

# ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

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March 25, 2018

## CLERGY

Msgr. Michael T. McCulken,  
Pastor  
Rev. John A. Franey,  
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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. Jean Phillips  
Mrs. Melissa Sinner  
Mrs. Madelyn O'Hara

## SACRED MUSIC

Ms. Elizabeth Calabro,  
Director

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Matt Kirsch  
Mr. Alex Price

*Hosanna!*



## EDUCATION

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PREP: After-school religious instruction for children in grades K thru 6. Classes held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Contact Ms. Teri Lahey, Director of Religious Education at 610-489-4677 ext. 31. *Children's Liturgy of the Word*: Offered to the younger children in the parish during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses on Sundays.

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

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

## 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.

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

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

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

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

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

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

In Our Lady Chapel  
(except 9:00 am Saturday through  
2:00 pm Sunday)

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE-

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



New this Easter  
Sunrise Mass  
6:00 am  
Church

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, March 24

*Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr*

9:00 Katherine Noonan

4:30 Marion Knorr

#### Sunday, March 25

7:30 The People of the Parish

9:00 Kimberly Peterson Gretz (1st Anniv)

10:30 John Byrne

12:00 Bernice Praczek (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

7:00 PM Joyce Oxenreider

#### Monday, March 26

6:30 Muriel Corrigan

9:00 Joseph Geigus

#### Tuesday, March 27

6:30 Sp. Int. of Bishop Edward Deliman

9:00 Deceased members of  
Waldron Family

#### Wednesday, March 28

6:30 James Katz

9:00 Aloysius Nase

#### Thursday, March 29

*Holy Thursday*

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Friday, March 30

*Good Friday*

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

3:00 PM Service of the Passion of Our Lord

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, March 31

*Holy Saturday*

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

12:00 PM Blessing of Food

7:30 PM Easter Vigil

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 25, 2018

### 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.



Callie Lynn, daughter of Robert and Melissa Baldino  
Zachary Nolan, son of Eric and Angela Weathers

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, April 8th, at 2 PM in Holy Cross School Library. First-time parents need to attend & may attend this program before the birth of your child. Baptismal paperwork is due **two weeks** prior to Baptism.

### Rose of Resurrection in Memory

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, please call Donna Kolb at 610-948-3955..



Roses are not available during Lent.

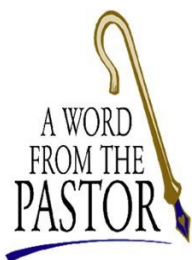
### Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

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

### Pray for Those Serving Our Country

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





Dear Friends,

Happy Palm Sunday! A blessed, prayerful and joy-filled Holy Week to everyone! Palms will be blessed and distributed at *all* the weekend Masses for Palm Sunday. Our Youth Group presented the Stations of the Cross this past Friday evening and we are grateful for their prayerful involvement and presentation on the last Friday evening before Holy Week.

This coming week there is much for your spiritual nourishment and wellbeing...

On **Monday** evening, Grade 8 from Holy Cross Regional Catholic School will present their **Living Stations** at 7 pm in Church. All are invited. This is a moving portrayal of our Lord's Passion and a wonderful start to Holy Week.

On **Tuesday** evening, we have our Easter **Confessions** for our parish family. There will be *a large number of priests* to hear confessions beginning at 7 pm until all are heard. We are grateful for the many priests who come and help us to ensure that confessions are easily available to our people.

Of course, **Holy Thursday**, we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, which ends with a short procession to Chapel afterwards. Mass is at 7 pm. The chapel will remain open until Midnight for visits. **Good Friday** we celebrate the Passion of the Lord at 3 pm. In the evening, there will simply be Stations of the Cross. On **Holy Saturday**, of course, there is our second annual Easter Egg Hunt (10:30 am) and Blessing of Food (12 Noon). The beautiful and dramatic **Easter Vigil** begins at 7:30 pm. It is truly one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire year. I hope that many of you will make plans to attend.

