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## **ST ELEANOR CHURCH**

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# Welcome



December 23, 2018  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Thursday: 8am to 7pm, Friday: 8am to 5pm, Saturday: 9am -1pm

## CLERGY

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

## PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Linda Coyne, Finance Director  
Mr. Ted Locker, Facilities Manager  
Ms. Janet Genuardi  
Mrs. Laura Jusko  
Mrs. Jean Phillips  
Mrs. Madelyn O'Hara

## SACRED MUSIC

Ms. Elizabeth Calabro, Director  
Mrs. Mary Barbuto, Organist

Ms. Mary Kate McGuigan—Ministry  
Development Director

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Matt Kirsch

## COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

### Week Ending November 30, 2018

(Revised)

Regular Collection	\$	27,544
Other Collection	\$	1,926
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,470</b>
Diocesan Collections	\$	601

### Regular Sunday Collections

#### Fiscal Year-to-Date\*\*

June 30, 2018–November 30, 2018 \$ 591,478  
June 30, 2017–November 30, 2017 \$ 605,137

#### YTD Tithing

June 30, 2018—November 30, 2018 \$17,744  
June 30, 2017–November 30, 2017 \$18,154

## Mass Schedule

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

## SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

**Homebound Parishioners:** Communion is brought to the sick in their homes. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

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

## EDUCATION

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

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**PREP:** After-school religious instruction for children in grades K - 6. Classes held on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Teri Lahey, at 610-489-4677 x31.

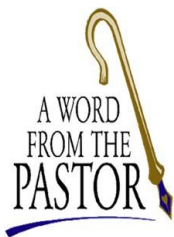
**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Offered to the younger children during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses on Sundays September through May.

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



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

**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](mailto:jgenuardi@steeleanor.com).



Dear Friends,

With this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we draw upon, within two days, the solemn feast of the Birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! This pivotal event is the fulcrum of all human history. It is the definitive change in human history's trajectory. God has come down to us in Jesus Christ and nothing in this world will ever be the same again.

This does not mean that we live in paradise, that there is no suffering, that all pain is gone in this world. It means that all of this is now redemptive, *if* we join these experiences and ourselves to Jesus Christ. Like Mary, who heard Elizabeth say, "*Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled,*" we must consciously open our hearts and souls to the Word and accept Jesus as the Christ, the anointed, the One (and the only One) who saves us. Jesus is so much more than "the reason for the season." Jesus is God made flesh, who lifts us up to God and fills our souls with the divine life by grace.

Jesus came into this world to do one thing. He came to do the will of the Father, to offer Himself up in sacrifice, to die on our behalf so that we might live. How humble He is, how obedient, how surrendering to the Father's Will. By His sacrifice on the Cross, we are consecrated to God, set free and made temples of the Holy Spirit to offer spiritual sacrifices to God our Father.

This Christmas, and throughout the Christmas Season, make it a point to go the Creche (Nativity set) in your homes or here in Church and gaze upon the Face of God. Contemplate what He did, who He is. Give Him thanks and ask Him for whatever grace you need to be His disciple, to be all that God has created you to be. The world tries to convince us that it, and what it contains, holds the keys to happiness. Such is the lie, repeated over and again. If it were true, Jesus would never have needed to come into this world.

The answer to our longings, our desires, our dreams comes to us from God, in whose image and likeness we are made. It is the Baby of Bethlehem, who is the Lamb of God on the Cross, who is risen, ascended, glorified, and who will come again, Who answers all our questions and leads us on a sure and certain path to the fulness of life, here and hereafter.

***Blessed and Merry Christmas to you and yours from all our priests, deacons and parish staff!!***

God bless you, God love you,  
Monsignor McCulken

#### **Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:**

Louis Cerritelli on the anniversary of his death given by son Michael  
Francis Cerritelli on the anniversary of his death given by brother

Michael

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

Offered in memory of William Feist given by Madelyn and Buzz McGee

#### **Christmas Holidays Schedule**

December 24— 4:00, 4:15 (school), 6:30 and 8:30 pm

December 25—7:30 and 10:00 am, 12 noon

December 31—4:30 pm vigil for Holy Day  
11:00 pm—Holy Hour

January 1—9:00 & 10:30 am, 12 noon (no 7:00 pm Mass)

