
PREPARING FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS

Advent



ST ELEANOR CHURCH

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December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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. Alessandro Giardini, Parochial Vicar
Msgr. Thomas A. Murray, In Residence
Deacon John A. Hasson
Deacon Edward T. Hinson

PARISH STAFF

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

SACRED MUSIC

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Matt Kirsch



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending November 29, 2019

Regular Collection	\$	34,399
Other Collection	\$	713
Fall Collection	\$	605
Total	\$	35,716
Diocesan Collections	\$	1,385

Regular Sunday Collections

Fiscal Year-to-Date

July 1, 2019– November 29, 2019	\$	610,110
July 1, 2018– November 29, 2018	\$	591,262

YTD Tithing

July 1, 2019– November 29, 2019	\$	14,689
July 1, 2018– November 29, 2018	\$	14,400



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

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.
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

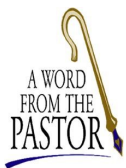
PREP: Religious instruction for children in grades 1 and up. Three components One-week summer program, Family Option and Confirmation program. Teri Lahey, Director. 610-489-4677 X 31.

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

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

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.

Holiday Bulletin Deadlines through 1/5/2020 have passed.



Dear Friends,

Well it is almost here! The fourth Sunday of Advent has come upon us and we have only three days before we celebrate the birthday of our Savior. I pray that this Advent has been a special time of preparation spiritually and is leading you ever more passionately as Jesus' disciple. This weekend's Gospel from Saint Matthew focuses on Saint Joseph, the foster-Father of Jesus. Joseph never says a word in our Scriptures, but he is an integral part of God's plan for the coming of our Savior into human history. We know Joseph is a righteous man, meaning that he is in right relationship with God. His caring and loving nature prompted him not to expose Mary to any shame or even possible death when she is found with Child.

But this righteous man of faith, open to God's will, prompted by the Angel in his dream, goes even farther and accepts Mary as His wife as the Angel explains that Mary has conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. He gives Jesus His name and protects both Jesus and Mary throughout his own short life as Matthew details for us in his Gospel.

Joseph is the example par excellence for every man in our world, for every husband, for every father! In the book of Genesis, Adam does not protect his wife Eve from the tempter. They both fall. Joseph overcomes this lapse by his fidelity to God's plans. Joseph put his relationship with God before all else and cared for others the way that God cares for us. His compassion, reflecting God's, enables him to do for others what God does for us. He makes present in his life and in the life of those around him the gift of God and God's Kingdom. His is sacrificial love in the here and now! May Saint Joseph's example and life guide us in these few remaining days to surrender our wants, desires and will to God's holy will. May Saint Joseph's intercession strengthen our men especially in courage, compassion, mercy and right living before God, protecting, caring and serving family, friends and neighbors.

Christmas Eve and Day, we will welcome countless numbers of additional visitors to our Masses. May each of us welcome them as we welcome the Christ Child. May we embrace them in joy, good cheer and love! On behalf of our priests, deacons and parish staff, may you and all your loved ones enjoy every blessing and grace from our heavenly Father this Christmas Day and throughout all the new year! Thank you for your inspiring faith, enduring hope and practical love for others.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken

Christmas Schedule

December 21—Confessions—8:00—8:45 am; 3:00—4:15 pm
December 22—after each of the Masses
December 24— 4:00, 4:15 (school), 6:30 and 8:30 pm
December 25—7:30 and 10:00 am, 12 noon
December 31—4:30 pm vigil for Holy Day
11:00 pm—Holy Hour; 12 midnight—Benediction
January 1—9:00 & 10:30 am, 12 noon; (no 7:00 pm Mass)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 21

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Thomas M. Gildea
4:30 The People of the Parish

Sunday, December 22

7:30 Julia Giovannone
9:00 Frances Bernstiel
10:30 Americo Basile
12:00 Deceased members of McMorro Family
7:00 Anthony Tornetta

Monday, December 23

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

6:30 Frances Bernstiel
9:00 Deceased members of McMorro Family

Tuesday, December 24

6:30 Michael S. Petriello
9:00 Pauline Woznicki
4:00 Church Christmas Mass
4:15 School Christmas Mass
6:30 Church Christmas Mass
8:30 Church Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 25

7:30 Christmas Mass
10:00 Christmas Mass
12:00 Christmas Mass

Thursday, December 26

Saint Stephen, First Martyr

6:30 No 6:30
9:00 Steve Dunbar

Friday, December 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

6:30 Mario D'Elia
9:00 Casaline Cadwell

Saturday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00 Jack Kurtz, Sr.
4:30 Pauline Woznicki

Sunday, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 The People of the Parish
9:00 Hugh Gallagher
10:30 Dennis Dugan
12:00 Nancy Dee
7:00 Richard Slavinski

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. Devin Gregory, son of Srivatsa and Drew Pradeep

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, January 5th 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.

Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:

Victor Casciato on his birthday given by the Scott family

Fran Kelly given by the Scott 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 - To reserve a Rose for Life, call Donna Kolb, 610-547-0478. Cost is \$8 per request.

PRAYER



FOR OUR DECEASED:

FOR OUR SICK: Catherine Alexander, Bob Bielski, Ralph Bucher, Connie Clarke, Joseph Clarke, Georgia Cordrey, Richard Dylinski, Joan Earhart, Molly Enright, Tom Fuller, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Amy Hahn-Kirsch, Connie Henzler, Carl Janicki, Mary Marinari, Msgr. James McBride, Agnes McCarver, Martha Meng, Nina Nell, Debbie Palumbo, Doris Palumbo, Steven Pinto, Mary Pistori, Paul Schneider, Anthony Stumpo, Dr. Edward J. Szymala, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Bernadine Wahalla, Joan White

OUR LITTLE ONES: Corey Gramazio, Noah Ellingsworth, Erica Roque

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

LEGION OF MARY

"The heart of the Legion is the weekly meeting",
(Frank Duff, Founder)

The weekly meeting is prayers, spiritual reading and discussion, work assignment and work report. Always structured to ninety minutes.

Visit us at one of our meetings; all Catholics are welcome
Meetings are every Monday 10:00A to 11:30A
Come pray with us in the Kateri Room

PRAY for THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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

DIVINE MERCY

The theme for the month of December for Divine Mercy is **Mary**.

"Ask for the grace to be a "special child" of Mary by praying the Rosary daily". Please join us for Divine Mercy devotions in Our Lady's chapel at 7 pm on Thursday evenings. For more information please call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622.

Note: Divine Mercy group will not meet on December 26th.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

Call Kevin 610-489-4412 to schedule a week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We will deliver the statue for those who need assistance. Dec. 22: Dan & Michelle Halley, Dec. 29: Kevin Strnad

ROSARY

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

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.

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 Ministry.

All involved seek to celebrate the Liturgy in a manner that promotes participation by all with exultation and reverence.
Join us!

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

KEYBOARDIST NEEDED

The Spirit Revival Band is searching for a keyboard player to join them!

The group rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm and share music with the 7pm Mass on Sundays.

Interested musicians please contact Elizabeth Calabro at ECalabro@stleanor.com



Growing as a Disciple of Christ

A CALL FOR CHRISTMAS HELP

May all the blessings of God accompany you this Advent! We need your kind assistance with two integral aspects for our Christmas celebrations.

First, over the years we have had the assistance of the local Fire Police in assisting with parking for the 4 and 4:15 pm Masses on Christmas Eve. They have told us that no one is available. Our Knights of Columbus members are being asked but knowing the immensity of the need, I am appealing for members of our parish family to help us with this huge task. It would involve arriving around 3:00 pm to help direct traffic flow before Mass and then at the end of Mass to help direct departing vehicles. *Please call Matt Kirsch at the parish office (610-489-1647) or email ~ mkirsch@steeleanor.com right away.* Further information will be provided.

Second, we need your help at ALL the Christmas Masses to welcome and greet all Mass goers and to distribute our Christmas book to all the adults attending. Please email or call the parish office, ext. 10 leaving your name(s), the Mass you will be attending, your email address and phone number. This is a great opportunity for the whole family and requires a minimum amount of time. It is however a truly great blessing for you and for all!

What gives ultimate meaning and purpose to life

Why does **Jesus** matter?

How can I begin a better life?

Discovering Christ

Mondays

Doors open at 6:30pm

Dinner and program—6:45– 9:00 PM

January 20th—March 2nd

Vianney Hall

Retreat Day—February 22nd

Join us for this exciting new seven week series where we gather to share a delicious dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding the ultimate purpose in life.

There is no fee to attend the series. Donations are gratefully accepted to cover food costs.