Our Easter Sunday schedule of Masses is different this year. We have added a **6 am Sunrise Mass** in Church. We hope that many will plan to attend Mass at this newly added time for Easter. Please remember that there will be no "overflow" Masses in the gym this year. The rest of the Easter Sunday schedule is: 7:30, 9, 10:30 am and 12 Noon. There is NO 7pm Mass Easter Sunday night. We will have the TV monitors including one in Chapel working to accommodate the crowds.

We look forward to this joyous celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death by which we are redeemed and saved. May you and your loved ones have a truly blessed and holy Easter!

God bless you, God love you,  
*Monsignor McCulken*

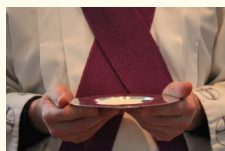
### Mass for Healing

**April 17th**

**7:00 PM— Church**

We warmly invite everyone to this  
Mass—

family members, friends and neighbors.



**The beautiful arrangements this Palm Sunday are from  
Risher Van Horn Florist**

March 25, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, On Good Friday, March 30, 2018, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death.



It also has been our longstanding tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land. As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on March 30, 2018. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,  
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

### Pastoral Council Nominations Due April 2nd

Once again, we begin the process of nominations and elections to our Parish Pastoral Council. This is an advisory/consultative body to the Pastor to assist in planning and visioning for the needs of the parish in order to fulfill our Mission as disciples of Jesus. Members are elected or appointed from among our parishioners.

Those who serve on the Council bring their gifts, insights and expertise to bear on the discussions and plans affecting parish life and the living of the Gospel, and help foster the full participation of our parishioners in parish life.

At this time we invite our parishioners to nominate someone for election to the Council. Nominations must be in writing or submitted by email to [church@steleanor.com](mailto:church@steleanor.com). All nominations must include the signature/name of the person who is nominating their fellow parishioner. Nominations are due no later than Monday, April 2. Consultation will be held with those nominated as to their willingness to be placed on the ballot. We will hold elections the first weekend of June.

Please consider seriously the possibility of serving on this important advisory/consultative Council, which serves a vital purpose for our Parish. The basic time commitment is to 6 meetings a year lasting approximately two hours.

Thank you!

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Michael L. Fitzgerald will celebrate Confirmation at Saint Eleanor Parish on Saturday, April 7, 2018. All parents of children in 6<sup>th</sup> grade 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 610-489-4677 or [llahey@steleanor.com](mailto:llahey@steleanor.com) to make the proper arrangements.



"Pray without  
ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17



**FOR OUR DECEASED:** Matthew Cwalina, brother of Daniel, Nate Lentz, husband of Ann, David Boccella, son of Florence and Orlando

**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, Anna Bozzelli, Arthur Buben, Diane Burg, Florence Burkett, Sandy Burns, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Monica Cipriani, Joseph Clarke, Mary Clinton, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Ed Coyle, Lori Craig, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Marie Cunningham, Mary Ann Daley, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Deacon Joe DeRosa, Isabella DeSimone, Vince DiDonato, Ron DiNicola, Pat DiPiano, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, John Doyle, Claire Esposito, Vito Fabiano, Dorothy Fairbanks, Mary Filippini, John Fitzgerald, Donna Flick, 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, Marjorie Hebard, Virginia Heinz, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Tonia Hopkins, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, Bud Leo, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Kathleen Lewis, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Marion Lukens, Joe Lutz, Tom Lytle, Francis Magee, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Mary Mahoney, John Mancini, Marie and Sarah, Barbara Marosky, Agnes McCarver, Ed McDade, Kathleen McFadden, Paul McFadden, Jaime McNutt, Martha Meng, Allison Leo Mitchell, Flora Monteiro, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Gabe Muscella, Bob Newton, Marion Niedzolkowski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Francis Panfile, George Pastino, Ed Pressler, Rachel, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Carolyn Rider, Marjorie Rigg, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Betty Rowlands, 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, Howard Taormino, Ron Tautkus, Maggie Terrance, Michael Troemel, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Cristina Utti, Dominic Vacanti, Jr., Sharon von Clef, Billy Watts, Nancy Wenrich, Marge Westhe, Barbara Witman, Pat Willits, Albrette Zvarik

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

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

#### Bulletin Deadlines

All info 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 [jgenuardi@steleanor.com](mailto:jgenuardi@steleanor.com). Submission dates for holiday bulletins have passed.