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

##### **Saturday, December 22**

9:00 Richard Groff

4:30 Deceased members of the McMorrow Family

##### **Sunday, December 23**

7:30 Deceased members of the Heil Family

9:00 Fran and Elwood Bernstiel

10:30 Pat McMorrow

12:00 Dominick Buccella

7:00 The People of the Parish

##### **Monday, December 24**

6:30 The People of the Parish

9:00 Michael S. Petriello (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

4:00 CHRISTMAS MASS

4:15 CHRISTMAS MASS

6:30 CHRISTMAS MASS

8:30 CHRISTMAS MASS

##### **Tuesday, December 25**

##### ***Nativity of the Lord***

7:30 CHRISTMAS MASS

10:00 CHRISTMAS MASS

12:00 CHRISTMAS MASS

##### **Wednesday, December 26**

##### ***Saint Stephen, The First Martyr***

6:30 **No 6:30 Mass**

9:00 Jane Mullen

##### **Thursday, December 27**

##### ***Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist***

6:30 Walter Hauck

9:00 Dennis Dugan

##### **Friday, December 28**

##### ***The Holy Innocents, Martyrs***

6:30 Deceased members of the Tomko Family

9:00 Jack S. Kurtz, Jr.

##### **Saturday, December 29**

##### ***Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr***

9:00 James Himsworth, Jr.

4:30 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.

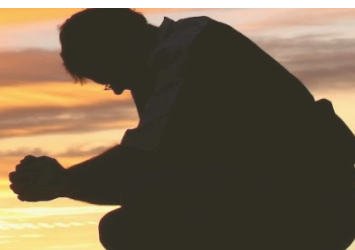
**Luke Bennett, son of Derek and Shannan Behrens**

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, January 6th 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.



# PRAYER



## FOR OUR DECEASED:

**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, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Jackie Bielski, Cindy Borowski-Burns, Bob Buda, Diane Burg, Florence Burkett, Sandy Burns, Cass Buscaglia, Nora Calabro, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Trish Caufield, Marc Chevrier, Michael Christie, Monica Cipriani, Joseph Clarke, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Lori Craig, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Nicholas Cruciani, Marie Cunningham, Mary Ann Daley, Eric Davis, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Isabella DeSimone, Vince DiDonato, Ron DiNicola, Pat DiPiano, David Dolan, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, John Doyle, Pamela Drayton, Claire Esposito, Vito Fabiano, Dorothy Fairbanks, Mary Filippini, John Fitzgerald, Neil Florio, Sandy Forcine, John Fritz, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Elizabeth Groff, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Karl Hampton, Marjorie Hebard, Virginia Heinz, Bobby Henzler, Deacon Tammy Hockenbrock, Tonia Hopkins, Margaret Jones, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, JoAnne Leap, Bud Leo, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Kathleen Lewis, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Marion Lukens, Joe Lutz, Francis Magee, Maryanne Magee, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Anthony Maiale, John Mancini, Judi Mandronicho Marie and Sarah, Barbara Marosky, Rose Massino, Laura McCandless, Agnes McCarver, Ed McDade, Elizabeth McDade, Kathleen McFadden, Paul McFadden, Valerie Milne, Allison Leo Mitchell, Flora Monteiro, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Gabe Muscella, Bob Newton, Marion Niedzolkowski, David O'Neill, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Mark Osisek, Donna O'Sullivan, Francis Panfile, George Pastino, Ed Pressler, Rachel, Bill R., Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Carolyn Rider, Marjorie Rigg, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Betty Rowlands, Carol Ann Roy, Linda Sauer, Monsignor Francis Schmidt Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, David Sebok, Angela Shinal, Bob Smith, Joseph Smith, Anne Marie Stoudt, Yoshiko Strohlein, Brian Sullivan, Dennis Sullivan, Daniel Taormino, Howard Taormino, Latonya Taphorn, Ron Tautkus, Maggie Terrance, Michael Troemel, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Jaclyn Tyson, Cristina Utti, Dominic Vacanti, Ted Valis, Jr., Juanita Vasas, Sharon von Clef, Billy Watts, Nancy Wenrich, Ken Whichard, Barbara Witman, Pat Willits, Beverly Zapata, Albrette Zvarik

