



*I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.*

John 14:6

ST ELEANOR CHURCH

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August 25, 2019
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH REGISTRATION: New to the parish? Please call for an appointment with one of the priests
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 8am to 7pm, Friday: 8am to 3pm, Saturday: 9am -1pm

CLERGY

Msgr. Michael T. McCulken, Pastor
Rev. John A. Franey, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Alessandro Giardini, Parochial Vicar
Msgr. Thomas A. Murray, In Residence
Deacon John A. Hasson
Deacon Edward T. Hinson

PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Linda Coyne, Finance Director
Ms. Janet Genuardi
Mrs. Laura Jusko
Mrs. Jean Phillips
Mrs. Madelyn O'Hara

SACRED MUSIC

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Matt Kirsch

Parish Office Summer Hours

M-Th - 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Fri - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sat - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending July 26, 2019

Regular Collection	\$	30,888
Other Collection	\$	331
Total	\$	31,219
Diocesan Collections	\$	165

Week Ending August 2, 2019

Regular Collection	\$	23,653
Other Collection	\$	1,463
Total	\$	25,116
Diocesan Collections	\$	60

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

June 30, 2018– August 2, 2019	\$	120,953
June 30, 2017–August 2, 2018	\$	133,989

YTD Tithing

June 30, 2018—August 2 2019	\$	3,628
June 30, 2017—August 2, 2018	\$	3,831



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

Mass Schedule

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am,
12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 to 8:45 am; 3:30—4:15 pm
(Wednesdays after Masses
By appointment anytime.)

PERPETUAL ADORATION

In Our Lady Chapel
(except 9am Saturday—2pm Sunday)

EDUCATION

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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

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

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Scheduled most Sundays at 1:00 pm. Please make arrangements in advance with one of the priests. First-time parents attend Pre-Jordan, a Baptismal Preparation meeting usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm.
Pre-registration with the parish office is required at least 7 days prior to the class. 610-489-1647.

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

ANOIDING 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.

Bulletin—All info and announcements to be published in the bulletin are due to the Parish Office by the Thursday ten days prior. Flyer inserts are due to the Parish Office two weeks ahead of the desired bulletin date. Bulletin information and inserts should be e-mailed to jgenuardi@steeleanor.com.



Dear Friends,

Our Scripture readings seem a bit scattered thematically speaking this weekend. Some weekends they focus on one specific theme, other times they are more diverse. Nevertheless, the Word of God is always rich, enlightening and directive. Our Gospel acclamation is most straightforward, “*I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.*” These words of Jesus remind us that He is truly our Savior, the One who redeems us and sets us free. Because of Him, may we take to heart the concluding words of our second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, “*So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.*”

It has been many months since we concluded our *Discipleship and Generosity Effort for 2019*. You recall that it was an invitation to consider our level of charitable giving in light of our discipleship. Conscious of how eternally generous God is towards us, we give charitably from His many gifts to us so as to reflect Him in our lives to others. We also focused on the fact that our charitable giving is a conscious decision, one that we ought to review regularly.

Please know of my profound gratitude to all who responded so generously, increasing their charitable giving to our parish. Some of our families returned their commitment cards, sharing with us the determination they reached about their charitable giving. We are also aware that some families increased their giving to the parish without returning the commitment card. Thank you one and all for taking the time to look at your level of charitable giving and to make a decision as to what you are able to do for 2019, whatever your decision was.

We did receive from the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia a detailed report about our *Discipleship and Generosity Effort for 2019*. The results reported by them are based on the commitment cards that were returned to the parish, which indicates a projected yearly increase in Sunday collections of over \$76,000. Additionally, a number of folks took the opportunity to provide a one-time gift to our parish. Once again, heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you for your generosity and commitment as disciples of the Lord Jesus!

Many of you, as I do, read and listen to Bishop Robert Barron, a truly remarkable and engaging evangelist in our times. If you follow him, you know that he has written a book entitled, *Letter to a Suffering Church, A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis*. Perhaps many of you have picked up a copy of it. Bishop Barron’s organization, Word on Fire, made the book available at a very reasonable cost and so we have copies available at the Church entrances, free of charge. Please pick one up as you leave Church. We have included with the book a FAQ sheet that highlights many important points discussed by Bishop Barron in his book. The book was written to encourage Catholics who are demoralized, angry and confused. We are making available Bishop Barron’s book hoping that it might help at least some of our people as we navigate these difficult times. The Word on Fire website is: www.wordonfire.org. You will find more information there as well.

