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ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

March 26, 2017



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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

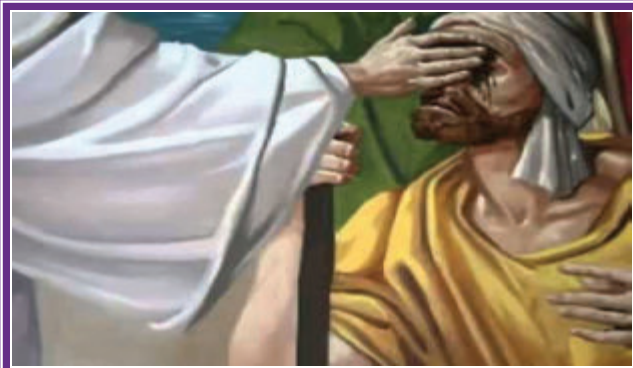
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): For adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or adults in need of Confirmation. Meetings are held during the school year. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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. 31. *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 OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY

MARCH 26, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 25

4:30 Anthony R. Capaldi

Sunday, March 26

7:30 Umberto Pellegrin
9:00 George and Mabel Finnin
10:30 Theresa Kraynak
12:00 PM Anne Monaghan
7:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Monday, March 27

6:30 Albert and Nancy Viola
9:00 Matthew Derfler (2nd Anniv.)

Tuesday, March 28

6:30 Aloysius Nase
9:00 Joseph Geigus

Wednesday, March 29

6:30 Judy Arnold
9:00 Mimi Anzalone

Thursday, March 30

6:30 Paul Henderson
9:00 Pat Loy

Friday, March 31

6:30 Charles Sauermelch, Sr.
9:00 Rose Splendor

Saturday, April 1

9:00 Rocco Delmonte
4:30 For the People of the Parish

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:



- ~ Rylie Jane, daughter of Michael Byrne and Brittany Maser
- ~ Aiden Peter, son of Sean and Lisa Cunningham
- ~ Matthew Thomas, son of Thomas and Kim Mullins
- ~ Ella Grace, daughter of Mark and Lisa Stong

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, April 2, 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

~ Offered in memory of Mildred Stamm to honor Our Blessed Mother, requested by Buzz and Madelyn McGee



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

Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:

~ Mary Jane Foley on the 3rd anniversary of her death, given by friends



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.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Call Kevin at 610-489-4412 to schedule a week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We will deliver/pick up the Statue for those who can't manage its size and weight.



Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

For the month of **March** we will be praying for our pastor emeritus, **Father John Franey**, 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,

Here we are at the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday. Today you'll notice the Rose colored vestments. As we are more than half-way to Easter, I want to remind all of you that we have a special Easter gift for our parishioners, an excellent book from Dynamic Catholic by Allen Hunt, "Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody." It shares 12 stories of real people who discovered the life-changing power of grace. You already know the quality of Matthew Kelly's products. This is another great book from his organization.

We will distribute a book to each adult in attendance on Easter. ***To be sure that all those who come to celebrate the risen Christ on Easter get their copy we need once again the help of our regular, faithful parishioners to welcome, greet and distribute this gift.*** The sense of community and good feeling that came about with all those who have helped us in the past is something worthy to note and to repeat.

We are Christians ~ Christ Bearers. Part of our discipleship is welcoming, greeting, helping and sharing with others, especially those who come into Church for whatever the occasion. ***I need your assistance! God needs your willingness to reach out and touch those around you! Will you step up to the plate once again? I know you will be glad when you do!***

If you are willing and able to help out, please contact Jean at the Parish Office at jphillips@steleanor.com or 610-489-1647 with your name, e-mail address and phone number, and **what Mass you are willing to assist at.** Remember we have double Masses at 9 and 10:30 AM (Church and Campion Hall). Many thanks!!!

Our Gospel this weekend is about the man born blind and cured by the power of Jesus. This is an awesome miracle. As the cured man testifies, no one had ever given sight to a person blind from birth. He becomes a believer, a disciple, when he realizes that Jesus is the Christ, the long awaited Messiah. He sees with the eyes of the soul and now with the eyes of the body by God's grace.

