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ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

November 27, 2016



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OFFICE STAFF

Mrs. Susan Gordon
Mrs. Jean Phillips
Mrs. Melissa Sinner
Mrs. Madelyn O'Hara
Ms. Casey Semenza



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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26

4:30 Theresa Warliga

Sunday, November 27

7:30 David Knorr
 9:00 For the People of the Parish
 10:30 Richard Karwoski
 12:00 PM Roz Cirino
 7:00 PM Richard Karwoski

Monday, November 28

6:30 All Souls
 9:00 Joan Scholtz (1st Anniv.)

Tuesday, November 29

6:30 Robert J. Bullock, Sr.
 9:00 Keeley Collins

Wednesday, November 30

Saint Andrew

6:30 Robert J. Bullock, Sr.
 9:00 John Kurtz

Thursday, December 1

6:30 Andrea Meloni
 9:00 John Kurtz

Friday, December 2

6:30 Angeline Lundgren
 9:00 Fran Thomas

Saturday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier

9:00 Jason Daniel Cirafisi
 4:30 Shelly Bone

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:



~ *Miles Matthew, son of Matthew and Bridget Keeley*
 ~ *Declan Patrick, son of John and Erin McCarthy*
 ~ *Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Matthew and Mary Sonetto*

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, December 4, 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:

~ *Edward Miller on his birthday given by his wife Edith*

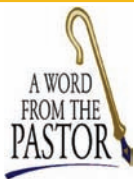


For a Rose of Resurrection to remember those who have passed away, call Paula Pezzano at 610-489-0533. Please request roses at least one month before the rose is to be placed on the altar. **There are no more roses available for 2016.**

Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

For the month of **November** we will be praying for our resident priest, **Monsignor Thomas Murray**, 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,

Blessed Advent to each of you and your loved ones! Advent is the time of patient expectation. As we await the celebration of Jesus' birth, we are reminded of our awaiting His Second Coming at the end of time. Our lives are not meant to be lived only in the here and now but in the fullness of eternity, in the glory of God. The Father sent His Son, Jesus, to look for us and to help us on the road to Paradise. May we turn to Him, seek Him, open our hearts to Him and learn from Him each and every day.

Sometime early in 2016, we offered a survey regarding Christmas Mass times and attendance. I shared the results with the Pastoral Council and the Liturgy Committee as well as the parish staff. I want to offer here some of the highlights from the survey. We had 812 respondents.

One surprising result was about Midnight Christmas Mass. Of the respondents, 68% indicated that they were not interested in attending Mass at that time while only 30% were. I remember growing up with Midnight Mass and have celebrated it in several of the parishes where I've been assigned. But it is not a time that would draw many people here at Saint Eleanor. Of course, we do have lots families with younger children which would make that time difficult.

An interesting result from the survey was that, of the respondents 70% attend one of the Masses on Christmas Eve, while 30% attend Christmas Day. That result is something that we, priests and deacons, have observed going through the Christmas Mass schedule these past few years.

Of the respondents to the survey, the overwhelming age group responding was 36-55 years old (64%). And, 59% were between 11 to 30 years in the parish. One final observation, a small number of people indicated an interest in an earlier time for the Christmas Vigil Masses than 4 pm. This is not possible as the earliest Vigil Mass time permitted by Church Law is 4 pm. We realize this is a very popular and very crowded time. It is impossible to get around the large crowd at that particular time as this is the earliest time permitted. However, let me share that the later Masses both on Christmas Eve and the Christmas morning Masses have space available for additional people and might be considered in your Christmas planning.

We are very aware of the parking situation at the 4/4:15 Masses. We are taking steps to try to assist those attending these Masses. We will have access to Ursinus College parking, off of Ninth Avenue. We will have 2 shuttle buses for those who park there, both before and after the Masses. If sufficient numbers take advantage of this opportunity, it will greatly help the situation on the parish campus. We will have more details available in the bulletin and on our website, so please check these out as you make your plans.