Next weekend is the ending of summer for so many, Labor Day weekend. May everyone have a safe and enjoyable holiday. Please remember there is **no** 7 pm Mass next Sunday, September 1.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken

Labor Day- Monday , 9/2

Join us for Mass
9am (no 6:30 am)

Perpetual Adoration

will close Thursday, August 29th
at 9 am & reopen Tuesday,
September 3rd after 9 am Mass

Parish Office closed Monday,
September 2

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

9:00 David F. Witman

4:30 Margaret Hindley

Sunday, August 25

7:30 The People of the Parish

9:00 Raymond Stepnowski

10:30 Deceased members of
the Heil Family

12:00 Victor Pollock

7:00 David Pierson

Monday, August 26

6:30 Sp Int of Kyle, Marie &
Zovonimir Souvlj

9:00 Thomasina Morano

Tuesday, August 27

Saint Monica

6:30 Rose Irene Santora
(1st Anniv.)

9:00 Joyce Mickiewicz

Wednesday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Todd Barbuto

9:00 Lou DiGlovan

Thursday, August 29

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 Frank McManus

9:00 Stanley Grabish

Friday, August 30

6:30 Cullen Keffer (5th Anniv.)

9:00 Dean Dellana

Saturday, August 31

BVM

9:00 Jiovamin Mazzamuto

4:30 The People of the Parish

Rose of Resurrection in Memory of: Katelyn Lewis on the 5th anniversary of her death given by her Aunt, Angela Lewis

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

Rose for Life To reserve a Rose for Life, call Donna Kolb, 610-547-0478. Cost is \$8 per request.

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.

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, September 8th at 2 pm in Kateri Hall. First-time parents need to attend & may attend this program before the birth of your child. **Pre-registration with the parish office is required at least 7 days prior to the class.** Baptismal paperwork is due **two weeks** prior to Baptism.



FOR OUR DECEASED: Louis Julg (father of Robert)
FOR OUR SICK: Catherine Alexander, Cass Buben, Ralph Bucher, Connie Clarke, Joseph Clarke, Georgia Cordrey, Richard Dylinski, Joan Earhart, Tom Fuller, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Amy Hahn-Kirsch, Connie Henzler, Carl Janicki, Courtney Kirsch, Msgr. James McBride, Agnes McCarver, Martha Meng, Debbie Palumbo, Doris Palumbo, Steven Pinto, Paul Schneider, Dr. Edward J. Szymala, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Bernadine Wahalla, Joan White
OUR LITTLE ONES: Corey Gramazio, Noah Ellingsworth

PRAY for THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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

Fr. Truong Le SVD is visiting with us this weekend to speak about the many ministries of his religious community the Divine Word Missionaries. They are an international religious community of missionary priests and Brothers serving in 80 countries helping to build chapels, celebrate the sacraments, and spread the Word of God in the remote mission communities. Over 6,000 active missionaries travel to the far corners of the world building hospitals to care for the sick, educating the poor, teaching the hungry to farm, and providing life's necessities like drinkable water, food, and shelter. We help people neglected and forgotten by society to build a better future and foster vibrant Catholic communities of service and faith around the world. This Mission Appeal is part of the Mission Coop Program of our Diocese. Please be generous in the second collection to help support the ministry of Mother of Perpetual Help Center in Thailand.

DIVINE MERCY

The theme for the month of August is "Union".
 United with Jesus St. Faustina was enabled to plead for the salvation of souls. From this union, her mission of mercy was powerful while she was on earth and continues even now from heaven.
 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 Mary Ann at 610-409-2622.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

Call Kevin 610-489-4412 to schedule a week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We will deliver the statue for those who need assistance.
 Sept 01: Open, Sept 08: Lisa Fuges , Sept 15: Kevin Strnad, Sept 22: John Miller

ROSARY

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION

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

PRAYER WHEEL FOR PRIESTS and DEACONS

For the month of **August**, we will be praying for **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.

SACRED MUSIC MINISTRY

We invite you to share your talents.

Did you know that there are over 1000 verses in the Bible that reference music—singing hymns of praise, blowing of trumpets, making a joyful song unto the Lord! You are invited to share your talents and become a member of St Eleanor's Sacred Ministry. All involved seek to celebrate the Liturgy in a manner that promotes participation by all with exultation and reverence.
Join us!

All inquiries for all Sacred Music Ministries, contact Elizabeth Calabro at 610-489-1647 x 22 or

KEYBOARDIST NEEDED

The Spirit Revival Band is searching for a keyboard player to join them!
 The group rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm and share music with the 7pm Mass on Sundays.

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

Growing as a Disciple of Christ

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

Please sign up to help on Saturday, September 14, from 12-2 for our 4th great Amazing Harvest Festival!. Volunteer as an individual or as a family.