On the other hand there are all those who are able to see with their physical eyes. They are raising doubts, posing questions, exhibiting skepticism, even threatening repercussions against the cured man. They are what we might call "the know-it-alls," self-style intellectuals who believe they alone have all the answers in every circumstance. Because they think they "see," their blindness is very deep indeed. They do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah although He is standing right in front of them, exhibiting His power as Savior.

Our Lenten pilgrimage is meant to help us regain or sharpen our sight ~ our spiritual sight, the sight of the soul, to recognize Jesus in our brothers and sisters, to know the invisible realities present all around us, to seek after the greater gifts that last for all eternity. How are we doing?

Prayer, fasting, acts of abstinence are all elements that help train our minds and bodies to be attentive to the gift of Jesus' presence in the Sacraments, in Holy Mass, in the words of Scripture, in our brothers and sisters. Let us persevere onward to Holy Week and Easter ~ when we will joyfully celebrate the gifts of mercy, healing and infinite love revealed by the incredible Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. How glorious it is to live in His light and to see with His eyes the world around us.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken



St. Eleanor Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration- in Our Lady Chapel

Are you looking to experience a deeper, more thoughtful Lent? Instead of giving up chocolate, please consider spending an hour with the Lord in Adoration. If you would like to be added to our sub list, please email Perpetualadoration@steleanor.com. Picking up an open hour can be an uplifting Lenten activity!

**Tuesdays 7 AM
Tuesdays 5 PM
Thursdays 10 AM
Fridays 8 AM**

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

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. It has been 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.

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 call one of our priests at 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.

Audio: Our Lady of Sorrows

Join speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn, mother of six, and a convert to the Catholic Faith, as she reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ. An easy way to prepare your heart as we draw closer to Holy Week...listen on your phone, computer or tablet while driving or doing chores!



FOR OUR DECEASED: Kathy Plucinski, mother of Amy Zawislak; George Daher, brother of Mary Myers; Muriel Corrigan, wife of Gerald

FOR OUR SICK: Catherine Alexander, Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Joseph Art, Jr., Elizabeth Ashenfelder, Kathleen Bani, Lori Bani, Lisa Caruso, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Kathleen Beaudoin, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Deacon Manny Beltran, Jackie Bielski, Mary Bruno, Arthur Buben, Diane Burg, Sandy Burns, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Anthony Cicippio, Monica Cipriani, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Ed Coyle, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Marie Cunningham, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Vince DiDonato, Ron DiNicola, Pat DiPiano, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, John Doyle, 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, Elizabeth Groff, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Virginia Heinz, Joseph Heller, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, Bud Leo, 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, Marianne Marcello, Barbara Marosky, Elaine Maxcy, Agnes McCarver, Ed McDade, Jaime McNutt, Doreen Keckley Meader, Allison Leo Mitchell, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Gabe Muscella, Chucky Nelson, Marion Niedzolkowski, Marie Olszewski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, 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, Anne Marie Stoudt, Yoshiko Strohleim, 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 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 March is "Mercy." On March 27, 1937, Jesus told St. Faustina: "My daughter, do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My Mercy. I will make up for what you lack.

Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My Merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace." (1074)

If you would like to know more about St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy, please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in Our Lady's Chapel. For more information, please call Gerry Daly at 610-454-7984. **There will be no Divine Mercy Chaplet on Thursday, April 13, Holy Thursday.**



AMAZING PARISH ~ AMAZING DISCIPLESHIP EASTER 2017

Like we did at Christmas, we have a gift for each adult attending Easter Mass this year to help deepen the gift of discipleship within each of us. It is a gift of an excellent book from Dynamic Catholic by Allen Hunt, "Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody." It is 12 stories of real people who discovered the life-changing power of grace. We, of course, are in need for our regular and faithful parishioners to help us give out this Easter gift to each adult who comes. It is a simple task and one with many built-in rewards. Just sign up for one of the Masses (your preference), arrive early, welcome our arriving congregants to Mass, wish them a happy, blessed Easter as you hand them a copy of the book. Please contact Jean at the Parish Office at jphillips@stleanor.com or 610-489-1647 with your name, email address and phone number, and what Mass you are willing to assist at. Many thanks!!!

