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ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

April 9, 2017



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OFFICE STAFF

Mrs. Susan Gordon
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION

In Our Lady Chapel (except 9AM
Saturday through 2 PM Sunday)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 to 8:45 AM
3:30 to 4:15 PM
By appointment anytime.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Scheduled most Sundays at 1:00 PM. Please make arrangements in advance with one of the priests. First-time parents attend Pre-Jordan, a Baptismal Preparation meeting usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 2PM in Vianney Hall. See page 2 for the next date.

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

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

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

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

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

EDUCATION

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PREP: After-school religious instruction for children in grades K thru 6. Classes held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Contact Ms. Teri Lahey, Director of Religious Education at 610-489-4677 ext. 31. *Children's Liturgy of the Word:* Offered to the younger children in the parish during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9AM Mass on Sundays. *G.I.F.T.:* Junior High Program is held on select Sundays. Contact Mr. Matt Kirsch at 610-489-1647 ext. 15.

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

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



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 9, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

4:30	Saturday, April 8 Rita Donely
7:30	Sunday, April 9 Joyleen Branco
9:00	For the People of the Parish
10:30	Frank Cotteta (4 th Anniv.)
12:00 PM	Sp. Int. Most Rev. John McIntyre
7:00 PM	Jesse Gambone
6:30	Monday, April 10 Joan Scheidecker (1 st Anniv.)
9:00	Deceased Members of the Heil Family
6:30	Tuesday, April 11 Anthony R. Capaldi
9:00	Deceased Members of the Waldron Family
6:30	Wednesday, April 12 John Smiley
9:00	Adeline Branco
6:30	Thursday, April 13 Holy Thursday Morning Prayer
7:00	Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:30	Friday, April 14 Good Friday Morning Prayer
3:00	Service of the Passion
7:00	Stations of the Cross
9:00	Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday Morning Prayer
12:00	Blessing of Food
7:30	Easter Vigil
7:30	Sunday, April 16 Easter Mass
9:00	Easter Mass
9:05	Easter Mass (School Gym)
10:30	Easter Mass
10:35	Easter Mass (school Gym)
12:00 PM	Easter Mass

NO 7PM Mass on Easter Sunday

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:

~ Benjamin Nicholas, son of Joseph and Jill Caffarella
~ Ava Grace, daughter of Paul and Amy Zawislak



Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, May 7, at 2 PM in Vianney Hall (lower level of the Parish Center and Offices*). First-time parents need to attend and may attend this program before the birth of your child.

Baptismal paperwork is due in the Parish Office two weeks prior to the Baptism. * previously known as the rectory

Rose for Life

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



Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:



~ Tillie Meltzer on her birthday, given by the Drummy family

~ John M. Drummy on the 24th anniversary of his death, given by the Drummy family

~ Frank Cotteta on the 4th anniversary of his death, given by daughter Marie

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 **April** we will be praying for **Father Christopher Moriconi** 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 happy and blessed Palm Sunday to you and yours! We are entering into the holiest week of our liturgical year as we take time to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries of Redemption on each of the days of the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter). This is the center and focus of every celebration of Holy Mass, the center of our Faith. Christ came to reveal the hidden Face of the Father through His scourging, death on the Cross, and resurrection. This mystery of life arising out of death, glory shining from humiliation, joy lifted up from sorrows permeates not only the mystery of faith but each of our lives as well. As His disciples, we cannot expect our experience of life in this world to be different than that of our Savior's. But just as we experience the sorrows and the cross, so by His grace we experience God's power and life from above.

One certain way to prepare our hearts and souls to enter more deeply into God's love, mercy and power is through the **Sacrament of Confession**, Reconciliation. We have several opportunities still available ~ *this Tuesday evening, 7 pm in Church (with many visiting priests helping to hear confessions), Good Friday, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in Chapel, and Holy Saturday morning, 8-8:45 am in Chapel (our usual time)*. Please take advantage of the graces of this Sacrament and these additional opportunities and the priestly service of our priests. God is longing to pour out His mercy and healing on each of us! For us to receive, we need to show up.

The times of Masses and Services for the Easter Triduum are listed elsewhere in our bulletin but I do bring to your attention Morning Prayer in Chapel on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday mornings at 9 am. The blessing of Food at 12 Noon on Holy Saturday and our first Easter Egg Hunt for those 6 and under at 11 am on Holy Saturday, on our lawn. On Easter Sunday, two additional Masses will be held in Campion Hall (Gym) at 9:05 and 10:35 am.

