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St. Eleanor Church

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January 22, 2017



PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Michael T. McCulken, Pastor

Rev. John A. Franey, Pastor Emeritus

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Deacon John A. Hasson Deacon Edward T. Hinson

Mrs. Linda Coyne, Finance Director

Mr. Matt Kirsch,

Director of Parish Services

Mr. Dan Weckerly, Music Director

OFFICE STAFF

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

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Monday to Friday: 6:30 AM

Monday to Friday: 6:30 AM Monday to Saturday: 9:00 AM PERPETUAL ADORATION
In Our Lady Chanel (except 9AM)

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

<u>BAPTISMS:</u> 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.

<u>MARRIAGES:</u> 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.

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

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

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

EDUCATION

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PREP: After-school religious instruction for children in grades K thru 6. Classes held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Contact Ms. Teri Lahey, Director of Religious Education at 610-489-4677 ext. 2232. Children's Liturgy of the Word: Offered to the younger children in the parish during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9AM Mass on Sundays. G.I.F.T.: Junior High Program is held on select Sundays. Contact Mr. Matt Kirsch at 610-489-1647 ext. 15.

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

<u>FINANCE COUNCIL</u> Meets five to six times a year to advise the pastor on financial and administrative matters of the parish.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 22, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

4:30 Saturday, January 21
Delia A. Smith

Sunday, January 22

7:30 Jane Alba

9:00 For the People of the Parish

10:30 Elizabeth Magno12:00 PM Anthony Giangiulio7:00 PM Josephine Trabert

Monday, January 23
Saints Vincent & Marianne Cope

6:30 Francis Byrnes (1st Anniv)

9:00 Elizabeth Smith

Tuesday, January 24

6:30 St. Francis de Sales
Josephine DiRado (1st Anniv)

9:00 Barbara Yuengling

Wednesday, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle 6:30 Barbara Bruckner

9:00 Michael Giambrone

Thursday, January 26

6:30 Saints Timothy & Titus 6:30 Albert & Nancy Viola 9:00 Maryann Tufillaro

Friday, January 27
St. Angela Merici

6:30 Richard Coletta 9:00 Ernest Fanaro

Saturday, January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00 Ronald Gibson 4:30 Theresa Warliga

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

Baptisms

Congratulations and prayers from our Saint Eleanor Family to the parents, godparents, and families of the newly baptized incorporated into the Body of Christ:



~ Gianna Mary, daughter of Robert and Jennifer Pacelli

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

Rose for Life

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



Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:

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

Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

For the month of **January** we will be praying for **Deacon Edward T. Hinson** 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,

A WORD

FROM THE

PASTOR

Here we are back in "Ordinary Time" of our liturgical year. This title is a bit misleading, since spiritually there is nothing ordinary when worshipping God and celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the

Mass. These are extraordinary realities, indeed! What the title points out is simply that we are not in one of the unique liturgical seasons, that of Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter. So in this "Ordinary Time" we continue to experience the extraordinary graces and blessings of salvation from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May we grow daily in every virtue and grace by responding to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit and surrendering our wills to our loving and merciful Father!

Our Gospel this weekend focuses our attention on the testimony of John the Baptist, certainly a prophet and an evangelizer, the one who announces the greatest of news: that the Son of God has come into the world. We are recipients not only of this announcement but of the full Gospel that Jesus is the savior and redeemer of the world. As the prophet Isaiah (our first reading) makes known, Jesus is the one of whom the Father says, "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

In this year of 2017, you and I are called as disciples to make Jesus known by our life: our words, thoughts and deeds. The Gospel has gone to all the corners of the world but we must ask ourselves if the fullness of the Gospel has gone into every corner of our hearts and souls. We are the gate keeper to our hearts and souls. Jesus knocks and seeks entrance into our very depths. But it is up to us to open ourselves to Him, to invite Him in, spend quiet time with Him, listen to Him and allow Him to empower us to do all that the Father asks of us. When we pray, "Here I am, Lord; I come to do you will!" we must consciously take the steps to open ourselves to the Lord so that His grace can be effective upon us and through us.

In this world filled with so many shadows and so much darkness, Jesus is the only light that shines forth, overcoming the darkness. Let us not look around this world for the help that we need and the help this world needs. Let us allow the light of Jesus to shine upon us, within us and through us so that as passionate disciples we will joyfully bring Jesus and His light to one another and others.

God bless you, God love you, Monsignor McCulken

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

Consider signing up to host Our Lady's Statue for a week special to you and tell your friends

and family about this devotion. To reserve your week contact Kevin at 610-489-4412. We will deliver/pick up the Statue for those who can't manage its size/weight.

RCIA ~ Sessions on and about the Catholic Faith ~

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

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

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

FORMED IS HELE: TOLLING offers free downloadable books, Bible studies, video and movies

with a Catholic focus. Log on at www.formed.org and sign up using your e-mail address and the Parish Code: HJEEM3.

Children's Content Now Available

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we remember the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, take time to watch this compelling pro-life documentary. 40 features inspiring stories and deeply personal interviews with many of the biggest names in the Pro-Life movement, such as: Lila Rose, the President of Live Action; Abby Johnson, Former Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic Director and Founder of "And Then There Were None" and many more.