We share this letter with our parish family, which was sent already to all families with children enrolled in our PREP program and/or in Holy Cross Regional Catholic School. It announces an Archdiocesan change for the age of reception for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The new policy is for Confirmation to be received in either Grade 7 or 8. *Please note that almost all of the (Arch)Dioceses in the US have the age of Confirmation in Grade 8 or higher. Many have it scheduled in High School. The excellent instructional and formational materials available are also geared to older students.* We look forward to working with our families and young people in preparing them to receive this unique outpouring of the Holy Spirit and growth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Confirmation for those currently in Grade 5 will be celebrated in the Fall of 2020.

**SAINT ELEANOR CHURCH  
COLLEGEVILLE**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH  
ROYERSFORD**

March 2018

Dear Parents,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

In Baptism, your child was claimed by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, became a child of God and a member of the Catholic Church. As he/she grew, he/she learned of the love of God in the "first school of faith, the family." As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity" (No. 1666).

When your child became of school age, however, the Church provided religious instruction through the Parish Religious Education Program or Catholic School. This formation in faith includes sacramental preparation for First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The primary object of this catechesis is to put your child into an intimate communion with Jesus Christ by knowing, loving and serving Him in this world to be happy with Him for all eternity. This education in conjunction with the domestic church, your home, is more than simply learning about Jesus; it is a spiritual formation which challenges your child to become a model of the faith and a disciple of Christ for his/her lifetime. The Sacrament of Confirmation gives grace for the spiritual journey.

Over the past two years, the Archdiocese conducted a study regarding the grades for Confirmation. Overwhelmingly, bishops, pastors, principals and directors of religious education noted there is a much better understanding and appreciation of the Sacrament of Confirmation by older grade school students.

Last June, after a presentation of the results of this study, the Council of Priests voted for the standard grade for the Sacrament of Confirmation to become grades 7 and/or 8 in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Over last summer, a consultation with the priests of the Archdiocese was conducted which supported the June decision and in September 2017 the Council of Priests again voted in favor of this change from the practice of Confirmation in grades 4, 5 or 6. In January, the Archbishop determined with the Council of Priests, that the new grades for the Sacrament of Confirmation are 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

*The transition to this new practice begins in the 2018-2019 school year. Confirmation for our students, both Saint Eleanor and Sacred Heart, will be held in the Fall of 2020, for Grade 8 students. This will allow for catechesis and formation to take place in the school year of Grade 7.*

As pastors, it is our desire for your child to be spiritually equipped to face the challenges of this world and bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are confident that this change, with your familial support, will allow for a deeper apprenticeship in the faith and stronger relationship with God for your child. It will help your child to become all God has created your child to be.

Sincerely in Christ,  
*Monsignor Michael T. McCulken*  
Pastor, Saint Eleanor Church

*Reverend Tadeusz Gorka*  
Pastor, Sacred Heart Church



## A Memorable Lent Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

The foundation of and practical tools for a memorable Lent.

(To access information online, see our website—Lent and Easter—A Memorable Lent  
<https://www.steleonor.com/your-lenten-experience>)

### Lenten and Easter Schedule (revised)

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS-

Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018

#### PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Blessing & Distribution of Palm at all Masses

Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 24, 4:30 pm

Sunday, March 25, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am and 7:00 pm