For more information, visit our website—www.steeleanor.com/christ-life.

Registration deadline January 6, 2020

(or to capacity, whichever comes first)

Two ways to register

1.) online at <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-4159976/>

OR

2.) cut and send the bottom portion of this form to

Saint Eleanor Catholic Church

647 Locust Street

Collegeville, Pa 19426 OR

Email to ChristLife@steeleanor.com OR drop in the collection basket

Registration Form

Discovering Christ

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____ (other) _____

Dietary Restrictions/Allergies: _____



Coming Soon

January 7—Mass for Healing
January 18—Padre Pio Prayer Group

MASS FOR HEALING

January 7th —7 pm

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Next Meeting and Mass - January 18th
9:40-Prayer & Confession
10:30— Mass & blessing with Padre Pio's relics

PERPETUAL ADORATION

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

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 24th from 3:00 pm - 29th;
December 31 - January 1

TV Mass for the Homebound
WDPN channel2 at 7 am
& WMCN channel 44 at 8:30am

Young Adult Bible Study

Calling all young adults! St. Eleanor's is doing a young adult bible study Mondays at 7pm in the parish office. Come out to meet new people and encounter God in a new way. Text or call Melissa at 610 554 0846 if interested or just show up!

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. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) or our website (<http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org/>) for more details.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

The members of the St. Eleanor Conference of St. Vincent de Paul pray that the Lord will bestow Christmas blessings upon all our wonderful donors. Your generous support of our outreach to those in need throughout 2019 has been outstanding and truly reflects your desire to love our neighbor as Jesus so asks of his brothers and sisters.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

The **Gianna Center of Philadelphia** is open for business. Suburban Community Hospital, Medical Arts Pavilion, 2705 Dekalb Pike, Suite 207, East Norriton,, 844-204-0005, <https://www.phgiannacenter.org>

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Follow us!



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Msgr Stephen McHenry, March 3-13, 2020. Contact Spring House Travel—215-643-7074 0– info@springhousetravel.com



HOLY CROSS REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

January 26, 2020 ♦ 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Tour the school, visit classrooms, and meet teachers. Get to know our school community!

- Safe, Christ-centered Environment
- Full-day Pre-K (4) through 8th Grade
- After-school CARES Program
- Advanced Honors Math
- Middle States Accredited
- Accelerated Reading Program
- 1:1 Chromebooks for all 5th - 8th Grade Students
- State-of-the-Art Computer and Science Labs
- Middle States Accredited

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Middle States
Accreditation **MSA
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610-489-9434 ♦ www.HCRC.school



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 nights and high school events.

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

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

We have 1 registration for all 3 programs. Registration is online and it is free! Please follow this link to register for the Youth Ministry programs: <https://tinyurl.com/y6vopyrt>

PLAYGROUP

Come join us for fellowship and playtime on Wednesday mornings immediately following the 9am Mass (please attend if you are able to) until 11:15 AM in Vianney Hall. Parents/caregivers and children aged 0-4 years are welcome.

Caregivers stay with their children the entire time and our mornings may include circle time with Bible stories, a simple craft as well as plenty of time for caregivers to chat and kids to play. Contact: Geraldine Petr at geraldine.petr@gmail.com

Perkiomen Valley Council 3633

P.O. Box 116, Schwenksville, Pennsylvania 19473-0116
The Knights of Columbus – Perkiomen Valley Council #3633 Scholarship

In keeping with the goal of supporting Catholic Education, the **Knights of Columbus Perkiomen Valley Council #3633 Scholarship** will award two scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 (\$750.00 each for each academic year—totaling \$3,000 each over four years) to two freshmen entering Pope John Paul II High School in the fall of 2020.

Who is an eligible applicant for The Knights of Columbus – Perkiomen Valley Council #3633 Scholarship?

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 Pope John Paul II High School
Has a completed financial aid application on file at Pope John Paul II High School

What criteria is used in evaluating The Knights of Columbus – Perkiomen Valley Council #3633 Scholarship?

Eligibility is based on financial need. Students will fill out the financial aid forms with PJP High School. **PJP needs to have applications and financial aid forms by April 2020!**

JUNIOR LEGION of MARY (ages 8-17)

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

Contact Laura at laurajusko@gmail.com or 215-390-0933



CYO News—<http://stleanor.website.sportssignup.com>

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

CYO Spring Sports Registration will begin Sunday, January 5th and ends on Sunday, January 19th.