Saint Vincent de Paul Vehicle Needed
One of our clients is in need of a car to get to work. If you would like to donate a car to a needy family please contact Kathy Zavrotny at (610) 489-3911. Thank you.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending February 24, 2017

Regular Collection	\$ 27,165
Other Collections	\$ 602
Total	\$ 27,767
Diocesan Collections	\$ 7,334

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2016—February 24, 2017	\$ 916,176
July 1, 2015—February 24, 2016	\$ 917,175

YTD Tithing

2016-17	\$ 24,788
2015-16	\$ 8,283

**Regular Sunday collection figures now include YTD Tithing



***Pray for Those Serving
Our Country***

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

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



**SAINT ELEANOR PARISH
PRESENTS**

Family Italian Night

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017
5:30-8:00 PM**

**HOLY CROSS GYMNASIUM/CAMPION HALL
FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE OUR WEBSITE~
WWW.STELEANOR.COM, OR THE FLYERS ON THE
TABLES NEAR THE CHURCH ENTRANCES.**



*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.*

**ST. ELEANOR PARISH PRESENTS:
A TRIBUTE TO "THE JERSEY BOYS"**

Take a journey back in time as this group performs show-stopping hits such as "Sherry," "Walk Like a Man," "Working My Way Back to You," and more!

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Imperials Catering
40 East 1st Avenue, Trappe
\$45 per ticket - Adults only
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. - Dinner at 7 p.m.
BYOB

To Purchase Dinner Show Tickets visit:
[http://imperials catering.com/
events_shows_ticket_sales](http://imperials catering.com/events_shows_ticket_sales)
or call Lee at [610-570-6141](tel:610-570-6141).
Limited event seating. First come first served.



DISCOVER THE RICHES OF
THE MASS

A Five-Part Bible Study Featuring Edward Sri



Dates, Times, Location

March 2 from 7-8:30PM in Kateri Hall and continuing every Thursday for 5 weeks.

Cost/Registration

There is a \$20 per person fee for the workbook.

For More Information

Contact Erin Trautman at 484-619-1023 or etraut93@gmail.com.



In **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass**, you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before. You will discover the rich meanings behind why we say what we say and do during the Liturgy. The words and gestures of the Mass will be seen in a new light, leading you to a more meaningful, more fruitful worship experience.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Chris Cusatis Memorial Fund offers two \$250.00 scholarships for eligible 3rd and 5th grade students from Saint Eleanor and enrolled in the St. Eleanor PREP Program or Holy Cross Regional Catholic School.

The scholarship honors Chris' commitment to service for the Church. If you are a 3rd or 5th grader who has performed service for the Church in the past year, write a brief (1-2 page) essay about your service to apply for the scholarship.

The essay will be evaluated based on the genuine demonstration of service, as Chris admired hard work and commitment to the parish. All submissions can be sent to cjcscholarshipfund@gmail.com by April 23rd.

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for April will be on **April 8**. 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. Moriconi.



**Mass for Healing
Tuesday, April 18**

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

**Looking Ahead
Important Dates**

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



*We are asking our parishioners to donate candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. We are looking for **wrapped** candy—no nuts, please—that will fit in a plastic Easter egg. Receptacles will be at each church entrance and also in the school from March 1 through April 2. Thank you in advance for your assistance.*

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



2017 Catholic Charities Appeal Update

Our parish response to the Catholic Charities Appeal this year is off to a solid start. Thank you to all of you have taken the time to make your pledge or send in your donation. This is a vitally important and needed Appeal that allows us to participate in the archdiocesan efforts to share the love of Jesus with countless numbers of people who are in need.

As of 3-5-17, our parish family has made 186 donations (3rd in the Archdiocese), with gifts totaling \$29,357 (7th in the Archdiocese) which is 29% towards our parish goal of \$100,823.

Please prayerfully consider your gift and participation in this beautiful work of Catholic Charities, *Giving Hope to All*. You may use the envelopes sent to your homes or pick up one at the Church entrances. You may also go online to donate at catholiccharitiesappeal.org. Each and every gift, large or small, has an impact and accomplishes so much good. May God bless all our efforts on behalf of those in need.

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.



St. Eleanor CYO in conjunction with Pope John High School will be holding JV Girls Volleyball Clinics on Sunday April 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th & May 7th from 6:00-8:00 PM and Monday April 17th from 6:00-8:00 PM. ALL St. Eleanor Parishioners entering 5th and 6th grade in September 2017 are invited to participate. Any questions please contact Ryan Sell at 814-207-1189 or rsell01@gmail.com. Please note there is limited space so please act quickly if you are interested.