Solemn Procession and Mass, 12:00 pm

#### ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 pm, Church

Good Friday, March 30, 12:30-1:30 pm, Chapel

Holy Saturday morning 8-8:45

#### HOLY WEEK DAILY MASSES

Monday to Wednesday 6:30 and 9:00 am, Chapel

#### HOLY THURSDAY, March 29

Morning Prayer, 9:00 am, Chapel

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

Adoration in chapel until Midnight

#### GOOD FRIDAY, March 30

Morning Prayer, 9:00 am, Chapel

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM

#### HOLY SATURDAY, March 31

Morning Prayer, 9:00 am, Chapel

Blessing of Food, 12:00 pm, Church

Easter Egg Hunt—10:30 am, Front Lawn

#### EASTER SCHEDULE 2018

Saturday, March 31

The Easter Vigil, 7:30 pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY, April 1

6:00 am—Sunrise Mass in Church—\*\* New

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 pm, Church

(No 7 pm Mass and no Masses in Gym)

#### EASTER MONDAY, April 2

9:00 am (no 6:30 am Mass)

### HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

Vatican Basilica — March 2018

What great joy and consolation are offered us by the words of Saint John that we just heard: God so loves us that that he has made us his children, and, when we see him face-to-face, we shall discover all the more the greatness of his love (cf. *1 Jn* 3:1-10.19-22). Not only that. The love of God is always greater than anything we can imagine; it even reaches beyond any sin with which our conscience may charge us. His is an infinite love, one that knows no bounds. It is free of all those obstacles that we, for our part, tend to set in front of others, out of fear that they may strip us of our freedom.

We know that the state of sin distances us from God. But in fact, sin is the way that we distance *ourselves* from him. Yet that does not mean that God distances *himself* from us. The state of weakness and confusion that results from sin is one more reason for God to remain close to us. The certainty of this should accompany us throughout our lives. The words of the Apostle are a reassuring confirmation that our hearts should trust, always and unhesitatingly, in the Father's love: "No matter what our hearts may charge us with, God is greater than our hearts".

His grace is constantly at work in us, to strengthen our hope that his love will never be lacking, in spite of any sin we may have committed by rejecting his presence in our lives.

It is this hope that makes us realize at times that our life has lost its direction, as Peter did in the Gospel account that we heard. "And immediately the cock crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times'. And he went out and wept bitterly" (*Mt* 26:74-75). The evangelist is extremely sober. The crowing of the cock startles a man who is bewildered; he then recalls the words of Jesus, and at last the curtain is lifted. Peter begins to glimpse through his tears that God is revealed in Christ, who is buffeted and insulted, whom he himself has denied, yet who now goes off to die for him. Peter, who wanted to die for Jesus, now realizes that he must let Jesus die for him. Peter wanted to teach the Master; he wanted to go before him. Instead, it is Jesus who goes off to die for Peter. Peter had not understood this; he didn't want to understand it.

Peter is now confronted with the Lord's charity. Finally he understands that the Lord loves him and asks him to let himself be loved. Peter realizes that he had always refused to let himself be loved. He had always refused to let himself be saved by Jesus alone, and so he did not want Jesus to love him completely.

How truly difficult it is to let ourselves be loved! We would always like a part of us to be freed of the debt of gratitude, while in reality we are completely indebted, because God loved us first and, with love, he saves us completely.

Let us now ask the Lord for the grace to know the greatness of his love, which wipes away our every sin. Let us allow ourselves to be purified by love, in order to recognize true love!



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

Regional Catholic School at  
St. Eleanor Church on

**Monday, March 26 at 1:15 and 7 pm.**

It is a wonderful way to begin Holy Week.

### **Padre Pio Prayer Group**

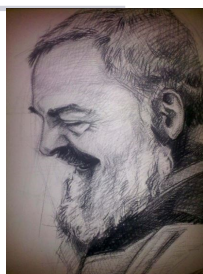
**Next Meeting and Mass  
April 21st**

9:40—Prayer & Confession

10:30— Mass and blessing

with Padre Pio's relics

Celebrant -Father Hamilton



### **Operation Rice Bowl**

#### **Catholic Relief Services**

As a disciples of Christ, all are invited to join in Operation Rice Bowl and contribute to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries.