We are overjoyed to have 4 people coming into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil this year. This Vigil of Easter is one of the most beautiful liturgies we have all year long. If you have never attended the Easter Vigil, plan to do so this year. Please keep our Elect, the 4 who will be baptized at the Vigil, in your prayers.

Our Confirmation ceremonies were beautiful and inspiring as Bishop Edward Deliman confirmed 223 of our parish family with the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands and anointing with Sacred Chrism. Both Masses were filled to overflowing as family members gathered with the confirmandi. Thank you to Ms. Teri Lahey, our DRE, Mrs. Theresa Healy, principal of Holy Cross, their staffs, our catechists and teachers, our RCIA team, lectors, Altar Servers, musicians, parish staff and all who made this such a singular moment in our parish life. May the grace of the Holy Spirit set our hearts on fire to be Jesus' disciples who live in faith, hope and love throughout the year.

Finally, on the Sunday after Easter, April 23, Divine Mercy Sunday, a special Holy Hour with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction will be celebrated in our Church. Check the bulletin and Facebook for details.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken



St. Eleanor Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration- in Our Lady Chapel

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."

– St Teresa of Calcutta

Monday 1 AM
Tuesday 12 AM
Tuesday 5 PM
Thursday 10 AM
Friday 12 AM
Friday 8 AM

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

RCIA ~ Sessions on and about the Catholic Faith ~



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

Any adult, interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, or interested in joining the Catholic Church, or a Catholic wishing to complete the reception of their Sacraments, is invited to call one of our priests at the parish office, 610.489.1647.



FORMED is here! Formed offers free downloadable books, Bible studies, video and movies with a Catholic focus. Log on at www.formed.org and sign up using your e-mail address and the Parish Code: HJEEM3

Program: CATHOLICISM (Episode 1 – Amazed & Afraid)

Join Bishop Barron as he travels through the mysterious and sacred places of the Holy Land of Israel and the eternal city of Rome to address some of the most controversial questions about the life and identity of Jesus Christ. A poignant start to Holy Week as Bishop Barron echoes

Jesus' question "Who do you say that I am?"



FOR OUR DECEASED: Cynthia Brach, mother of Jonathan; Tom Cosgrove, father of Jackie Thomas; Frank Roth; Edward Clinton, Jr., brother of Molly Ronca; Kathleen

Witcraft, mother of Donna Kurish

FOR OUR SICK: Catherine Alexander, Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Joseph Art, Jr., Elizabeth Ashenfelder, Kathleen Bani, Lori Bani, Lisa Caruso, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Kathleen Beaudoin, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Deacon Manny Beltran, Jackie Bielski, John Bogda, Arthur Bubben, Diane Burg, Florence Burkett, Sandy Burns, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Monica Cipriani, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Ed Coyle, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Marie Cunningham, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Vince DiDonato, Ron DiNicola, Pat DiPiano, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, John Doyle, Claire Esposito, Vito Fabiano, Dorothy Fairbanks, Mary Filippini, John Fitzgerald, Neil Florio, Sandy Forcine, John Fritz, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Elizabeth Groff, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Helen Hart, Virginia Heinz, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, , Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, Bud Leo, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Nate Lentz, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Marion Lukens, Joe Lutz, Tom Lytle, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Mary Mahoney, Don Mangialardi, Marie and Sarah, Marianne Marcello, Barbara Marosky, Elaine Maxcy, Agnes McCarver, Ed McDade, Jaime McNutt, Doreen Keckley Meader, Allison Leo Mitchell, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Gabe Muscella, Chucky Nelson, Marion Niedzolkowski, Marie Olszewski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Ed Pressler, Carol Ann Price, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Jack Russo, Ralph Russo, Linda Sauer, Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, Anne Marie Stoudt, Yoshiko 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



On Good Friday in 1937 Jesus told Saint Faustina: "I desire trust from My creatures. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all will be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy. (1059)

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 Mary Ann McDonnell, 610-409-2622.

There will be no Divine Mercy devotions on Holy

Thursday, April 13th.

NOTE: Divine Mercy Sunday is April 23rd.