**OUR LITTLE ONES:** Brian Bruder, Elizabeth DePaul, Damien John Erskine, Brandon Gallagher, Baby Corey Gramazio, Maggie Lutz, Baby Nicholas Manzi, Kiera McMahon, Baby Zachary Sinnk, Isaiah Thoxton, Baby Dell Tolas, Justin Wichner, Baby Evan Gerhold, Kate Greco, Kyce, Baby Nicholas Taphorn, Christopher Younossi

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

## DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy theme for the month of December is "Mary." On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception when the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Faustina she asked that St. Faustina practice the three virtues dearest to her and most pleasing to God. These are humility, purity and love of God. St. Faustina practiced these virtues faithfully. Can you? 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 Chapel. Information, please call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

### CHRISTMAS ADORATION HOURS:

Close- Saturday, December 22 at 9 AM Mass  
Open- Thursday, December 27 after the 9 AM Mass

### NEW YEAR'S ADORATION HOURS:

Close- Saturday, December 29 at the 9 AM Mass  
Open- Wednesday, January 2 after the 9 AM Mass  
\*\*Once again this year, there will be a special **Holy Hour** starting at 11 PM on December 31 followed by Benediction at Midnight. All are welcome to attend.

We need a few good men and women! We have some times, especially in the overnight hours, that have your name on them!  
[perpetualadoration@steeleanor.com](mailto:perpetualadoration@steeleanor.com)

## ROSARY

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

## 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 can not manage its size & weight. Dec. 23: Kevin Strnad

## PRAY for THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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

## PRAYER WHEEL FOR PRIESTS and DEACONS

For the month of **December**, we will be praying for **Deacon John A. Hasson** and all his intentions. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons, please call Betty Rowlands at 610-489-3742.

# Growing as a Disciple of Christ

In August *The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* announced the establishment of the *USSCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism*. The committee will focus on addressing the sin of racism in our society, and even in our Church, and the urgent need to come together as a society to find solutions. The *Ad Hoc Committee on Racism* invited all (arch)dioceses to host a USSCB Listening Session on Racism. The Listening Session on Racism is an opportunity for the Church to listen to its members and others who have been harmed by racism or its effects. Selected speakers will share their experiences in an environment of prayer that will allow an understanding of the weight of the harm. We hope to call the Church to a renewed reflection on these harms that leads ultimately to healing.

## USSCB Listening Session on Racism

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Monday, February 25, 2019— 7:00 pm

In preparation for the listening session the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will host several events to discuss this very important topic within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**, Monday, January 21, 2019, 6:30PM; Music Prelude, 7:00PM

**The Racial Divide**, Bishop Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Belleville. **Saint Joseph University**, Chapel of St. Joseph, 5600 City Avenue, Philadelphia

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**FORMED** offers free downloadable books, Bible studies, video & movies with a Catholic focus. Log on at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and sign up using your e-mail address & Parish Code: **HJEM3**



## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation

**Tuesday, January 1st**  
**Vigil—December 31—4:30 pm**  
**January 1st Mass Times**  
**9:00 & 10:30 am, 12:00**

## Tithing the Tithe

In our 3rd year of St. Eleanor's *Tithing the Tithe* program, fiscal year 2017-2018, the Parish continued to donate 3% of the ordinary Sunday collections to individuals in need and organizations involved with the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy within our local and greater Philadelphia community as well as for missionary works in other lands.

Over **\$36,000** was donated to worthy ministries.

Our *Tithing the Tithe* efforts place us in the heart of the Gospel, in the heart of Christian living. To quote Matthew Kelly, "God is by His very nature generous. God wants to convince us of His generosity, and in turn wants us to live generous lives."

MOM'S HOUSE - \$500  
BIRTHRIGHT OF POTTSTOWN - \$500  
ABBEEFEST MINISTRIES - \$2,500  
BLESSED SARNELLI COMMUNITY - \$1,000  
METANOIA YOUNG ADULTS ~ \$1,000  
FATHER CHUCK'S CHALLENGE - \$5,000  
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - \$6,000  
SISTERS OF LIFE - \$1,000  
A BABY'S BREATH - \$5,000  
SAINT JOHN'S HOSPICE—\$1000  
TRINITY MISSIONS—\$5000  
SAINT EDMUND'S HOME—\$1900  
SUMMER WORK CAMP EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH GROUP—\$1500  
DIOCESE OF SAINT THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS—\$5000

## 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 Music Ministry. All involved seek to celebrate the Liturgy in a manner that promotes participation by all with exultation and reverence.