**Return your Rice Bowl during Holy Week.**

**Are You Called to Be a Deacon?**  
**Archdiocese of Philadelphia**  
**Minister of the Word • Minister at the Altar • Minister of Charity**

While all the baptized are called to share in the mission of Jesus Christ according to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, those who are ordained also offer service in a way proper to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. A deacon's ministry entails proclaiming, preaching and teaching God's Word, assisting the bishop and priest at the Liturgy, assisting at funerals, ministering to the sick and dying, leading the community in prayer and in sacramental liturgies, baptizing, witnessing marriages, and exercising administrative leadership in the Church. ***A permanent deacon, who may be married, is a member of the clergy and shares in the hierarchy of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.*** Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the deacon is configured to Christ the Servant. It is Christ the Servant who acts through the ministry of the deacon.

***Want to Learn More...***

We invite Catholic men (*and their wives if married*) with a deep spiritual life who are between the ages of 29 and 55, and would like to discern a call to serve Jesus Christ and His Church within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as permanent deacons to take the next step and contact us for more information and to register for the upcoming Permanent Diaconate Information Night.

**2018 Permanent Diaconate Information Night**  
**Thursday, April 19, 2018**  
**7:00 PM - 9:00PM**  
**Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Vianney Auditorium**  
**100 East Wynnewood Road**  
**Wynnewood, PA 19096**

Registration for this event is required. Please email the following information to Laura Nimmons at [lnimmons@archphila.org](mailto:lnimmons@archphila.org)

• Name • Address • Age • Parish • Email • Marital Status • If married, wife's name •

**60 YEARS OF GIVING HOPE TO ALL**



The Catholic Charities Appeal is the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's single most important annual fundraising initiative, and we're counting on your support. This year, the Catholic Charities Appeal is celebrating their 60th anniversary.

For 60 years generous people like you have responded to Christ's call to help those in need by donating over \$290 million dollars. For 60 years you have enabled us to feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless and comfort the afflicted. So many people are counting on us. So we're counting on you to give hope this year to those who need it most. Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal provides support needed to tens of thousands of people through many organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Divine Providence Village, located in Springfield, is a residential facility for 96 developmentally disabled men and women. Each individual has a person-centered-plan that includes 24-hour nursing, social work, and support.



"I've lived at Divine Providence for the last 45 years. The staff here are very nice to me, they treat me like family. My favorite things to do at

Divine Providence are dance, attend different workshops, play cards and watch movies."

– Louise, Divine Providence resident

"I am a lifelong parishioner of St. Ignatius of Loyola in West Philadelphia. For the last 16 years I have worked as the coordinator for the parish food pantry. We have about 125 people visit the food pantry on a monthly basis. We have clients who have been coming to the pantry for years – they sit out in the cold, in the rain, to receive their food. Many people are on food stamps – we give them a little extra to help them get by. I personally donate to the Catholic Charities Appeal to help St. Ignatius Parish. WHEN I DONATE, I ACTUALLY SEE WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING TO – TO HELP OUR FOOD PANTRY." – Gloria Ayers, St. Ignatius of Loyola Food Pantry, Coordinator



There are 16 Mission Parishes within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Without CCA donations, these parishes would not survive. These parishes are anchors in their communities

**WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIESAPPEAL.ORG**

**Catholic Charities Appeal Update**—Our parish response to the Catholic Charities Appeal this year is off to a solid start. Thank you to all of you have taken the time to make your pledge or send in your donation. This is a vitally important and needed Appeal that allows us to participate in the archdiocesan efforts to share the love of Jesus with countless numbers of people who are in need. As of 3-15-18, our parish family has made:

221 donations (6<sup>th</sup> in the Archdiocese)

\$42,671 (12<sup>th</sup> in the Archdiocese)

42% of parish goal and 26.7% of aspirational goal

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](http://catholiccharitiesappeal.org). Each and every gift, large or small, has an impact and accomplishes so much good.