Spring registration is open to registered St. Eleanor's Parishioners only that are currently in 1st through 8th grade boys and girls. We offer the following sports: 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 web-site: <http://stleanor.website.sportssignup.com>

Has your email address changed? If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed. Please update your family information, including e-mail address. This is how CYO Registrar, AD, &/or your child's coach will contact you for meetings, practice schedule, etc. If you are interested in a position as a head coach for one of the teams, contact Megan at meganodonnellcyo@gmail.com

CYO WEBSITE <http://stleanor.website.sportssignup.com> **Remember to Like Us On Facebook!**

United Way is an important source of funding for our program. Please consider SE CYO when you are making charitable donations, this includes company matching thru United Way. Our agency name is St. Eleanor, and please specify CYO. Our number is 08018

-Looking for **CYO Spirit Wear**? Maybe for a birthday, Christmas or Graduation Gift? St. Eleanor CYO Gear can be ordered on-line here: <https://ragtee.com/store/index.php/portfolio/stecyo/>



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 610-306-6934
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
CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)	Provides opportunities for children to participate in spiritual, social and athletic activities	Jim DeBald 610-476-6756
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Assists with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and/or to our homebound.	Nancy 610-659-0237
Gardening Angels	Help keep our campus beautiful.	Rachel 610-409-9408
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

Hope Blooms: A Healing Retreat for Catholic Women, January 10-12 in Reading. For any woman seeking healing from betrayal trauma, abuse, emotional wounding and freedom from habitual patterns such as anxiety and feelings of unworthiness. Register by December 15 for Early Bird price of \$299. <https://integrityrestored.com/hope-blooms-retreat-2020>, de@youaremadenew.com.

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2020 March for Life—As you know, The March for Life will take place on Friday, January 24, 2020. You are all invited to march together with our St. Charles Seminarians who will be leading the way! You can [register on line](#) for the permits and send the parking permit fee separately. I hope that this will be helpful. If you have any questions, please call the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500 or email us at cdoughty@archphila.org

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Epiphany of Our Lord, Plymouth Meeting, will be providing a bus to **Washington, D.C.** on Friday, January 24, 2020. The cost will be \$20 per person. The bus will leave from Epiphany's parking lot at 6:30 A.M. sharp to arrive in Washington, D.C. in time for Archbishop Chaput's 10:00 A.M. Mass. For questions or to sign up, please contact Bernie Toth at (610) 279-2788

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A **Holy Hour for Vocations** will be held at various parishes around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on January 5th the Feast of St. John Neumann. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community and ask the Lord to send workers to care for His vineyard, and to pray for those men in formation to be His priests. Times and locations for the various Holy Hours will be posted on our website at: Heedthecall.org/holyhour. Sue Matour in the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778.

FORMED

offers free downloadable books, Bible studies video & movies with a Catholic focus. Log on at www.formed.org and sign up using your e-mail address & Parish Code: **HJEEM3**

Presentation: The Role of the Laity in a Time of Crisis. Join us for an evening of reflection on the mission of the laity in times of ecclesial crisis and learn what you can do to cooperate with Christ's action to purify and heal His Church. Free. Jan 27 at 7 pm- SS Peter and Paul, West Chester.

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Chosen: Daughters, Sisters, Warriors . You Are Made New Ministry invites women of all ages for a 1-day event: February 1 at Pope John Paul II HS. Spend the day with us as we remember our feminine genius, understand common spiritual obstacles we encounter as women and how to overcome them, talk about our Blessed Mother's role in protecting and strengthening us. Conference team: Father Stephen DeLacy, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry, Jenn Lozano of Unbound, and Megan Murphy of Megan Murphy Ministries. De Yarrison at 610.287.2989

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Young Adult Retreat February 7 - 9, 2020, Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. Join other young adults (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. Eucharist and lots of fun! \$135 pp, double occp. Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-382. Some financial aid is available

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Spiritual Support for Addiction: Hope in Christ. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for resources, ongoing support, events, and testimonies that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Phila. Visit archphila.org/hope for new postings for Catholic resources available to you or a loved one.

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Easter Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (April 13-23, 2020). Be part of a limited group of Catholic pilgrims joining the local population for the Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet ceremony, the Good Friday Way of the Cross and more. Contact Susan at Select International (800-842-4842) or susan@select-intl.com.