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ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

January 29, 2017



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Mr. Dan Weckerly,
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OFFICE STAFF

Mrs. Susan Gordon
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM,
12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday: 6:30 AM
Monday to Saturday: 9:00 AM

PERPETUAL ADORATION

In Our Lady Chapel (except 9AM
Saturday through 2 PM Sunday)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 to 8:45 AM
3:30 to 4:15 PM
By appointment anytime.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Scheduled most Sundays at 1:00 PM. Please make arrangements in advance with one of the priests. First-time parents attend Pre-Jordan, a Baptismal Preparation meeting usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 2PM in Vianney Hall. See page 2 for the next date.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made with one of the priests or deacons at least six months before the desired wedding date. Couples attend the Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program (also held here at St. Eleanor).

ANointing OF THE SICK: For anyone needing the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office or see a priest after Mass.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Communion is brought to the sick in their homes. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 8 AM to 7 PM
Friday: 8 AM to 5 PM
Saturday: 9 AM to 1 PM

EDUCATION

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

HOLY CROSS REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Serves the families of Saint Eleanor and Sacred Heart Parish, Royersford. Christ-centered teaching and strong academic emphasis for Pre-K through Grade 8. Mrs. Theresa Healy, Principal. 610-489-9434 ext. 2225

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PREP: After-school religious instruction for children in grades K thru 6. Classes held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Contact Ms. Teri Lahey, Director of Religious Education at 610-489-4677 ext. 2232. *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.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 29, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 28

4:30 Theresa Warliga

Sunday, January 29

7:30 Anthony R. Capaldi
9:00 Mary Anne Petitto
10:30 For the People of Our Parish
12:00 PM Tom Sanguiliano
7:00 PM Catherine McGonigal

Monday, January 30

6:30 Mary Ann Ponzely (1st Anniv)
9:00 Matthew Walsh

Tuesday, January 31

St. John Bosco

6:30 Mike Malia
9:00 Leona Hudak

Wednesday, February 1

6:30 Howard Miller
9:00 Ernest Fanaro

Thursday, February 2 *The Presentation of the Lord*

6:30 Ed Kane
9:00 Renato Garofalo

Friday, February 3 *Saints Blaise & Ansgar*

6:30 Johnny Hennen
9:00 John Kurtz

Saturday, February 4 *BVM*

9:00 Michael Giambrone
4:30 Vincenzo Vetro

**There will be NO 7PM Mass on
Sunday, February 5, 2017.**

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:



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Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, February 5, at 2 PM in Vianney Hall (lower level of the Parish Center and Offices*). First-time parents need to attend and may attend this program before the birth of your child. Baptismal paperwork is due in the Parish Office two weeks prior to the Baptism. * previously known as the rectory

Rose for Life

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



Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:

~ David Pennell on his birthday given by niece, Leslie Pezzano

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

Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

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





Dear Friends,

Our Gospel reading this weekend is Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in which He explains the way to personal fulfillment, happiness, blessedness. We all desire to be happy but not that passing, transitory happiness. We long for that happiness which lasts and fulfills.

At Christmas time, we gave away Matthew Kelly's newest book, *Resisting Happiness*. To me, it seemed like a strange title but it is vintage Kelly. Through his keen insights into human nature and understanding of God's grace, he leads us to contemplate practical and easy-to-do steps to becoming all that God has created us to be.

At one point in the book, he talks about himself as being a "planner" perhaps an over-the-top planner. He notes that sometimes planning the future can cause us to avoid the present, which is where God meets us. So being *aware* of the present helps us to find God in the ordinary elements and events of life.

