at 484-942-8099 by October 1.



The **Catholic Newman Center at West Chester University** is a thriving center of prayer, campus ministry and community outreach, and has been for 45 years! We'd like to continue all the good work that happens here. To help in that effort, we are hosting our 3rd Annual Friends of the Newman Center Dinner, 45th Anniversary Celebration and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 6pm. A special Mass will be said at 5pm prior to the dinner. WCU alumni and friends are cordially invited to join us. The cost is \$35 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the site: <https://sites.google.com/site/ncfallevent/> or by contacting the Newman Center directly at 6104360891.




An **Elegant Evening of Wine and Song** benefiting Angel Flight East and Gaudeamus Music Ministry. Location: Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, 1345 Sumneytown Pike Gwynedd Valley, PA. Saturday, October 15, 2016, 7:00 pm—10:00 pm. Tickets are \$75.00 per person/\$125.00 per couple. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.angelflighteast.org or call 215-358-1900.

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