It is hard to believe that Christmas is coming so fast. But it is a truly joyful and blessed holy day. May we take full advantage of these Advent days to open our hearts, minds, bodies and souls to the gracious and transforming Love, who became flesh and blood, in order to redeem us and lead us to our Father.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken



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:610-489-4412). We will deliver/pick up the Statue for those who can't manage its size/weight.

Nov. 27: Karen Cedrone

Dec. 04: Amanda Hernandez

Dec. 11: Lisa Fuges

RCIA ~ Sessions on and about the Catholic Faith

Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM

was 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.

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.

First Sunday of Advent

Audio: Prepare the Way of the King

Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.



FOR OUR DECEASED: Thomas McClay, husband of Patricia

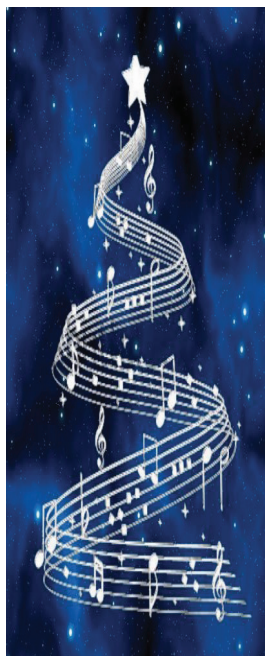
FOR OUR SICK: Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Joseph Art, Jr., Elizabeth Ashenfelder, Kathleen Bani, Lisa Caruso, Lori Bani, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Kathleen Beaudoin, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Deacon Manny Beltran, Brooke Bielski, Jackie Bielski, Arthur Buben, Jennifer Buczkowski, Diane Burg, Sandy Burns, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Monica Cipriani, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, 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, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Virginia Heinz, Joseph Heller, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Carisa Koziol, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Mike Creeden, 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, Don Mangialardi, Marie and Sarah, Barbara Marosky, 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, Lorraine 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., 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 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!

Adult & Children's Choir Christmas Concert

On December 11 at 4 p.m. the adult and children's choirs of St. Eleanor Church will present "Winter's Grace," a musical retelling of the Bethlehem story. This moving piece weaves together the season's most recognizable hymns for Advent and Christmas, supplementing them with prayerful narration. The concert is free to the public and approximately one hour in length.



In Gratitude for God's Generosity:

Tithing the Tithe Committee News

Knowing that God can never be outdone in generosity, and filled with profound gratitude to God for his manifold blessings to our Parish family, St. Eleanor Parish has committed to donate a percentage (for Fiscal Year 2015-16, 1%) of the ordinary Sunday collections to individuals in need and organizations involved with Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Here we provide information about the final four donations for Fiscal Year 2015-16 from our parish family...

Father Chuck's Challenge ~ An additional donation of \$334.40 was given to help Father Chuck's Challenge continue their mission of building homes and developing villages for families in need in Nicaragua and Haiti. For more information on Father Chuck's Challenge, please visit the website at <http://www.fatherchuckschallenge.com>. To donate directly, please mail checks to *Father Chuck's Challenge*, c/o Theresa M. Gilmore, 1020 Lake Lane, Pennsburg, PA 18073-1610. Please designate "ATTENTION: Father Kennedy" in the lower left corner of the envelope.

FOCUS ~ Fellowship of Catholic University Students ~ founded by Curtis Martin to help launch young adults into a lifetime of missionary discipleship. FOCUS sends missionaries onto college and university campuses as missionaries. Their success is truly remarkable; the work to be done overwhelming. Our donation to FOCUS in the amount of \$750 will support Juliana Coppa who is FOCUS Team Director at the University of California, Los Angeles. Juliana grew up locally in Trooper and is a Temple graduate. Each FOCUS missionary must raise the funds to support themselves as they do this work.