## Youth Ministry

ST. ELEANOR PARISH



**BOLD (Becoming Our Lord's Disciples)** is St. 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** is St. Eleanor's junior high youth group. All students grades 7-8 are invited for 4Thirteens nights and junior high events.

**GIFT (Growing in Faith for Teens)** is Saint 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 at Saint Eleanor Parish: <https://tinyurl.com/y6vopyrt>

### Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

April 21-22—Bins with Lids for Hospitalized Kids

May 20—Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure

See website for full details:

<https://www.steleanor.com/youth-ministry>

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

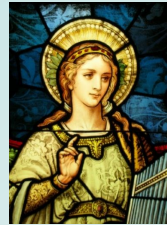
9:00 & 10:30 am Masses

Children's Liturgy of Word **will not be in session** on Palm Sunday, March 25 and Easter Sunday, April 1. Children's Liturgy will **resume** on Sunday, April 8 at 9 AM and 10:30 AM Mass times. God bless!



Dear St. Eleanor Church,  
Thank you for your kindness and generosity from your Giving Tree.  
With your help for Christmas we were able to serve 159 families with 546 children. If it wasn't for you, it would not have been possible.

Sincerely,  
Lynda Ayers  
Special Event Coordinator  
Daily Bread Community Food Pantry



Sing to the  
**LORD** a new  
song; Sing to the  
**LORD**, all the  
earth. Sing to the  
**LORD**, bless  
His name;  
Proclaim good  
tidings of His  
salvation from  
day to day.  
Psalm 96:1-2

## Sacred Music Ministry

We invite you to share your talents as a member of the Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, Spirit Revival Band, as a Cantor or Instrumentalist.

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

If you have an interest in participating in Sacred Music Ministry please contact Miss Elizabeth Calabro at [ecalabro@steleanor.com](mailto:ecalabro@steleanor.com) or call 610-489-1647 ext. 22.

Please join us in serving the Lord through the Sacred Music Ministry.

**CYO Summer Sports Registration:** Opens Sunday April 22nd and runs through Sunday, May 6th. All parish children who are going into grades 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grades next school year are invited to participate in the following sports: **BASKETBALL** Boys and Girls JV (5th-6th) & Varsity (7th-8th) - 1 -2 games per week, mid-June thru July, Tri-County League **VOLLEYBALL** Girls Varsity (7th-8th) - 1 match per week, mid-June thru July, 422 Sportsplex. PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON-LINE

## CYO News

**St Eleanor Catholic Youth Organization** is open to 5th -12th graders and 1st -3rd (Pee Wee Track/Cross Country) children of our parish.

**United Way** is an important source of funding for our program. Consider us as you complete your donor card. Our number is 08018.

Please update your information, including e-mail address so that we contact you as needed.

**CYO Website for information**  
<http://cyo.steleanor.com/>

If you are interested in a position as a head coach for one of the teams, contact Megan O'Donnell at [meganodonnellcyo@gmail.com](mailto:meganodonnellcyo@gmail.com)

**Next Dance— May 12th — last dance of the school year!**

**CYO Dances:** Come join us for our monthly dances held through the school year for 6th-8th grade boys and girls in our local community.

**We will continue to do a food collection at each dance.**

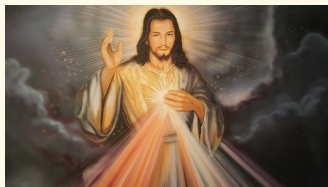
Each child is asked to bring at least one canned good which will be donated to the St. Eleanor Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your help with this worthy cause. Contact Dan Cordrey [myah22700@comcast.net](mailto:myah22700@comcast.net)

Visit our web-site for more information and to purchase dance passes. Contact Dan with any questions: [myah22700@comcast.net](mailto:myah22700@comcast.net)



Tweeted by Pope Francis on March 15th

In order to prepare a truly human future, it is not enough to reject evil. We must build the common good together.



### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HAPPENS ONLY ONCE A YEAR!**

**April 8th—3:00 pm**

Come and be blessed by this flood of Divine Grace at this special Holy Hour.