To Volunteer to help please email Dolores at: doloresstleanor@gmail.com or Shanise at Shanise.Depaul@gmail.com. Thank you.

Saturday, September 14th's Amazing Harvest Festival will run from 10AM-2PM. All games, including bingo, are free to play, with many special surprises!

Ticket

Willie Wonka has nothing on us! **This year we will be having a drawing to win the "Golden Ticket."** If you are a student actively participating at the Festival, and win the Golden Ticket, you will be eligible for a choice of a \$200 gift card or \$200 credit to be applied directly to your grade school or high school tuition. Please come for the fun, come for the joy!

Friends and family welcome! .

Young Adult Bible Study to continue...

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



Attention boys and girls of Saint Eleanor's Parish!

Become an Altar Server

Come and join the noble cause of serving at the altar!

Age: 5th grade (new) and up!

Dates for Orientation coming soon

To sign up, please contact Father Giardini at the parish office-agiardini@stleanor.com

Join and help serve God and your parish family!

Lector Ministry

Has anyone ever complimented you on your speaking voice? Do you wish you could do more to help spread God's Word? Why not use your talents to proclaim the Word of God as a lector at Mass!? Training and preparation is provided and the time commitment is not extensive and is flexible. Lectors read at weekend Masses, Holy Days and other special Masses during the year. Lectors must be at least age 14. Child safety clearances are also required. Contact Mark Pinto at lectorpinto@hotmail.com

JOIN SAINT ELEANOR'S Youth Choir!

Children in grades 3-8 are welcome!

Information session and first rehearsal on
September 5 at 6:00 pm in the Church.

Please contact Elizabeth Calabro at
ecalabro@stleanor.com for more information.



Walking with Purpose
will be back this fall starting
Thursday, October 3rd.

Watch the bulletin and parish website for details.

@sainteleanorparish
Follow us!





Coming Soon

August 27 —Mass for Healing
 September 12—Protecting God' Children Training
 September 14—Amazing Harvest Festival
 September 14—Padre Pio Prayer Group
 September 15—Catechetical Sunday
 September 22—Children's Liturgy of the Word begins

MASS FOR HEALING

August 27 —7:00 pm

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Next Meeting and Mass - September 14th

9:40-Prayer & Confession

10:30— Mass & blessing with Padre Pio's relics

SCRIP

SCRIP Gift Cards

are available for a variety of items: tools, clothes, entertainment, favorite restaurants & more.

SCRIP HOURS

Mon.—Thurs., Noon— 7:00 pm and Friday, Noon—4:00 pm in Parish Office; Before & after Saturday Vigil Mass & Sunday 8:00 am—12:00 Noon in Narthex

St Vincent DePaul Society



'Back to school' can be an additional burden to our families in need with children. The purchase of school supplies, clothing, shoes, backpacks and lunch boxes may mean delaying payment of a utility bill or rent. **Please consider purchasing \$25 Walmart or Target gift card to help meet this and the ongoing needs of growing children. Gift cards may be dropped in the Poor Box or the Parish Office. Thank you**

Protecting God's Children Training

Thursday September 12 - 6 pm

Holy Cross cafeteria

To register, go to:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18461&theme=



Save the Date
Amazing Harvest Festival
 September 14th
 10 am—2 pm

SCOUTS

Are you interested in joining our Cub Scouts? St. Eleanor Pack 707 is accepting new registrations for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade! We also accept students from the surrounding area and districts! You can register online anytime at the scouting.org site.

Our pack will have a registration and information event on SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2019 FROM 8:30AM-12NOON in the Kateri Room (beige trailer off of the church parking lot). Stop by to find out more about our program and sign up!



HOLY CROSS REGIONAL SCHOOL

A School United in Faith, Hope, and Love

www.hcrc.school

Have you considered sending your child to Catholic School?

Registration is open at Holy Cross Regional Catholic School for students in Pre-K through 8th grades.

Call 610-489-9434 ext. 1 for more information.

Help Us Support the Spiritual and Academic Tradition of a Catholic School Education!

The experience of a Catholic school education is shared and valued by many of us.

*Direct donations help fund resources and technology for Holy Cross Regional Catholic School

*PA EITC tax credits provide scholarship opportunities to families who desire a Catholic education but need assistance in making that dream come true.

*Through the generous participation of companies and individuals like YOU the EITC program at Holy Cross was able to provide over **50 students** with scholarship assistance for the coming school year.

*Your help to continue to provide this support is still needed. Please contact Paul Klauder at 610-676-2225 or pklauder@seic.com to learn more. Thank you!