Check out their website at www.focus.org. If you wish to provide additional support for Juliana or for any of the missionaries working with FOCUS, you may do so at donations@focus.org or mail to PO Box 18710, Golden, CO 80402-9809. Their phone number is 303-962-5750.

Saint John's Hospice ~ this well know and well established outreach to Homeless Men in Philadelphia continues its long tradition of meals, help and support to those men in great need. Originally founded by Saint John the Evangelist Parish, it is an outreach of Catholic Social Services. A donation in the amount of \$500 has been made on behalf of our parish family. Check out their website at <http://saintjohnhospice.org>. You may provide your personal donations through that website or mail to Saint John's Hospice, 1221 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. They also are appreciative of donations of casseroles and even volunteers offering time at the Hospice.

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Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Sgt. Thomas Albany
1st Lt. Andrew Bone
Lt. 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 October 28, 2016

Regular Collection	\$ 27,451
Other Collections	\$ 1,053
Total	\$ 28,504
Diocesan Collections	\$ 5,896

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2016—October 28, 2016	\$ 454,602
July 1, 2015—October 28, 2015	\$ 438,859

YTD Tithing

2016-17	\$10,371
2015-16	\$ 3,318

**Regular Sunday collection figures now include YTD Tithing



The Divine Mercy theme for the month of November is "**Humility.**" Jesus once told St. Faustina, "With no other soul do I unite Myself as closely, and in such a way as I do with you, and this because of the deep humility and ardent love which you have for Me."

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.

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@steeleanor.com.

Holiday deadlines:

**December 25 Bulletin-Deadline is Noon on
December 12**
**January 1 Bulletin-Deadline is Noon on
December 16**



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@steeleanor.com to make the proper arrangements. Thank you!

P.R.E.P. children will be performing a **Corporal Work of Mercy** throughout the month of November! Families will be collecting and donating individualized packaged snacks to share with children who live at **St. Mary Franciscan Shelter for Homeless Families** in Phoenixville.



P.R.E.P. kids reaching out to St. Mary's kids ~ great work!



2017 Sacrament Dates

First Penance
Saturday, February 25, 2017

Confirmation
Saturday, April 1, 2017

First Holy Communion
Saturday, May 6, 2017



**GIVE YOURSELF AN EARLY
Christmas Present
REDISCOVER GOD'S MERCY**

Join Matthew Kelly and six other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-changing journey through Best Advent Ever™ Rediscover Mercy. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with simple tools that will help you rediscover God's great mercy so you can be an instrument of mercy to others.

This program is simple and free! Let mercy transform your relationships, work, and ability to embrace and experience all of life.

**TO LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP, VISIT
BestAdventEver.com**

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for December will be on **December 17**. 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, December 13

We are continuing our monthly **Mass for Healing**. Our next one will be on **Tuesday, December 13 in the chapel** 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@stleanor.com

CHRISTMAS

Starting Saturday, November 6, we will have special small denomination gift cards available—perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift-giving. The following cards will be available: \$10 Amazon, \$10 AMC, \$5 Barnes & Noble, \$10 Regal Cinema, \$5 Panera, \$5 Starbucks, and \$10 Target. **December 11** is the last day to order special gift cards for Christmas. Please plan ahead and keep this in mind so that you have all the scrip you need on time.

If you should have questions, please contact Madelyn O'Hara at 610-489-1647, ext. 25 or mohara@stleanor.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://cyo.stleanor.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.stleanor.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, January 14th. 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!

Remember to like us on Facebook!



The Perkiomen Valley Council 3633 of the Knights of Columbus of St. Eleanor and St. Mary Parishes are offering two scholarships to The Pope John Paul II Catholic High School.

Each scholarship is for an entering freshman and is limited to a one-year award of \$1500.00. These competitive Scholarships are available to any Catholic eighth grade student enrolled in either St. Mary School or the Holy Cross Regional School, or belonging to St. Eleanor or St. Mary Parish, regardless of where or how they complete their elementary education. The applicant must have made a request for admission to Pope John Paul II High School and received notification of eligibility prior to the awarding of the scholarship.