<u>FOR OUR DECEASED</u>: Faye Dalesandro, mother of Susan Vandenburg

FOR OUR SICK: Catherine Alexander, Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Joseph Art, Jr.,

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

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

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



The Divine Mercy theme for the month of January is "Mercy." Jesus told Saint Faustina: "My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them, and

that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the Tabernacle as King of Mercy."

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



Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Edward Deliman will celebrate Confirmation at Saint Eleanor Parish on **Saturday, April 1, 2017**. All parents of children in 6th or above who attend a **Catholic Private School**, other

than Holy Cross Regional Catholic School, and who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, should immediately contact *Teri Lahey*, at 610-489-9434, ext 2232 or tlahey@steleanor.com to make the proper arrangements. Thank you!



2017 Sacrament Dates

<u>First Penance</u> Saturday, February 25, 2017

> Confirmation Saturday, April 1, 2017

First Holy Communion Saturday, May 6, 2017

Archbishop Chaput presented *The Saint John Neumann Award* to Erika Reyes, Christine Powers, Mary Beth Touey, Peggy Whelan and Nicole Reiff for 5 years of service in the ministry of catechesis! Also, Alicia McCarron, is a recipient of the *The Saint Pius X Award* for 10 years of service! Overall, St. Eleanor Parish has over 25 catechists with 4 plus years or more of dedicated service to teaching the faith!

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



Week Ending December 23, 2016

Regular Collection \$ 30,254 Other Collections \$ 3,780 Total \$ 34,034 Diocesan Collections \$ 804

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2016—December 23, 2016 \$ 690,205 July 1, 2015—December 23, 2015 \$ 675,433

YTD Tithing

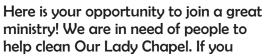
2016-17 \$ 17,792 2015-16 \$ 5,798

**Regular Sunday collection figures now include YTD Tithing

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HELP NEEDED!



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



Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Sgt. Thomas Albany 1st Lt. Andrew Bone Lt. Sean Feeney Bryan Luther Andrew Somplasky Ryan Somplasky Cmdr. Wendy Arnold, MD 1st Lt. Brian Davis CM/Sgt. Charles Gordon Sgt. William Ronan Jeremy Somplasky Midn. Zachary Sermarini



A reminder from the Respect Life Group

44th Annual March for Life

will take place on

Friday, January 27, 2017

on the grounds of the Washington Monument Washington, D. C.

Bus transportation to the March <u>may</u> be available at St. Mary, Schwenksville (call 1-215-234-8859) or Epiphany of Our Lord, Plymouth Meeting (call 610-279-2788) for availability.

http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2017/rally-march-info/



Open House at Holy Cross Regional School

Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 10:00 - 11:30

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

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@steleanor.com.

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



Voices Needed

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

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

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for January will be on **January 21.** 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, February 21

We are continuing our monthly **Mass for Healing**. Our next one will be on **Tuesday, February 21** at 7:00

PM. We warmly invite everyone to this Mass, family members, friends and neighbors.



SCRIP NEWS

SCRIP SELLERS NEEDED

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

Time Commitment: 2 hours once or twice a month

Talent to Share: Attention to detail for monies collected and information taken Contact Person: Madelyn O'Hara, 610-489-1647, ext. 25, mohara@steleanor.com

Looking Ahead Important Dates

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



Sunday, April 16-Easter Sunday-No 7PM Mass St. Eleanor CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) is open to **ALL** St. Eleanor parishioners. Therefore, if you are a St. Eleanor parishioner, and regardless of the grade school, middle school or high school your son or daughter attends, your child can participate in ANY and ALL CYO sports. CYO sports include; volleyball, field hockey, soccer, football, cross country, basketball, track & field, tennis, golf and lacrosse. For additional information please visit our web site at http:// cyo.steleanor.com/ or contact Jim DeBald at idebald@yahoo.com. CYO Spring Sports (JV & Varsity Baseball, JV & Varsity Softball, Girls JV & Varsity Lacrosse, Boys Varsity Lacrosse, Track, Pee Wee Track, JV & Varsity Tennis, Varsity Golf, HS Coed Volleyball). Registration began Sunday, January 8th and ends on Sunday, January 22nd. • Spring registration is open to registered St. Eleanor's Parishioners only that are currently in 1st through 8th grade boys and girls. 1st thru 3rd graders are only eligible for Pee Wee Track and 4th thru 8th graders only for Varsity Track. Other sports vary on which we offer for boys and girls. Registration and payment are only available through the CYO website: http://cyo.steleanor.com/. • 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. • If you are interested in a position as a head coach for one of the teams, contact Vince DeFlavia, Athletic Director, at vinman6399@comcast.net ASAP.

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

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

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

Remember to Like Us On Facebook!



St Eleanor Playgroup

We invite all parents, grandparents and caregivers to join us with your children to play, pray, have fun and learn about Jesus. We meet on Wednesday mornings from

9-11 AM in Vianney Hall. Each week we share fun songs and prayers and do a simple craft. Please join us with your infants, toddlers or preschoolers with plenty of time for the children to play and for the adults to chat.