(This is not a Mass and does not fulfill your obligation for Sunday Mass)

Any questions, please call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622

#### **The Divine Mercy theme for March is: "Mercy".**

Jesus told St. Faustina: "Tell, my daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls."

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.

**SCRIP Gift Cards** are available for a variety of items: tools, clothes, entertainment, favorite restaurants and anything else.

**SCRIP HOURS** Mon.—Thurs., Noon— 7:00 pm and Friday, Noon—5:00 pm in the Parish Office; Before and after the Saturday Vigil Mass & Sunday 8:00 am—12:00 Noon in the Church Narthex.



**No SCRIP sales March 24 & 25,  
March 29-April 2**

**Host Family Needed** for Brazilian Exchange Student in Spring-Ford School District; AFS (American Field Service) is searching for a host family/parents for a Brazilian exchange student from April 13<sup>th</sup>-June 26<sup>th</sup>. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in hosting and would like to learn more, please contact Barbara, a local AFS volunteer, at [bbashe@comcast.net](mailto:bbashe@comcast.net) or 610-659-8766.

### **TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online:

#### **PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER TV MASS**

KJWP channel 2 at 7:00 a.m. and WMCN channel 44 at 8:30 a.m.

#### **ONLINE VIDEO- [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org)**

For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

### **SPECIAL ABILITIES EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES**

4 week Basketball Team for special needs kids ages 5 to 18 years old who like to exercise, play, and have fun in a supportive environment. League is FREE to those with physical, developmental &/or intellectual disabilities.



**Saturdays** April 7—April 28, 9-10 am

PV West Middle School 220 Big Rd, Zieglerville  
Register at <http://www.pvyb.org> – Registration is open from February 16<sup>th</sup> thru March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions, email Kelly Jones at [KELJONES1906@gmail.com](mailto:KELJONES1906@gmail.com), 610-585-1317 or Erin Eperthener at [erineperthener@yahoo.com](mailto:erineperthener@yahoo.com) 215-421-7033

### **Have you ever dreamed of going to Poland?**

Dreams can come true! Father Gorka of Sacred Heart Church in Royersford is planning a 13 day trip to Poland from August 6th to August 19th of this year.

Beginning in Warsaw, Poland, St. Faustina's Shrine, St. Maximilian Kolbe's Cell, Copernicus' birthplace, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, and so many more exciting adventures await you.

Please contact the parish office (610-948-59150) or pick up a registration form on Sundays in the parish Fellowship Cafe located below the church.

### **Metanoia**

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

**Tuesday, March 27:** Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm

**Tuesday, April 10:** Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales @ 7:30 p.m.

Notice: Please be aware that we will no longer be providing paper recycle containers. Although this was intended as a fundraiser for the parish, not only was the company unresponsive in emptying the dumpsters but we also did not receive the promised funds. This is effective immediately as the dumpsters are already full.



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Bethany Music Ministry will present **Footsteps to the Cross** Palm Sunday, March 25th, 7:30pm; St. Titus Church, East Norriton. The final hours of Christ as told through Scripture, narration & music.

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A Baby's Breath **Run for Life** 2018 - April 7, Norristown Farm Park. 1 Mile Fun Run 9AM and 5K run 9:30AM. Contact Dorothy 610-316-6281 [http://www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR\\_RFL.html](http://www.ababysbreath.org/events/NOR_RFL.html).

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Little Sisters of the Poor **Concert:** Scythian & McLean Ave Band. Sat April 7th 6:00 pm Villanova University Field House. \$50 pp, \$10 kids, [www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org) or 215-729-5153 x 1115

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Roman Catholic High School **Open House** April 8t 11am—1pm 215-627-1270

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**Marriage Encounter Weekend** April 13-15, Sheraton Great Valley, Frazier & July 13-15, at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. [www.wmme-philly.org](http://www.wmme-philly.org) or 484-393-1645.