**Join us!**

### A CALL FOR CANTORS

The primary role of a cantor is to lead & invite the congregation to actively participate in singing during Mass.

**All parishioners who have received the sacrament of Confirmation are eligible to become a cantor.**



**Adult Choir rehearsal have begun. Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Church.**  
**Join us!**

**All inquiries for  
all Sacred Music Ministries, contact  
Elizabeth Calabro at 610-489-1647 x 22.  
[ecalabro@stleanor.com](mailto:ecalabro@stleanor.com)**





### COMING SOON

**January 6—Holy Hour for Vocations**  
**January 8—Mass for Healing**  
**January 19—Padre Pio Prayer Group**  
**January 27—Holy Cross School Open House**

### Holy Hour for Vocations

On **Sunday, January 6, 2019**, parishes across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will come together as a community of faith to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. So that as many people can participate as possible, Holy Hours for Vocations will be held at various parishes in the Archdiocese. These Holy Hours are designed to unite Catholics across the Archdiocese in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. During these Holy Hours, we ask Christ to help us bear the fruit that He intends to harvest through adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**St. Eleanor, Collegeville**, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
*(Before the 7:00 pm Mass)*

### MASS FOR HEALING

**January 8**  
**7:00 pm**

### PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

**Next Meeting and Mass - January 19**  
**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.

**No SCRIP Sales December 22-26**  
**or December 29-January 1**  
**The last day to place an order for Christmas is**  
**Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.**



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### The Pantry is bare!!



### St Vincent de Paul Society /St Eleanor Conference

With the change into colder and wet weather, the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Saint Eleanor's is experiencing a higher volume of visitors from local neighbors in need. Please help us to provide for these families in their time of struggle with your always generous donations.

Donations can be left in boxes at the front of Narthex at any time.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Perkiomen Valley Council 3633

**P.O. Box 116**

**Schwenksville, Pennsylvania 19473-0116**

### The Knights of Columbus – Perkiomen Valley Council #3633 Scholarship

The Purpose of the scholarship is to recognize two freshman entering Pope John Paul II High School and will award two scholarships in the amount of \$750 each for each academic year, totaling \$3,000 each over 4 years.

### Who is an eligible applicant ?

A current eighth grade student in either St. Eleanor or St. Mary's Parish, regardless of where or how they complete their elementary education.

Has a completed application on file at JP II HS

Has a completed financial aid application on file at PJP HS

**What criteria is used in evaluating?** Eligibility is based on financial need. Students will fill out the financial aid forms with PJP HS

<http://kofcknights.org/Councils/Scholarship%20Announcement%20202019%20draft.pdf>

**Metanoia**-Catholics in their 20s & 30s to deepen faith & meet fellow Catholics. [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) or Facebook.

**Tuesday, January 8:** Bible Study, St. Rose of Lima, North Wales

### Archdiocese Safe Environment Efforts

There is nothing more important than the safety of our children. Providing a safe environment for the young people entrusted to our care through parish activities is vital. With God's continued guidance and grace, for over a decade the Archdiocese has put in place policies and procedures to protect the children in our care, some of which exceed those required by law. We appreciate the invaluable commitment and continued compliance of our volunteers at Saint Eleanor.



## 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 night 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>

*Children's Liturgy of the Word* ministry is seeking volunteers to assist the lead catechist during the 9 am and 10:30 am Mass. No experience required! Just a willingness to help children listen to Jesus' message! If you are interested in learning more about becoming involved in this beautiful ministry, please contact Teri Lahey at 610-489-4677 ext 2232, or [tlahey@steleanor.com](mailto:tlahey@steleanor.com)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will not hold session on Sunday, December 23 and December 30 during the 9 am and 10:30 am Mass! Children's Liturgy will resume Sunday, January 6.



CYO—<http://cyo.steleleanor.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.

**CYO Spring Sports Registration** will begin Sunday, January 6th and ends on Sunday, January 20th & is open to registered St. Eleanor's Parishioners only that are currently in 1st through 8th grade boys and girls.