The application form will provide additional details. Applications and criteria will be available at Holy Cross School. If you have any questions or need assistance getting an application, please contact Joe Klobusicky at 610-653-0829. All essays and application must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2017.



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.



Once again I am making a plea for your assistance and help to extend *Christmas greetings* to all our adult

parishioners and visitors, and of course our children as well. Our past experience has confirmed that your presence, smile, warm greetings, your wish for a Merry Christmas means quite a lot and works wonders not only for those you greet but for yourself as well.

In addition to a warm and heartfelt welcome of everyone who comes into Church for Christmas, we will be distributing to all the adults a copy of our Christmas gift-book, *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly. I hear it is an excellent read. If a couple wishes only one copy that is fine but you should be focused on trying to give a copy to every adult. If someone wishes an extra copy that is fine as well.

We do this primarily before Mass begins. And because we need to have many volunteers for each of the Masses, we ask you to meet up with the others to work out the logistics to ensure every entrance is covered. We will need some limited help at the end of the Masses as well.

For planning purposes, for the 4 pm and 4:15 pm, please arrive one hour early. For the 6:30 pm arrive by 5:45 pm at the latest; for the 8:30 pm arrive by 7:45 pm at the latest. For Christmas morning Masses, please arrive *at least* one half hour early.

I am hoping that you will accept this invitation to be an integral part of our 2016 Christmas celebration at Saint Eleanor Parish. Please respond to this email or call the parish office at 610-489-1647, ext. 10. *Please provide your name, the Mass you will be attending, your e-mail address and phone number.*

Thank you!

The Giving Tree will be placed in the Narthex on November 26th. Several organizations will be represented. Please take a tag and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached on December 10th or 11th. Thank you in advance for your generosity and dedication to those in need.



WICS - St. Eleanor's Women In Catholic Service will **not** meet in November. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, **December 20th** at 7:30 in Vianney Hall.

Saint John's Hospice Needs Blankets



With winter approaching and the nights getting colder and colder, hundreds of our homeless brothers are sleeping outside with nothing to cover them but the clothes on their backs. We are asking for your help. Please consider donating new or gently used blankets to Saint John's today. There are no limitations to what size or color blankets are needed. Any and all are helpful! Blankets may be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular business hours.



Boy Scout Troop 119 Wreath Sale

As is tradition, these Fraser wreaths are a large 30" outer/16" inner diameter wreath. Decorations included are pine cones, artificial berries and a bow.
Cost of the wreaths is still \$20.00.

How to place an order:

This year's wreath sale will have a slightly different look. Orders will now be placed on-line or by phone. You will be able to pick up your order on the dates listed below. Follow this link... <http://www.troop119.net/> and click on "Christmas Wreath Order Form" (in the center of the page above the oval scout picture) to place your on-line order, or call 610-409-9006 (Dalton Roberto, your troop 119 scout representative) to place your order by phone.

Wreaths will be ready for pickup at St. Eleanor's, at the Kateri Meeting Room, the modular building in the church parking lot, on Sunday, November 27th between 4:00 and 5:00 PM or Monday, December 5th between 6:30 and 7:30 PM.



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 fund-raising 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.



Knock Knock!

Parishioner visits by members of our Legion of Mary are ongoing. It is their aim to systematically visit all members of the parish. Please welcome them if they visit your neighborhood!