Catholic Charities Appeal Update



Thank you to all of you have taken the time to make your pledge or send in your donation. This is a vitally important 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 7-18-19, our parish family has:

- 765 donations (1st in the Archdiocese)
- \$107,936 pledged (6th in the Archdiocese)
- 80% of parish goal achieve

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.





Programs for Young Disciples

YOUTH MINISTRY



BOLD (Becoming Our Lord's Disciples) is Saint Eleanor's high school youth group. All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for BOLD nights and high school events.

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

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

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

P.R.E.P. Religious Education 2019 – 2020

Registration for **Family Option**, Levels 1 – 6, home-based catechesis, is now open!

New families: please visit www.steleanor.com/prep and complete the online application and learn more about this new exciting program!

Returning families: To register for **Family Option**, please go to <https://www.parishgiving.org> to access your account.

Contact **Parish Giving** directly if you forgot your username and password by calling **866-307-7140**.
Contact Teri Lahey, 610-489-4677 with questions

JUNIOR LEGION of MARY (ages 8-17)

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

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



CYO News—<http://cyo.steleanor.com>

St Eleanor Catholic Youth Organization is open to all 5th through 8th grades, 9th—12th grades (Basketball only & Co-Ed Volleyball in Spring), and 1st through 3rd (Pee Wee Track/Cross Country) children of our PARISH. Please update your family information, including e-mail address. This is how CYO Registrar, AD, &/or your child's coach will contact you for meetings, practice schedule, etc.

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

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

Has your email address changed? If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed.

CYO WEBSITE <http://cyo.steleanor.com> **** Remember to Like Us On Facebook!**

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

Coming Soon!

Sunday, September 15, 2019 Opening of a New Catechetical Year

Each year the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops proposes a theme for the new catechetical year. This year's theme is **"Stay with Us."**

All those **parishioners who are involved** in a catechetical ministry (Catholic schoolteachers, volunteer catechists and facilitators, RCIA instructors, Pre-Jordan and Pre-Canal leaders, and Children's Liturgy of the Word volunteers) are **invited to attend the 9:00 Mass** for the annual blessing and commissioning to open the new catechetical year.

Catechetical Sunday is our opportunity to recognize, celebrate, and thank these men and women for their participation as disciples of Jesus in the teaching mission of the Church!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

will resume at the **9 am** and **10:30 am Mass** beginning Sunday, **September 22**. We look forward to sharing God's Word with your children! We wish to thank all of the volunteers who plan to serve in this special ministry this coming year. In addition, we always **welcome new volunteers!**

If you are interested in joining this beautiful ministry for our parish children, please contact Teri, llahey@steleanor.com or phone 610-489-4677.



MINISTRIES

Altar Cross Society	Take care of altar linens	Irene 610-287-8552
Cenacles of Life	meet each week to pray the rosary to end abortion. Tuesdays, 6:00 PM, Chapel	Rita 610-489-1929
Charismatic Prayer Group	Strives to develop a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit, Scriptures & the Mass. Wednesdays 7:30pm Vianney Hall	Joann 610-584-6552
ChristLife	Helping people discover, follow & share Christ as members of the Church.	Frank 610-650-8457
Church Cleaning Ministry	Group who beautifies our church each Monday	Ginny 610-539-9543
Church Decorating Group	Enhance our church each season	Margarida 215-888-7509
Couples for Christ	Couples & families supporting each other in the quest to live for Christ	Jinky 610-454-5754
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Assists with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and/or to our homebound.	Nancy 610-659-0237
Gardening Angels	Help keep our campus beautiful.	Rachel 610-409-9408
Hospitality	Plans events to make all parishioners feel welcome.	Leslie 610-948-9122
Knights of Columbus	Meet 2nd Sunday of each month serving St Eleanor & St Mary	Robert 610-783-4106
Lector Ministry	Read at weekend Masses, Holy Days and other special Masses. Must be age 14.	Mark-610-792-1679
Legion of Mary	Lay ministry giving service to parish, visiting parish households and meeting for weekly prayer	Richard 610-489-3891
Lupus Support Group	Providing support, prayer and hope for those with this autoimmune disease	Christie 610-489-2761
Men of St Joseph	Meet for prayer & reflection on the Sunday readings every Friday after the 6:30 am Mass	Anthony 610-489-8812
MOSES. (Men of St Eleanor)	Strengthen and encourage men to be strong husbands, fathers and neighbors	Sandy 610-409-0587
Pilgrim Statue	Traveling blessed image of the Virgin Mary	Kevin 610-489-4412
Pray the Rosary	M-F after 9:00 Mass; Wed evening 7pm, chapel	am Betty 610-489-3742 pm Angie 610-489-9903
Respect Life Committee	Promotes Gospel of Life through prayer, witness and education	Chris 610-409-0179
St Vincent DePaul Society	Through corporal works of mercy, SVDP bears witness to love of Christ by helping those in need	Maureen 610-489-1647
Ushers	Assist during weekend liturgies, Holy Days & special occasions	Butch 610-584-0225
Walking with Purpose	Catholic women's Bible study	Maureen—610-454-0650
Welcoming Ministry	Greet and welcome parishioners before Mass	Bettie 610-933-7243
Women's Guild	Gather to celebrate fellowship	Celeste 610-409-8808