Varsity Head Coaching Opportunity: We are looking for a Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach. Interested applicants should contact Jim DeBald (jdebald@yahoo.com) or Chris Phillips christophermphilips@yahoo.com). **CYO will be holding GIRLS JV and Varsity Basketball Clinics.** All St. Eleanor Parishioners are welcomed and invited to come and work on basketball fundamentals. The rising 7th & 8th grade clinics will be held on Wed., May 31 and Wed., June 7 from 6:00 to 8 PM. The rising 5th & 6th grade clinics will be held on Thursday, June 1 and Thursday, June 8 from 6 to 8 PM. There is no charge for this clinic, but we would like to have an idea of the number of girls attending. Therefore, if your daughter wishes to attend, or if you have any questions, please email SECYOCLINIC@gmail.com. Additional information can also be found on the St. Eleanor CYO web site <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/>.

SE CYO DANCES: CYO sponsors monthly dances throughout the school year. **Individual Dance Passes** 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 Last Dance of the 2016-2017 school year will be held on Saturday, May 13th.** Contact Dan Cordrey with any questions: 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!



**Special Denomination
Gift Cards In Stock**

- AMC Theatres \$10 Rebate 8%
- Barnes & Noble \$10 Rebate 9%
- Panera Bread \$5 Rebate 9%
- Regal Theaters \$10 Rebate 8%
- Starbucks \$5 Rebate 7%

Please note that we will not sell SCRIP on the following dates: **Palm Sunday Weekend, April 8/9 ; Good Friday, April 14; Easter Weekend, April 15/16; Easter Monday, April 17.**



Lenten Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday
6:30 and 9:00 AM

Stations of the Cross in Church

Wednesdays at 1:45 PM (school)
Fridays at 7:00 PM

Parish Lenten Confessions

Wednesdays after morning Masses and 6:30-7PM
Saturdays from 8:00 to 8:45 AM and
3:30 to 4:15 PM
Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 PM
Also by appointment

**Collegetville-Trappe Ministerium
COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

Wednesday Nights in Lent at 7:30 PM

Mar. 29 – St. Luke’s, Trappe - Contemplative and
Meditative practices using our senses
Apr. 5 – Trinity UCC, Collegetville - Praying with
Icons, figurines and pictures



We cordially and warmly invite you to a special encounter with the story of our Lord's Passion and Death enacted by the eighth grade students of Holy Cross

Regional Catholic School on **Monday, April 10 at 1:15 and 7pm** at St. Eleanor Church. It is always most inspiring and a wonderful way to begin Holy Week.



Check out the cds and books in the Lighthouse display rack in the narthex. There are items that we have ordered especially for Lent.



**Encounter Lent With The
42nd Annual CRS Rice Bowl**

This year's Rice Bowl seeks to open a path to a culture of encounter through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This Nationwide Lenten program gives people of all ages a tangible way to respond to human suffering through compassionate action. Find stories of hope, recipes, and daily reflections for each of the six weeks of Lent by visiting www.crsricebowl.org.



We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different. Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a FREE, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness ~ and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

<http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>

Blessed is She We are women, just like you. We are single, married, mamas, and grandmamas too. Here at Blessed is She, we help foster community, through daily devotions straight to your inbox. We walk with you on this crazy journey as a daughter of the King. Enter into a community full of women just like you.
<https://blessedisshc.net/>

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF
PENANCE FOR LENT 2017**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.



This Lent, journey with Bishop Barron and over 300,000 others! We'll delve into each morning's Gospel to grow closer to Christ...as he makes his way to the Cross.

<http://www.lentreflections.com/>



**For the 4th week of Lent,
watch SYMBOLON Episode 6
The Paschal Mystery
The Mystery of Jesus' Death & Resurrection**

Register today: Go to FORMED.ORG & enter the parish code HJEEM3 (all caps).

You will be asked to enter your email address and create a password. In the future, just log in with your user name & password. Enjoy!!!

Footsteps to the Cross

Bethany Music Ministry will present *Footsteps to the Cross*, Palm Sunday, April 9th at 7:30pm at St. Titus Church, 3000 Keenwood Rd., East Norriton. "Footsteps" is a prayerful meditation focusing on the final hours of Christ as told through Scripture, narration and music. It is a powerful look at the Way of the Cross and what it means in our contemporary world.