- JV & Varsity Baseball, JV & Varsity Softball, Girls JV & Varsity Lacrosse, Boys Varsity Lacrosse, Track, Pee Wee Track (1st thru 3rd grades, Varsity Track 4th thru 8th graders JV & Varsity Tennis, Varsity Golf, High School Coed Volleyball. Registration and payment are only available through the CYO website: <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/>
- Please update your family information, including e-mail address. This is how CYO Registrar, AD, &/or your child's coach will contact you

-Looking for **CYO Spirit Wear** for your son or daughter? 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. Consider us as you complete your donor card. 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.

-Remember to Like Us On Facebook!

### Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

A new year of activities on the way!!

### \*NEW\* BOLD Music Ministry Starting!

Music is a universal language that has the power to move us in remarkable ways. I know there are high school teenagers who have an incredible gift of music...whether that is playing drums, guitar, piano, singing, or the kazoo we would LOVE for you to be a part of our new B.O.L.D. Music Ministry.

We invite you to consider being a part of this new component of our program. Please email [Matt Kirsch](mailto:Matt.Kirsch@gmail.com) with any questions [mkirsch@gmail.com](mailto:mkirsch@gmail.com)

### 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 in Kateri.

Contact Laura at [laurajusko@gmail.com](mailto:laurajusko@gmail.com) or 215-390-0933

### PLAYGROUP

Please join us in Vianney Hall on Wed mornings after Mass (please attend with us) -11:45am. All ages are welcome to join us for play and fellowship! Contact [geraldine.petr@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine.petr@gmail.com)



## 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

**Midnight Mass for New Year's and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.** Tuesday, January 1- 12 Midnight. The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Celebrate the New Year and the feast of Our Lady at Midnight Mass.



**St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center** presents:  
Jan 4, 7-8:30pm Sacraments Series (Holy Orders)  
Jan 8, 7-8pm American Saints: Blessed Stanley Francis Rother

True Reformers of the Catholic Reformation 7-8 pm

Jan 15: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Jan 22: St. Thomas More

Jan 29: St. Philip Neri

Call for details: 215.679.2237



**College-Age\* Retreat** ( 17-22 yrs ) . January 4 – 6, 2019. Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point. Whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. \$135 per person, double occ. Some financial aid is available. *High School Seniors are welcome.* 609-884-3829 [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org).



**St. Genevieve Parish Pro-Life Lecture**, January 10, 7pm. The lecture will focus on the role of the laity & offer suggestions on the ways we can best work to convert the culture, especially on life issues. Speaker: Marie Joseph, Founding Executive Director of Legacy of Life Foundation & Women's Crisis Pregnancy Centers. 1225 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, 215-836-2828

**Young Adult Retreat** , February 8 - 10. Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point for ages 22-35, married or single. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. \$135pp, double occ. [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or 609-884-3829. Some financial aid is available



**Retrouvaille** for Stressed or Troubled Marriages, February 8-10. A healing program that offers a welcoming and loving space to married couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope that it is not too late for a different and better marriage. Malvern Retreat House.



Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family and Faith offers healing services & resources to families and individuals in need of support during challenging times especially separation and divorce. [www.nonnatus.org](http://www.nonnatus.org) or by calling 215-870-9913.



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The Pregnancy Loss Support Group is open to all women who have lost a child during pregnancy. For information on meetings, contact Melissa Haines at 267-481-5332 or [Melissa.haines86@gmail.com](mailto:Melissa.haines86@gmail.com)

### Holy Hours of Reparation and Petition for the Scandals of the Catholic Church.

All invited to a monthly holy hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to ask for His mercy upon His Church in this moment of profound crisis. Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Monthly on Sundays 5:30-6:30 pm. <http://cathedralphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Have-Mercy-monthly-holy-hours-002.pdf>



Souderton Adult Day Care Center

Souderton Adult Day Care Center is a specially designed environment for seniors who may still live at home but whose needs require professional assistance.

This program is offered through the Office of Catholic Housing & Community Services of the archdiocese. In addition to the benefits of this program, having loved ones in this safe and pleasant environment can provide much needed respite and support for the family.

Hours -M-F 7:30 am—5:30 pm

Contact 267-219-7986