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"Panthers in the Sand"-**Savor the Flavor**- on Saturday, April 14, 7-11Ppm at PJP. Join us for our annual restaurant faire, auction and basket raffle! Tickets are on sale now! Visit [www.pjphs.org](http://www.pjphs.org)

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St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center **Bus Trip** to the Museum of the Bible, Washington D.C. Saturday, April 14. \$57 includes ticket & trans. 215-679-2237

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**FRATERNUS Training Conference** Saturday, April 14 9am-2pm St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Lunch will be provided. For any man to learn how to mentor the boys in his life into virtuous, Catholic men; also a training for men who are launching a Fraternus chapter in their parish. [PhillyEvang.org/Fraternus](http://PhillyEvang.org/Fraternus)

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Villa Maria, located in Malvern, has scheduled **Preview Breakfasts** for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade families April 17 & 20. A "sneak peek" at Villa Maria life.

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**St. Titus' Annual Ladies Night Out**-an awesome night doing some of your favorite things-shopping, basket raffles and BINGO! Friday, April 20th in St. Titus Social Hall, East Norriton. Doors open at 6:00pm; Bingo begins at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$20.00.

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Matrimony: Rediscovering Its Truth conference. Saturday April 21, 10 am—6:15 pm, Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul Speakers: Cardinal Burke, Rev Gerald Murray, Rev Gerald Dennis Gill. Adoration, Rosary and National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Mass at 5:15pm with Cathedral basilica Choir. Reservations required [www.saintjohnneumannchapter.org](http://www.saintjohnneumannchapter.org) or 215-247-2585.

Roman catholic HS 7th grade Practice Test, April 21 9am—noon. [RomanCatholicHS.com](http://RomanCatholicHS.com) 215-627-1270

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**Spirituality of Knitting & Needle-crafting Retreat** April 20 - 22 Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. All who knit, crochet or needle-craft are welcome! \$135 per person. 609-884-3829

[www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org)

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**Mass for Those Suffering From Addiction** Sat, April 21 Sacred Heart Church, Royersford, 11:00 am, Celebrant: Reverend Tadeusz Gorka, Addiction has touched far too many. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of faith.

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**Freedom Retreat for Catholic Women**- You Are Made New Ministry invites women of all ages to the Spring 2018 Freedom Retreat, Friday evening April 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at Pope John Paul II High School, "Behold, I Make All Things New" theme, Inspirational talks, music, adoration, food, and more. Visit [www.YouAreMadeNew.com](http://www.YouAreMadeNew.com) or contact De Yarrison at 610.287.2989.

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**Mother-Daughter Tea 10 -13 year old girls** ;April 22 Sts Simon & Jude in West Chester. Learn about gift of fertility. <http://www.fertilitycarefriends.org/sites/default/files/020718MotherDaughterTea.pdf>; Helen at (610) 436-8323.

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April 26—Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary will honor two outstanding leaders, Joan and Dan Hilferty, with inaugural **Saint Charles Borromeo Award** -- for community members who have demonstrated servant leadership. Union League of Philadelphia .Philadelphia- Business/Cocktail Attire. <https://www.scs.edu/award>

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Our Lady of Peace Parish Presents **"SENSATIONAL SOUL CRUISERS"**, APRIL 28. Notre Dame de Lourdes School, Swarthmore 7 to 11pm. \$35 per person. (610) 328-9330 or Debbie (215) 520-2097 for tickets.

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**Shrine and Wines of Portugal.** Sat April 28; 6-9 pm; Holy Martyrs Church, Oreland. 215-884-8575. Enjoy Portuguese wines and food, & watch clips from "The Faithful Traveler in Portugal". \$50 pp (215) 884-8575 or email [holymartyrssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:holymartyrssecretary@gmail.com)

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**You Belong - How to Foster Active Participation in Worship:** This workshop will be offered on April 28, 2018 from 9:30 am to noon at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. Parish Contacts for the Office for Persons with Disabilities and other parish leaders are encouraged to attend. For the flyer or to RSVP go to [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org), email: [opd@archphila.org](mailto:opd@archphila.org) or call 215-587-3530.