In fact, we can turn everything we do or the things around us into simple prayer. For example, when it's raining outside, we can take a moment and pray, "Father, I offer up to You every drop of rain that is falling on the earth." When folding the laundry, we can pray, "Father, I offer up every article of clothing to You." And so forth. In fact, we can offer these simple prayers up for specific intentions, turning them into intercessory prayers. The effect of this is to become more conscious of God being with us, of lifting up our hearts to Him, and of interceding for the many intentions that we all have. *Simple, ordinary, leading to blessedness.*

Among the very many ministries and groups that help make our parish amazing are our **Altar Servers**. These young people from grades 6 through 12 serve our Masses, Sundays, Holy Days, Weekdays, and our other liturgical celebrations. Their contribution to the beauty and proper solemnity of our worship is remarkable and inspiring. Their reverence at the Altar, their fulfillment of their duties in a precise manner, their participation in the liturgy while serving gives testimony not only to their fine qualities but also to their faith. We are very proud of them and very grateful to them, to their parents who see that they get to Church to fulfill their assignments, and to Father Moriconi and Jennifer Ramkowsky and Colleen Todd, the mothers who work with him. We are very blessed, indeed!

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken



The 2017 Schedule for our Pilgrim Virgin Statue home visits has lots of openings.

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

RCIA ~ Sessions on and about the Catholic Faith ~



for all those inquiring or interested in discovering more about our Catholic Faith! These sessions, about an hour and a half long, are information and faith sharing evenings that will continue through the coming months on Thursday evenings. They are hosted by a team of our parishioners and clergy. We are looking forward to an inspiring and awesome journey together investigating the ways of God, the person of Jesus Christ our Savior, and the prayer life of the Church.

There is no commitment required. Any adult, interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, or interested in joining the Catholic Church, or a Catholic wishing to complete the reception of their Sacraments, is invited to join us.

Please join us on any Thursday in **Vianney Hall, the basement of the Parish Center and Offices** (the former Rectory). We look forward to meeting you. Any questions, please call the parish office, 610.489.1647.



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

Children's Content Now Available

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Movie: The Story of the Nativity

Introduce your children to FORMED and celebrate life in this pro-life feature — perfect for ages 4-10. When Skiff & AJ test-drive their homemade time machine, it shrinks them to gnat size. After a pregnant lady mistakenly inhales the wannabe time travelers, the two begin to communicate with, learn about, and start a new friendship with the baby in the womb. Without enough power to launch their ship back to the outside world, Skiff & AJ find themselves stranded. Can baby safely deliver them home from their life-changing adventure?



FOR OUR DECEASED: Nancy Caffrey, mother of Diane Keen

FOR OUR SICK: Catherine Alexander, Ann

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

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

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



The Divine Mercy theme for the month of January is "Mercy." Jesus told Saint Faustina: "My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them, and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the Tabernacle as King of Mercy."

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



Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Edward Deliman will celebrate Confirmation at Saint Eleanor Parish on **Saturday, April 1, 2017**. All parents of children in 6th or above who attend a **Catholic Private School**, other than Holy Cross Regional Catholic School, and who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, should immediately contact **Teri Lahey**, at 610-489-9434, ext. 2232 or llahey@steleanor.com to make the proper arrangements. Thank you!



2017 Sacrament Dates

First Penance

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Confirmation

Saturday, April 1, 2017

First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Archbishop Chaput presented *The Saint John Neumann Award* to Erika Reyes, Christine Powers, Mary Beth Touey, Peggy Whelan and Nicole Reiff for 5 years of service in the ministry of catechesis!

Also, Alicia McCarron, is a recipient of the *The Saint Pius X Award* for 10 years of service! Overall, St. Eleanor Parish has over 25 catechists with 4 plus years or more of dedicated service to teaching the faith!

Thank you, catechists, for all you do and who you are to the children of St. Eleanor Parish!

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending December 30, 2016

Regular Collection	\$ 8,754
Other Collections	\$ 92,214
Total	\$ 100,968
Diocesan Collections	\$ 150

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2016—December 30, 2016	\$ 698,974
July 1, 2015—December 30, 2015	\$ 701,039

YTD Tithing

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

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



HELP NEEDED!