Please contact Laura with any questions at 215.390.0933 or <u>laurajusko@yahoo.com</u>.

ST. ELEANOR PARISH PAPER RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

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

We are asking you to help us reach our paper recycling and fundraising goals. Please bring your newspapers, catalogs, junk mail, magazines, phone books, office pa-

phone books, office paper, cardboard and books to the Paper Retriever Bin located in our rear parking lot near the Religious Education Center.





The January Blood drive at St. Eleanor will be held on Saturday January 28, 2017, from 10:00AM to 2:45PM in Vianney Hall. This blood drive is being coordinated with the help of the Knights of Columbus 3633.

There is a new feature on the Red Cross blood donation website. On the day of donation you can now complete all the necessary information and question on-line before donating. This can save as much as 20 minutes when donating blood. This feature is called RAPIDPASS.

It's simple! You visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass
Read the information. Answer the questions . Print the pass or email it to yourself. Also we will have the double red cell machines available. We encourage donors to try the double cell donation. For your convenience there is a sign up sheet at the main entrance of the church. We make every effort to schedule people so that everyone can get through the process as quickly as possible. The Knights of Columbus will also be calling to schedule appointments. Please contact Larry DiPiano @ 610-489-7761 or Joe Klobusicky @ 610-653-0829 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Hearts for Life

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

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

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

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

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

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY LECTURE SERIES

Cardinal Foley Lecture "The Power of the Word: Catholic News Media and Spiritual Formation"
Greg Erlandson
January 30, 2017 7:00 P.M.
Saint John Vianney Hall
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary
100 East Wynnewood Road Wynnewood, PA

The Cardinal Foley Lecture Series brings speakers of national and international prominence to the Seminary to address current topics in the world of Social Communications. This lecture will provide insight into the important role that the Catholic news media has in the faith formation of Catholics, our nation and its citizens. Greg Erlandson is the Director and Editor-in-Chief of the Catholic News Service. He is the former editor, president and publisher of Our Sunday Visitor, and editor of National Catholic Register. He served as president of Catholic Press Association and has received numerous awards and national honors.

School of Theological Studies http://www.scs.edu/sts 610-785-6287

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA ANNOUNCES CONTINUATION OF PARISH AREA PASTORAL PLANNING INITIATIVE

Two parishes in the City of Philadelphia will enter the Parish Area Pastoral Planning Initiative this year. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced the continuation of the Parish Area Pastoral Planning Initiative that has been ongoing in the region. Two parishes in the City of Philadelphia are preparing to take part in the process this year. They include Our Lady of Ransom and Resurrection of Our Lord. Both are located in Northeast Philadelphia. Information regarding the Pastoral Planning Initiative was shared with the above listed parish communities through announcements at Masses during the weekend of January 14th and 15th.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Sacred Heart, Bryn Mawr Open House for Grades K-12 Saturday, January 28, 2017, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Learn more about a Sacred Heart Education for your daughter. Interested in 6th Grade? Register for the scholarship exam on Jan. 28 at 8:45 am. www.cdssh.org. Snow date is Feb. 4.

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

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

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

Come out for an **old fashioned family dinner** at \$1 Mary Assumption Parish, Phoenixville, PA this coming Saturday, Jan 28th, 2017 from 6 till 8 pm. Featuring meatloaf, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, and applesauce. Homemade desert's and beverages. Chicken nuggets available for the kids. Adults \$12, kids 6-12 \$8, under 6 free. Advanced reservations are appreciated and can be made by contacting the parish office either at 610-933-2526 or email at <u>parishoffice@stmaryassumption.org</u>.

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

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

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All are invited to Ostatki: A **Polish Mardi Gras** Celebration to support St. Mary Polish American Society at the TK Club at 500 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on Sunday February 26th from Noon to 6 pm. This event will feature Polka music from the Naturalistix Polka Band, Polish food, a full cash bar, a 50/50 drawing, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Tickets are \$10 advance sales, \$15 day of event. Tickets include the price of admission, with food not included. Advance tickets are on sale until Tuesday February 14th. We are also taking advance orders for packi (Polish doughnuts) and frozen pierogi. For tickets, packi, and pierogi preorders, please email <a href="mailto:stranger:stran

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Part-time Youth Minister at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Limerick Part-time Youth Minister to serve the 9-12 grade Youth Group and facilitate an 8th grade program. Both programs are in place and thriving. The Youth Group meets every other Sunday evening as part of 6:00 PM Mass with meeting to follow. 8th grade program is every other Monday evening. Steubenville Retreat is part of the Youth Group experience. Anyone interested in the position, please contact the Pastor: Fr. Paul Brandt at frbrandt@stteresacalcutta.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Father Zachary Navit, Chaplain at Saint Mary Center, Lansdale, invites you to join him in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima with a pilgrimage to shrines of Portugal, Spain, and France from September 11-21, 2017. Daily Mass, round-trip transportation with airport taxes and fuel surcharges, accommodations at four-star hotels, all breakfasts and dinners, private guide, baggage handling, and more included for \$3295. For more information, visit

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

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