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Mary Mother of Captives—support group for families coping w/loved one in prison. Held 1st Thurs/mo at St Cyprian, 2nd Thurs/m at St. Charles, Drexel Hill. 610-259-3178, MaryMotherOfCaptives@Augustinian.org

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Monthly On-Line Support Group—Last Thursday of month -On-line 8-9 pm. August 29. St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Adult Children of Divorce/ Separation" www.nonnatus.org or email director.srnf@gmail.com. 215-870-9913.

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Little Sisters of the Poor, Saturday Sept 8 \$150/couple. Drexelbrook Banquet Center; send to Holy Family Home, www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.com

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Widows and Widowers- Our New Beginnings group is an opportunity to socialize with in a supportive environment; meets monthly during school year, first Wed/month, 7pm in St. Helena's. Our first three meetings held on Sept. 4, Oct. 2, and Nov. 6. Janice Baker at janlb@comcast.net or call 610-278-9916.

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Courage/Encourage Ministry—Courage, an apostolate of the Roman Catholic Church, ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their families. Info-call (215) 587-4505 or .philadelphia@gmail.com or visit: phillycourage.com. Confidentiality is assured.

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Regina Nursing Home **Annual Bazaar**, September 7, 8:30 am—2 pm 550 E Fornance St, Norristown Vendors welcome. Kathleen at 610-272-5600

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Healing Service at St. Mary Magdalen, Media Sept 9 with Fr. Jim Blount . 6:30 pm Rosary 7pm Mass

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Saint Mary Feast- Sept 7 & 8. Sat, raffle baskets & Attic Treasures w/music 5-7:30pm. \$20. Sunday- food, fun 1- 6:30pm. 40 Spring Mount Road, Schwenksville. www.churchofsaintmary.org. 610.287.8156

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Tea with Therese! 4-wk course at Fatima House in Bedminster, Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Sept 10- Oct 1. Same course held on-line on Thursday 8-9 p.m. on Sept 13. <https://www.catholiclifeinstitute.org/calendar/special-events/>

Married Couples Retreat: Malvern Retreat House, Sept 13-15. Directed by Deacon Anthony Cincotta. MalvernRetreat.com or 610-644-0400

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National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children—Sat, Sept 14, 2-3pm. Join us for memorial service in our community: St. Eleanor's Unborn Memorial, Rita , 610-489-1929 or provida-ita1@gmail.com. Let us remember victims of abortion & pray for end to this injustice during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

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Remain in My Love Mini-Conference on Marriage. Sept 15, 2-4:30 pm. Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Free; Childcare provided; RSVP at <http://archphila.org/remain2019/>

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Deepening Centering Prayer Retreat. Sept 15-19 at Mother Boniface Center, Phila. 267-350-1830

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The **Role of the Laity** in a Time of Crisis -an evening of reflection on the mission of the laity and learn what you can do to purify and heal His Church. RSVP at phillyevang.org/events. Options for this talk: Tues, Sept 17, 7 pm, St. Stanislaus, Lansdale and Mon, Oct 7, 7pm, St. Andrew Olde Church, Newtown

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Alpha Course- Visitation BVM in Trooper, 10-weeks beginning Thursday, Sept 19, 6:30pm. There is an "Information Night" on Thursday, Sept 12, 7pm in the Junior High school library. Call/text Joe 610-715-1593, or Ed 610-608-8629. www.alpha.org.

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Golf Tournament benefits St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Church, Fri, Sept 20, 11am, Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville. \$85, \$25/banquet only. Kathy 610-326-5127) or contact@sagsm62.org.

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AbbeyFest: Faith, Music and Family Festival, Sept 21, 12-9:30 PM. Join over 4,000 Christians for a day of music, praise, prayer, sacraments and fun. Daylesford Abbey, Paoli, <http://www.theabbeyfest.com/>

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Corpus Christi Bingo September 28th, doors open at 9 am, admission \$25 (includes lunch) Laurie at 610-584-5694 or geraldponticello@comcast.net