AMAZING PARISH ~ AMAZING DISCIPLESHIP EASTER 2017

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

Saint Vincent de Paul Vehicle Needed

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

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending March 10, 2017

Regular Collection	\$ 32,330
Other Collections	\$ 1,743
Total	\$ 34,073
Diocesan Collections	\$ 670

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2016—March 10, 2017	\$ 976,592
July 1, 2015—March 10, 2016	\$ 972,177

YTD Tithing

2016-17	\$ 28,267
2015-16	\$ 9,467

***Regular Sunday collection figures now include YTD Tithing*



Pray for Those Serving Our Country

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

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

BOOK NOW FOR THIS FUNDRAISER! WILL SELL OUT!

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

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

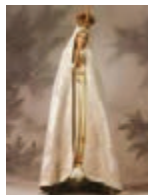
Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Imperials Catering
40 East 1st Avenue, Trappe
\$45 per ticket – Adults only
Doors open at 7 p.m. – Dinner at 7:30 p.m. —
Showtime is 8:30 p.m.
BYOB

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



Pilgrim Virgin Statue

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



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 jphillips@stleanor.com.



2017 Catholic Charities Appeal Update

Our parish response to the Catholic Charities Appeal this year is off to a solid start. Thank you to all of you who 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 in need.

As of 3-31-17, our parish family has made **369 donations (3rd in the Archdiocese)**, with gifts totaling **\$73,035 (8th in the Archdiocese)** which is 72% towards our parish goal of \$100,823.

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

Walking With Purpose is offering an **EVENING session: Living in the Father's Love**. In this powerful 6-week study we discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationships, not only with God, but also with those we love. Join us for an Open House on Tuesday, April 18th from 7-8pm in Vianney Hall to come and see what WWP is all about. The study will be held on Mondays beginning April 24th from 7-8:30pm in Vianney Hall. To RSVP for the Open House or to register for the study, contact Maureen Bulwicz at MBulwicz@gmail.com or 610-454-0650.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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

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

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

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for May will be on **May 20**. 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. Hamilton.



Mass for Healing Tuesday, April 18

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

Saint Eleanor Easter Egg Hunt—

Saturday, April 15 at 11 AM
Ages 6 and under



Pastoral Council

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. All nominations must include the signature/name of the person who is nominating their fellow parishioner. **Nominations are due no later than Thursday, April 20.**

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 and our future. The basic time commitment is to 8 or 9 meetings a year lasting approximately two hours. Thank you!

St. Eleanor CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) is open to **ALL** St. Eleanor parishioners. Therefore, if you are a St. Eleanor parishioner, and regardless of the grade school, middle school or high school your son or daughter attends, your child can participate in ANY and ALL CYO sports. CYO sports include; volleyball, field hockey, soccer, football, cross country, basketball, track & field, tennis, golf and lacrosse. For additional information please visit our web site at <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/> or contact Jim DeBald at jdebald@yahoo.com.



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

Varsity Head Coaching Opportunity: We are looking for a Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach. Interested applicants should contact Jim DeBald (jdebald@yahoo.com) or Chris Phillips christophermphilips@yahoo.com.

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

SE CYO DANCES: CYO sponsors monthly dances throughout the school year. **Individual Dance Passes** are available for Purchase: Cost \$7- per dance. Please visit our web-site for more information and to purchase dance passes: <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/>. **We will continue to do a food collection at each dance.** Each child is asked to bring at least one canned good which will be donated to the St. Eleanor Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your help with the worthy cause. **The Last Dance of the 2016-2017 school year will be held on Saturday, May 13th.**

Contact Dan Cordrey with any questions: myah22700@comcast.net.

Has your email address changed? If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed: <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/>. **United Way** is an important source of funding for our program. Please consider us when you are completing your donor card. Our number is 08018. Thank you!

Remember to Like Us On Facebook!



Special Denomination Gift Cards In Stock

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

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



Lenten Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday
6:30 and 9:00 AM

Stations of the Cross in Church

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

Parish Lenten Confessions

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



We cordially and warmly invite you to a special encounter with the story of our Lord's Passion and Death enacted by the eighth grade students of Holy Cross Regional Catholic School on **Monday, April 10 at 1:15 and 7pm** at St. Eleanor Church. It is always most inspiring and a wonderful way to begin Holy Week.



Encounter Lent With The 42nd Annual CRS Rice Bowl

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



We will be having a special opportunity for Confessions on **Tuesday, April 11, at 7 PM** in Church. There will be many priests hearing confessions that evening. There is no prayer service, only the celebration of Confession.



LENT ISN'T ABOUT CHOCOLATE.
IT'S ABOUT TRANSFORMATION...