Here is your opportunity to join a great ministry! We are in need of people to help clean Our Lady Chapel. If you work during the week and have been unable to volunteer in the past, this is your chance. Cleaning will consist of running the vacuum cleaner and dusting. It should take less than an hour. Cleaning of the chapel will be done by two volunteers every Saturday. Your turn would come around once a month or less. If interested please call Ginny Emery at 610-539-9543 or e-mail rm_angelo@hotmail.com. Please consider joining us!



Pray for Those Serving Our Country

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

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



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.

Blessing of Throats



Since the Feast of Saint Blaise, February 3, falls during the week, throats will be blessed at the Masses on February 4 and 5.

Bulletin Deadlines

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

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

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



Mother and Daughter Tea - Together with the Home and School Association of Holy Cross School, the St. Eleanor WICS will be hosting the annual tea in the school cafeteria on Sunday, Feb.



12th at 10 AM. The cost is \$10 each for mothers and young ladies 11+, \$5 for girls ages 3-10 (age 2 and under is free). Please send a check payable to Holy Cross Home and School through the Parish Office (ATTN: Home and School - A.Schiele - Tea) or through school mail (Alice Ann Schiele, c/o Anna Jane Schiele 2-203).

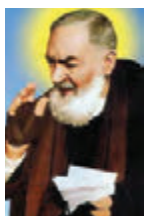
In the exercise of prudence during this cold and flu season, the distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass has been suspended. Thank you for your understanding.



January 8 was National Choir Appreciation Day, a day set aside to honor the talent, sacrifice and dedication of choral singers all across the country. Although the

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

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for February will be on **February 18**. The prayer meeting and confessions will begin at 9:40 AM. Mass will begin at 10:30 AM and blessing with Padre Pio's relics will take place after Mass. The celebrant is Fr. Hamilton.



Mass for Healing Tuesday, February 21



We are continuing our monthly **Mass for Healing**. Our next one will be on **Tuesday, February 21** at 7:00 PM. We warmly invite everyone to this Mass, family members, friends and neighbors.



SCRIP NEWS

SCRIP SELLERS NEEDED

Position Description: The Scrip Team needs volunteers to sell Scrip before and after weekend Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Volunteers work 3 different shifts.

Time Commitment: 2 hours once or twice a month

Talent to Share: Attention to detail for monies collected and information taken

Contact Person: Madelyn O'Hara, 610-489-1647, ext. 25, mohara@steleanor.com

Looking Ahead Important Dates

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



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

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



SE CYO DANCES: CYO sponsors monthly dances throughout the school year. **Individual Dance Pass are available for Purchase:** Cost \$7- per dance. Please visit our web-site for more information and to purchase dance passes: <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/>. **We will continue to do a food collection at each dance.** Each child is asked to bring at least one canned good which will be donated to the St. Eleanor Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your help with the worthy cause. **The Next Dance of the 2016-2017 school year will be held in Saturday, February 11th.** Contact Dan Cordrey with any questions: <mailto:myah22700@comcast.net>. **Has your email address changed?** If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed. <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/>.

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



St. Eleanor Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration- in Our Lady Chapel

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

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

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

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

ST. ELEANOR PARISH PAPER RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

We earn money when you recycle paper in the paper retriever bin!

We are asking you to help us reach our paper recycling and fundraising goals. Please bring your newspapers, catalogs, junk mail, magazines, phone books, office paper, cardboard and books to the Paper Retriever Bin located in our rear parking lot near the Religious Education Center.



**Open House at Holy Cross Regional School
Sunday, January 29,
from 10:00 - 11:30**

Come and meet our highly engaged faculty and students, tour our spectacular facility. Learn why Holy Cross Regional Catholic School would be the perfect place for your child to grow in academics, but more importantly - in faith, hope and love.



Hearts for Life

Beginning next weekend, St. Eleanor will be collecting baby items for Birthright, A Baby's Breath, and Mom's House during our annual Hearts for Life drive. These pro-life community agencies offer loving guidance and help to mothers in crisis pregnancies.

Our students in Confirmation preparation and G.I.F.T. programs will be collecting donations of diapers, baby outfits, crib sheets, baby lotion, shampoo, and more. Please select a paper heart from displays at the church entrances and return your gift next weekend, January 28/29.