**The Bible and the Mass
The Jewish Roots of Christian Liturgy**

8 week DVD Bible Study
A Biblical Tour of the Mass

- Can't We Just Talk? Why Worship Needs More than Preaching
- The Mass as Heaven on Earth: The Eucharist and Christ's Coming
- The Last Supper and the Lost Tribes of Israel
- David, the Thanksgiving Sacrifice, and the Eucharist
 - The Fourth Cup and the New Passover
- You Snooze, You Lose: Why You Should Wake Up for the Offering of the Gifts
 - Q&A Session

Starts: Feb. 21, 2017 from 7PM to 9PM

Where: Guadalupe room

Contact: Giuseppe Scillia at 610-608-3516

Children's Liturgy of the Word will not be in session Palm Sunday, April 9th and Easter Sunday, April 16th. Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes its normal schedule on Sunday, April 23rd! Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter Season!



Bulletin Deadlines

All information and announcements to be published in the bulletin need to be in the Parish Office by the Thursday that is ten days prior. Flyer inserts need to be in the Parish Office two weeks ahead of the desired bulletin date. Bulletin information and inserts should be e-mailed to jphillips@stleanor.com.

All bulletin submissions for Easter, April 16, must be in the office NO LATER THAN Monday, April 3.



A belated thank you from A Baby's Breath for the wonderful support for the Giving Tree Donations! These baby items will further our mission to help a mother to see her child take his/her first breath. Also a sincere thanks for your continued support via the Tithing the Tithe program!



Nine Holy Cross Regional Catholic School students participated in the Montgomery County Science Research Competition held this month at Ursinus College. The following 6th grade students were recognized: Holly Binkowski won 2nd Place and will go on to compete at Delaware Valley Science Fair; William Yacovelli earned 3rd Place in Earth & Space Science; Jessica Carlini received a special award from the Association of Women Geologists; Gabriella Yacovelli achieved a special award from the Gardeners of the Crooked Billet. The following 7th grade students were recognized: Kelly O'Connor and Anna Marie Patti collaborated to earn a special award from the GSK Integrated Biological Platform Sciences Department. Congratulations to these students and their moderator, Mrs. Jennifer Hitchner.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

In spring thoughts often turn to sprucing up, why not freshen up your relationship also? Look at your marriage in a new way on a Weekend of Discovery. You deserve it! Coming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are March 31-April 2 at the Great Valley Sheraton in Frazer, and July 7-9 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Early registration is highly recommended. Visit our website at: www.wwme-philly.org or contact Al & Mary Liz Heumann at 610-449-1859.



Savor the Flavor 2017 - Casino Royale ~ "Shaken Not Stirred" - Please join us at Pope John Paul II High School for our biggest fundraising event of the year, a restaurant fair and auction. Sat., April 1, 2017 from 7:00-11:00PM in the PJP Gymnasium. 181 Rittenhouse Road, Royersford. To purchase tickets (\$50 per person) please go to the www.pjphs.org where you will find more info.



Villa Maria Academy High School, a Catholic college preparatory school in the tradition of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, empowers young women to lead lives of spiritual growth, intellectual inquiry, and Christian service. Villa Maria, located in Malvern, has scheduled Preview Breakfasts for 6th and 7th graders and their families on April 3 and 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This will offer a "sneak peek" at high school life at Villa Maria. Our Practice Exam for 7th graders will be held on Saturday, April 29 and May 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Villa Maria is also offering Visit Villa Days for 7th graders on May 10, 15, and 18. Visitors will receive a preview of our school community by attending classes and having lunch with current students. If interested in these events, please register online at www.vmahs.org.



Rachel's Vineyard Ministries will be hosting a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion on **April 7-9, 2017**. This retreat will be held in **Doylestown, PA**. For more information call **Evelyn at 215-317-5752** Or email at evelynwalsh59@gmail.com. Read more about it online at www.rachelsvineyard.org. All requests are strictly confidential.



Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist invite you to spend time with **Father Jeremiah Shryock, C.F.R.** Tuesday, March 2, 8, 2017: Morning Session: 9 AM — 12 Noon, Evening Session: 7PM—9PM Morning Session includes Conference, Exposition of the Eucharist, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass. Evening Session includes Liturgy of the Hours, Conference, and Q & A. Fr. Jeremiah Shryock was faced with the "reality of God" during a post-high school road trip across the US. His religious convictions continued to strengthen while he studied philosophy at Kutztown University. Despite personal struggles and opposition, he forsook his former unfulfilling lifestyle in 2002 to join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. He is passionate about being a guide to those who are searching for God, the source of peace and happiness. To register for an event contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508



Roman Catholic High School invites prospective students for the Class of 2022 to visit the school on Wednesday, March 29th for **7th Grade Visitation Day**. For additional information or questions regarding the day call (215)-627-1270 ext. 146 or e-mail admissions@romancatholichs.com. Roman Catholic High School will hold a **7th Grade Practice Test** on Saturday, April 8th from 9:00 AM – Noon. This is an opportunity for 7th graders to prepare for the Scholarship Entrance Test required in the Fall of 2017. Online registration is available at RomanCatholicHS.com. For additional information or questions regarding Roman Catholic High School's admissions process call (215)-627-1270 ext. 146 or e-mail admissions@romancatholichs.com

A Baby's Breath Run for Life 2017 – Please come and enjoy a morning of family fun on Saturday, April 8th at the Norristown Farm for the annual Run for Life – benefitting A Baby's Breath Crisis Pregnancy Center – helping moms and their families for 17 years! 1 Mile Fun Run 9 am; 5K Run 9:30 am. Walk, Run or Wheel Please register at http://www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR_RFL.html. For more information, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski, Race Director at 610-316-6281 or budswed@verizon.net.



St. Francis of Assisi Church in Norristown will be holding their **Palm Sale** in the school gym, Buttonwood and Oak St. on Friday, April 7th (11 am - 5 pm) and Saturday, April 8th (9 am - 12 pm). We will also be selling homemade candies and homemade baked goods. Come help celebrate with us. Thank you!



Pope John Paul II High School – Open House – Wednesday, March 29, 2017 6:30 P.M. Students of all ages are welcome! Come let the PJP Student Ambassadors show you around our beautiful school, as they share their experiences and answer questions that are important to you and your family. You will have the opportunity to meet our administration, teachers, and coaches. We look forward to seeing you and your family on March 29!



Immaculata University will hold its **Empty Bowls** event on Thursday, April 6, from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of Immaculata University, near Malvern, PA. All proceeds from the event benefit the West Chester Food Cupboard. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$40 for families. Participants will receive a handcrafted bowl, one door prize raffle ticket, a choice of soups, bread, desserts and beverages. There will also be raffle items available. Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. Guests are invited to a simple meal of bread and soup. The empty bowl is taken home to serve as a reminder of the many people locally and globally, for whom an empty bowl at mealtime is a daily reality. Several local restaurants are generously donating the soups to Immaculata for the event. For more information about the Empty Bowls event, please contact Madeline Christenson at mchristenson@immaculata.edu. Tickets will be available at the door or online at <https://www.iuemptybowls-2017.eventbrite.com>.



Catholic Social Services (CSS) has ongoing **job opportunities** available in its programs that serve individuals with intellectual disabilities at St. Edmond's Home for Children, Divine Providence Village and Don Guanella Village, and its programs serving dependent youth at St. Francis & St. Vincent Homes for Children. Most positions are for entry-level Direct Care Professionals or Youth Care Workers, along with occasional supervisory or professional positions including nurses and social workers. Salaries are competitive and all positions offer excellent benefits packages. Career advancement opportunities and tuition assistance are available for those with superior job performance. We are a mission-driven organization that seeks to hire individuals who appreciate a faith-based Catholic work environment that provides regular opportunities for spiritual enrichment and personal growth. For more information, contact: For St. Edmond's Home, Divine Providence Village and Don Guanella Village Bud Murphy at 484-472-5048 OR bmurphy@chs-adphila.org. For St. Francis & St. Vincent Homes for Children Denise Hilbert at 215-642-3091 OR dhilbert@chs-adphila.org.

Job Fair for Developmental Programs Division of Catholic Social Services Offered in conjunction with the Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants & Refugees and Office of Hispanic Catholics at Archdiocese of Philadelphia auditorium- 222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 7:00 - 9:00pm.

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