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

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

Blessed is She

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

<https://blessedishe.net/>

FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2017

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



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

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



Register today: Go to **FORMED.ORG** & enter the parish code **HJEE3 (all caps)**. You will be asked to enter your email address and create a password. In the future, just log in with your user name & password. Enjoy!!!

Footsteps to the Cross

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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



Golfers and non-golfers—The Valley Forge Chapter, Knights of Columbus, is holding its 9th Annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament on Friday, May 5, at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. The event includes breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf and individual/team skill prizes. Cost per golfer is \$100. Dinner only tickets available for \$35/person. Sponsorships are welcomed. Contact Gary Huster at 610-972-0356 (the bighue@aol.com) or Mark Nunan at 610-754-7185 (marknunan@dejazzd.com). All proceeds benefit local crisis pregnancy centers.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop



April 9, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Good Friday, April 14, 2017, 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 April 14, 2017. 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.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



Gluten Free Hosts

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

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

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John W. Hallahan CGHS Alumnae Association is sponsoring their "Annual 50 years and Beyond" luncheon on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at Connstatter Volksfest-Verein, 9130 Academy Road. Cost is \$35.00 per person and \$25.00 for religious. If you are a graduate of Hallahan for over 50 or more years and are interested in attending this event, please contact, Chairperson, Marge West Kiefski '66 at 215-913-4482 or at mmkiefski@aol.com or the Alumnae Office at 215-568-3081 for more information.

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Mother & (Adult) Daughter Retreat May 12 – 14 (Mother's Day Weekend) Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212 Knowing that your relationship is special, and the need to nurture it throughout the years, this is a wonderful opportunity to walk upon common ground while celebrating your differences. Eucharist, small group sharing, prayer experiences, socials and fun are included - beach walks too! Cost: \$135 per person. Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829 for more information.

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Wedding Anniversary Mass Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput, Presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Registration required!** To register visit: www.phillycatholiclife.org or call: 215-587-0500

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Join the Catholic Family Fun Club (CFFC) in the Archdiocese Every day local Catholics view the crowd-sourced events calendar at the Catholic Family Fun Club over 100 times. Join the CFFC to discover fun movie nights and other events—and even create your own playdates, craft nights, or other activities. Meet others of all ages in this group created by families, for families, to have fun and friends. <https://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Family-Fun-Club>.

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Mom's House – Rainbow Walk / Run – Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. – Location: Phoenixville Area High School, 1200 Gay Street, Phoenixville – Registration opens at 8:30 A.M. or pre-register online at their web site: <https://momshouse-phoenixville.org/events/>

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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. Our upcoming events are listed below, contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) for more details. **Thursday, April 13:** Holy Thursday Pilgrimage beginning at St. Eleanor Parish in Collegeville at 7pm **Tuesday, April 18:** Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Company in Collegeville (Dinner/Drinks at 7pm, speaker begins at 7:30pm).

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"Trends in Global Christianity" by Michael Young-Suk Oh, Davis Visiting Professor of Judeo-Christian Values. Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. Olin Auditorium, Olin Hall Ursinus College, 601 East Main Street, Collegeville, Pa.

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The Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support is holding a **Sensory Friendly Mass** on Sunday, April 23, at 9AM in the Chapel of Saint Joseph at St. Joseph's University. Full details and registration can be found at kinneyautism.sju.edu/mass.

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The **IHM Philadelphia Homeschool Conference** will be held at St. Helena Catholic Church in Blue Bell on Friday, April 28 from 12PM to 6PM. This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic Homeschooling. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more info, visit www.ihmconference.org or email info.ihm@ihmconference.org.

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Annual Feast Day Mass for Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Join us as we honor St. Gianna Molla at the Shrine of Saint Gianna on Friday, April 28, 2017! 6:30 p.m. Rosary recitation, followed by Feast Day Mass at 7 p.m. After mass, veneration of Saint Gianna's first-class and second-class relics by all; ending with fellowship and light refreshments in the Church Hall. Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 625 West Street Road, Warminster, PA. To learn more: <http://saintgianna.org>.

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As part of the Spirituality Under the Dome series, **Immaculata University** announces its 11th annual **"Spirituality Day"** on Saturday, April 29, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with refreshments followed by the opening prayer and welcome at 9:15 a.m. in Alumnae Hall. The half-day event concludes at 12:00 p.m. Patricia Livingston, popular writer for *Living Faith* magazine, will be the keynote speaker for the morning. For further information, please visit the website at www.immaculata.edu/spirituality

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