Tickets for the 79th annual performance of Handel's "Messiah," presented by the Ursinus College Choir and Meistersingers, are now on sale. Performances on **Sat., Dec. 3rd at 7:30 p.m.** and **Sun., Dec. 4th at 2:30 p.m.** Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.ursinus.edu/tickets. Tickets are \$10.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 21-39)

THEOLOGY ON TAP

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016
AT 7 PM**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT**



**STOVE AND TAP RESTAURANT
329 W. MAIN STREET
LANSDALE**

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WWW.METANOLAYOUNGADULTS.WEEBLY.COM/**

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*As you can see elsewhere in the parish bulletin, we have been setting aside 3% of our ordinary Sunday collections for our Tithing the Tithe opportunities. Our Committee will meet shortly to review requests and begin making determinations of donations for this fiscal year. **Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish which allows us to do all that we do here in the parish and to also assist our brothers and sisters in need.***



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop



November 27, 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

On September 4th in Saint Peter's Square, Pope Francis proclaimed Mother Teresa of Calcutta a Saint to be honored by the Universal Church. In many ways, the canonization was just a seal of confirmation for a life lived in total dedication to God's people, especially the most neglected. The ministry of Saint Teresa and her Missionaries of Charity exemplifies for all of us the power of the Holy Spirit working through human beings, with all their talents and deficiencies, to give witness to Jesus and the Gospel.

Our many Religious men and women who have served our Archdiocese have given a similar example in education, caring for the sick and abandoned, and in a variety of apostolic endeavors geared to changing times. Likewise, our contemplative Religious, in lives of prayer and solitude, bring down upon us numerous graces.

With gratitude for their ministry over the years and conscious of the increasing demands of retirement care, each year our dioceses sponsor The Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. This appeal enables all of us to generously thank our Religious for their service and to let them know that we do not forget them in their needs, particularly in their later years.

As Archbishop, I ask that you remember all our Religious in prayerful remembrance and in generous support of the collection scheduled for December 3-4. I am quite sure that these men and women will appreciate your kindness and concern. May the Lord's peace abide with us all.

Gratefully in Jesus Christ,
+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

ST. ELEANOR CUB SCOUTS

HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m

Santa to appear 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

HOLY CROSS CAFETERIA

**\$5 per person (tickets at door)
(DONATIONS HAPPILY ACCEPTED ~
BENEFITS THE CUB SCOUTS)**



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

St. Mary of the Assumption Cemetery Plot Sale Running Now Till Nov 30th. Black Rock Cemetery – Phoenixville Jacquie Marburger, Business Manager, St. Mary of the Assumption Phoenixville, Phone: 610-933-2526.



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.



Maintenance/Custodial Full-Time Position There is a job opening for full time Night Maintenance/Custodial position available at Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford, PA. The hours for this position are from 2:00pm-10:00PM; five days a week. Please contact Ron Williams at 484-975-6500 ext. 3060 for further information and details.



Widow/Widower Social Group - If you have an interest In joining the Widow/Widower's Social Group at St. Ann Parish in Phoenixville, please contact Helene Kennedy at 610-933-0950 or hkennedy111@comcast.net.



Elvis Christmas & Country Show on December 3, 2016 at the East Greenville Fire Co. Buffet & Show \$30. Call 215-534-7725 for tickets. Benefits St. Teresa Christmas Fund for needy families.



Christmas Spectacular at LaSalle College High School Sunday, December 4th from noon to 4pm. This event is open to all shoppers, so call your girlfriends and come and join the fun. Ticket cost \$25 which includes a spectacular shopping experience and a delicious buffet lunch with drinks! Tickets for students are \$15. Walk-ins are welcome. Tickets at the door are \$30. Tickets can be purchased online at www.lchs.org/shopping and then click on the register button. QUESTIONS? Please email Karen Donahue at kjido-nahue@yahoo.com or Donna Marzullo at dtmarzullo4@aol.com.



Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School's Annual Craft Show is going to take place on December 3rd from 9-4 and December 4th from 8-2. Free Admission to shop over 100 crafters, try your luck at our fabulous Raffles and enjoy breakfast or lunch from our delicious kitchen. Located at Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School, 3040 Walton Road, Plymouth Meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.



Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Invite You To:

Kathleen McCarthy on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. Morning Session: 9:00 AM - Noon, Evening Session: 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Morning Session will include Conference, Exposition of the Eucharist, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Evening Session will include Liturgy of the Hours, Conference, and Healing Prayer Service with Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction. Come to one or both sessions! There are two separate programs; if you miss one you are welcome to come to the other session. Kathleen is Founder of Morning Star, New Dawn Ministries, and host of the popular weekly radio show, *In His Sign*. To register for an event contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508 olme@olme.org or 610-582-3333 or www.olme.org. All are Welcome! Bring a Friend! Your generous donation will be deeply appreciated.



St. Mary of the Assumption, 212 Dayton Street, Phoenixville, is holding their annual **Christmas Bazaar** at the Parish Center on Friday, December 2 – 5PM-8PM and on Saturday December 3-9AM-1PM. There will be a Gift Basket raffle, Secret Santa Shop, Gently used Christmas and Household items, Tombola, and a Bake Sale!!!! Come join us for dinner with Santa on Friday evening, breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning. Breakfast with Santa is free for children under 12, all others-\$5 per person.

As part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Fr. Dennis Gill will be leading a **pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes** on June 5-12, 2017. This Pilgrimage promises to be a deeply spiritual event in communion with the Mother of the Lord, with prayers for peace and healing for all of us, especially for the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For more on the 100th Anniversary of Fatima celebration, visit: <http://archphila.org/fatima/>



The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will hold a Special Event, "**Divine Mercy & The Flame of Love Grace**", on Friday, December 2, 2016, at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA 19096. The event begins with the Flame of Love Rosary at 2:00 p.m. and will end with a Holy Mass beginning at 5:30 p.m. celebrated by Fr. Jim Otto, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. Rev. James Blount, SOLT, and Rev. Chris Alar, MIC, will be the featured speakers at the event, which will also include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



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. Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) for more details.



Gaudeamus Music Ministry cordially invites you to our Silver Anniversary **Christmas Concert** Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Epiphany of Our Lord Church Plymouth Meeting, PA. Free will donation to benefit Amigos de Jesus, a home and bilingual school for orphaned children in Honduras.



Father Zachary Navit, Chaplain at Saint Mary Center, Lansdale, invites you to join him in celebrating the **100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima** with a **pilgrimage** to shrines of Portugal, Spain, and France from September 11-21, 2017. Daily Mass, round-trip transportation with airport taxes and fuel surcharges, accommodations at four-star hotels, all breakfasts and dinners, private guide, baggage handling, and more included for \$3295. For more information, visit www.selectinternationaltours.com, or contact Susan at Select International (800-842-4842; susan@select-intl.com).



A Night of Prayerful Celebration Join us at St. Titus Church, 3000 Keenwood Rd, East Norriton, every First Friday-First Saturday of each month as we celebrate an all-night vigil in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The evening begins at 8:00pm Friday and goes through 2:30am Saturday. Mass to the Sacred Heart begins at 9:00pm. Mass to the Immaculate Heart of Mary begins at 12:00midnight with prayer before, after and in between the Masses. For more information, contact Bella Kampmeyer at 215-820-1995 or kampmeyerbella@yahoo.com.



Free Video Series: The Bible and the Virgin Mary Join folks from all over the greater Philadelphia area in a 12 week long encounter with the Virgin Mary right from your own home! The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, founded by Dr. Scott Hahn, is offering limited-time free access to its new video Bible study series, The Bible and the Virgin Mary. You can access this 12-part series online at no cost beginning January 18, 2017. The videos can be used for individual or group study. To take advantage of this great opportunity to grow spiritually, sign up at: <http://www.bibleandthevirginmary.com/philadelphiahttp://>




Charismatic Mass St. Paul's charismatic prayer group will be having a mass on December 7, 2016 at 11am in St. Paul's Convent chapel located at 353 East Johnson Highway, East Norriton, PA. The celebrant will be Father Edward Hamilton.

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