Montgomery County Stand Up for Life Rally TODAY

2:00-3:00 PM on Sunday, Jan. 29 at
Epiphany Church,
3050 Walton Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA

Please show your support for protecting the sanctity of all human life in Montgomery County as we observe the 44th anniversary of the infamous Roe v Wade decision. Hear inspiring messages and learn how you can effectively contribute to this great cause.

Rally sponsored by Montco Pro-Life Coalition and Epiphany Church Respect Life Committee, along with other Respect Life committees, including Saint Eleanor.



SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY LECTURE SERIES

Cardinal Foley Lecture "The Power
of the Word: Catholic News Media and
Spiritual Formation"

Greg Erlandson

January 30, 2017 7:00 P.M.

Saint John Vianney Hall

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

100 East Wynnewood Road Wynnewood, PA

School of Theological Studies

<http://www.scs.edu/sts>

610-785-6287



Thank you from St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter

A big thank you to Sally Carlin, Donna Flick, Kitty Hasson, Jean Earhart, Kathy and John DeLawrence, Kathy Selby, Kathy Collins, and Kate Corr for providing dinners to St. Mary's Shelter in Phoenixville. It is especially appreciated that they did this during the very busy week leading up to Christmas. Saint Eleanor Parish provides dinners to the shelter two weeks each year. Our next week is April 17-21. If you would be willing to participate in this program, please contact Carolyn Manion at 610-489-5719.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop



January 2017

In understanding and caring for the needs of the faithful, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, declared this past year as a special "Year of Mercy." He encouraged all of us to accept the graces of the Lord in a special way by being renewed with the practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In this way, he emphasized that by being merciful, the light of our loving Savior would shine clearly for all, believers or not.

Consecrated men and women in the Church manifest with their various ministries and charisms the Lord's mercy by faithfully carrying out these spiritual and corporal works of mercy in all they do. Every day, as they care for the needy, comfort the sick, instruct and direct souls looking for guidance, and uplift and inspire so many, these consecrated men and women make real the image of the merciful Lord Jesus. Pope John Paul II recognized the sacrifices and selfless dedication of consecrated men and women living out their special vocation. Hence, it was altogether fitting that he instituted in 1977 a special commemoration of consecrated persons to be observed as a World Day for Consecrated Life.

In our own Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we rejoice in the ministries which have benefitted all of us. Consecrated men and women have provided vivid witness and personal care for so many in education, health care, social concerns and spiritual growth throughout the entire history of our local church. Likewise, our contemplative communities, by lives of intense spirituality, have inspired and guided so many. As all of these consecrated persons have given their lives, they have done so expecting no recompense.

Rendering thanks to God for the graces given to our Church through the selfless dedication of these consecrated men and women, we reflect upon and ask the intercession of our special patrons, Saint John Neumann and Saint Katharine Drexel. May their vision and prayers continue to sustain us as we commemorate the World Day for Consecrated Life, February 4-5.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Grief to Grace -Healing the Wounds of Abuse - is an integrated psychological and spiritual program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual, or spiritual abuse. It is appropriate for anyone who has endured sexual abuse, rape, incest, or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood or adolescence. The program will be held March 5th through March 10th of 2017 at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, PA. The program offers a very unique process for helping victims of abuse to grieve the past and discover spiritual healing and transformation. Dr. Theresa Burke who is the founder of Rachel's Vineyard - retreats for healing after abortion, composed the program and will serve as the facilitator for this retreat. Grief to Grace provides professional therapeutic staff, all treatment is based on a firm Christian Foundation as well as sound medical and psychological principles and a perceptive understanding of trauma. Visit www.griefftograce.org for more information. To request an application contact info@griefftograce.org or call 610-203-2002. Reserve your spot now as space is limited.

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

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Looking for a special Valentine surprise? Give your spouse the gift of quality time on a **Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The world we live in seems to get busier each year, so taking the time to focus on your marriage and to increase the understanding and love is so important. The next Weekends in this area are February 10-12 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown and March 31-April 2 at the Sheraton Great Valley. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wvme-philly.org. You can also contact Al & Mary Liz Heumann at Applications@wvme-philly.org or call 610-449-1859.

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Malvern Retreat House is offering a **24-hour retreat for busy young men** ages 40 and younger, beginning Friday evening February 3 and ending around 5:30pm on Saturday, February, 4. This retreat will focus on Malvern's 2017 theme: *Encountering the Divine Physician*, and it will be directed by Malvern's Rector Msgr. Joseph Marino and dynamic international speaker Bill Donaghy. Please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

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

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On Thursday, February 2, 2017, at St. Charles Seminary in Wynnewood, there will be a Rosary at 6pm and Holy Mass at 8:30pm to celebrate **"The Feast of the Presentation to the Child Jesus and The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary."** There will be two speakers Father Robert Young and Father James Blunt. We would like to inform you parishioners of this upcoming special event sponsored by the Flame of Love.

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Widow/Widower Social Group - If you have an interest in joining the Widow/Widower's Social Group at St. Ann Parish in Phoenixville, contact Helene Kennedy at 610-933-0950.

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Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from March 21 – 31, 2017, \$3,749.00 /person including air from Philadelphia, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass daily at the Holy Sites. For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.



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



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



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



Valentine Evening of Reflection for Couples: On Sunday, February 12, 2017, from 5 pm to 9 pm, at Malvern Retreat House. Dinner, inspirational talks, Mass and renewal of wedding vows for married couples. Retreat director is Rev. Msgr. Ralph Chieffo, with Bonnie & Jim Clark. To register call: 610-644-0400, or visit www.malvernretreat.com/register.



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



The **Curtis Symphony Orchestra**, praised by the *New York Times* for its "otherworldly ensemble and professional level of sophistication," performs at **Immaculata University** on Saturday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall Theater. Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.immaculata.edu/curtis-orchestra.



Travel with Fr. Paul Brandt, Pastor of Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish on our **Ireland and Scotland trip**. Visit Galway, Knock, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Dublin, Edinburgh Castle, St. Andrew's Cathedral. Trip Dates: July 7 – 19, 2017. Cost: \$4600.00 Airfare and all Included. To register, contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.



Saint Aloysius Parish School Alumni Please join us for Mass and Open House on Sunday January 29th at 12 noon. Share your stories and tour the school one last time before our exciting transition to the former St. Pius X campus. Please register online at www.saintaloyssiusschool.com (under the Alumni tab) or call the school at 610-326-6167 so we can reserve a special spot for you. We are also looking for any memorabilia you may have that we can copy and display.

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith-based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Tuesday, February 21: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm; Speaker – Fr. Tom Whittingham. Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) for more details.



Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. The next program begins on the weekend of February 10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



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



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



More than 100 juried artists from the tri-state area will be participating in one of region's largest **art shows at Malvern Retreat House** Wednesday, February 1 - Sunday, February 5. The show will include paintings, sculptures, jewelry and a special exhibit of figurative art. Show hours are Wednesday-Saturday 10am-7pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. A complimentary wine and cheese reception will be held Thursday, February 2 from 5pm-8pm. The show will be held in Malvern's McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center. Admission is free, and a portion of the sales proceeds benefits Malvern Retreat House, the nation's oldest and largest Catholic retreat center. More information is available at malvernretreat.com/artshow.



The **Immaculata Symphony** will hold its annual Youth Concert, *Heroes and Villains*, on Sunday, February 12, at 3:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall on the campus of Immaculata University. Cost for the concert is \$10 for all adults and free for children under the age of 12. Seating is available on a first come, first served basis. More information and tickets are available by calling 610-647-4400, ext. 3473. Tickets are also available by mail to Immaculata Symphony, 1145 King Road, Immaculata, PA, 19345-0703, with checks made payable to Immaculata Symphony.

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