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## ST ELEANOR CHURCH

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December 15, 2019  
Third Sunday of Advent

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** New to the parish? Please call for an appointment with one of the priests  
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Thursday: 8am to 7pm, Friday: 8am to 5pm, Saturday: 9am - 1pm

### CLERGY

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

### PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Linda Coyne, Finance Director  
Ms. Janet Genuardi  
Mrs. Laura Jusko  
Mrs. Jean Phillips  
Mrs. Jane Watson

### SACRED MUSIC

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

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Matt Kirsch



### COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

#### Week Ending November 22, 2019

Regular Collection	\$	23,330
Other Collection	\$	572
Fall Collection	\$	530
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,433</b>
Diocesan Collections	\$	6,573

#### Regular Sunday Collections

#### Fiscal Year-to-Date

July 1, 2019– November 22, 2019	\$	575,711
July 1, 2018– November 22, 2018	\$	563,718

#### YTD Tithing

July 1, 2019– November 22, 2019	\$	14,689
July 1, 2018– November 22, 2018	\$	14,400



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

### Mass Schedule

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

### SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

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

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

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

### EDUCATION

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

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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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

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

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

**Holiday Bulletin Deadlines:** ; 12/29 bulletin—12/16 (inserts by 12/11);  
1/5 bulletin—12/18 (inserts by 12/16)





Dear Friends,

Our Youth Group did a wonderful job decorating the parish offices (inside and out) and the Kateri meeting space for Christmas. They will be helping also with the Church decorating coming up this week. These energetic and joyful disciples do so much throughout the year not only for our parish family but for our brothers and sisters in need. We are very grateful for their enthusiasm and presence among us. We thank Matt Kirsch for his warm and caring leadership of our Youth Ministry programs.

We had a wonderful Christmas Tree Lighting and Blessing back on the Monday before Thanksgiving. We picked that evening to avoid conflicting with other local tree lighting events. We sang some carols, we prayed, we blessed the tree, and the Chetta Family helped turn the tree lights on. The weather was cooperative and there were wonderful home-made cookies and hot chocolate for all. It was a most enjoyable moment in the life of our parish family. Perhaps you noticed, we added a star atop the tree. May the lights of the tree remind us of Christ, our Lord, the Light of the world.

We have come to the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday with its rose color vestments and Advent candle. The Church this weekend invites us in the words of Saint Paul to *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.* (Phil 4:4-5). May our preparations assist us in this and help us to know how close the Lord is to each of us.

After all the Sunday Masses (December 15), our priests will be available to hear confessions in the Chapel. On Tuesday of this week, we have more than a dozen priests who will be hearing confessions at 7 pm in Church. There is truly no better way to prepare for Christmas and the coming of the Lord Jesus than to receive forgiveness and healing in the Sacrament of Penance.

Have you ever wondered if Jesus is the Christ, the anointed of God, Savior? John the Baptist had a question on this and so sent disciples from prison. Jesus' response is simple and direct, a revelation that He is doing the very works of God ~ *"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."* Jesus offers the same gifts and works to us as we come to Him humbly and receive His Sacraments and worship God through Him at Holy Mass.

May we realize the hidden and glorious power of the Lord awaiting all those who come and behold the King of Angels. May these words echo in our hearts, mind and souls now and always ~ *"O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"*

God bless you, God love you,  
Monsignor McCulken

### Christmas Schedule

December 17- Parish Confessions - 7:00 pm  
December 21—Confessions—8:00—8:45 am; 3:00—4:15 pm  
December 22—after each of the Masses  
December 24- 4:00, 4:15 (school), 6:30 and 8:30 pm  
December 25—7:30 and 10:00 am, 12 noon  
December 31—4:30 pm vigil for Holy Day  
11:00 pm—Holy Hour  
12 midnight—Benediction  
January 1—9:00 & 10:30 am, 12 noon; (no 7:00 pm Mass)

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, December 14

##### *Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

9:00 Carol Ann Stralo  
4:30 Peggy Parker

#### Sunday, December 15

7:30 Thomas DeSimone  
9:00 Emmanuel Carbonaro  
10:30 Jack Hoban  
12:00 Nancy Dee  
7:00 For the People of the Parish

#### Monday, December 16

6:30 J. Brad Aaron (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
9:00 Rosemary Backus

#### Tuesday, December 17

6:30 Barbara Lopez (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
9:00 Paul Schneider

#### Wednesday, December 18

6:30 Albert and Nancy Viola  
9:00 Carol Ann Stralo

#### Thursday, December 19

6:30 Marcie Marks  
9:00 Robert Hammond

#### Friday, December 20

6:30 Sp Int of Anthony and Christina Viola  
9:00 Rocco Tatasciore

#### Saturday, December 21

##### *Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

9:00 Thomas M. Gildea  
4:30 The People of the Parish

#### Sunday, December 22

7:30 Julia Giovannone  
9:00 Frances Bernstiel  
10:30 Americo Basile  
12:00 Deceased members McMorrow Family  
7:00 Anthony Tornetta

### Baptisms

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

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, January 5th at 2 pm in Kateri Hall. *First-time parents need to attend & may attend this program before the birth of your child. Pre-registration with the parish office is required at least 7 days prior to the class. Baptismal paperwork is due two weeks prior to Baptism.*

### Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:

Rocco Tatasciore on the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his death given by his family  
Peter Kaeser on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death given by his father Edward  
Eleanor Antonacci on her birthday given by the Vetrano family

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



**FOR OUR DECEASED:** Frances Jusko (mother of Dan), Josephine Drop (aunt of Donna Pinto), Dorothea Kahn (mother of Elisa McKay)

**FOR OUR SICK:** Catherine Alexander, Bob Bielski, Ralph Bucher, Connie Clarke, Joseph Clarke, Georgia Cordrey, Richard Dylinski, Joan Earhart, Molly Enright, Tom Fuller, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Carol Hadfield, Joe Hadfield, Amy Hahn-Kirsch, Connie Henzler, Carl Janicki, Mary Marinari, Msgr. James McBride, Agnes McCarver, Martha Meng, Nina Nell, Debbie Palumbo, Doris Palumbo, Steven Pinto, Mary Pistory, Paul Schneider, Anthony Stumpo, Dr. Edward J. Szymala, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Bernadine Wahalla, Joan White

**OUR LITTLE ONES:** Corey Gramazio, Noah Ellingsworth, Erica

## LEGION OF MARY

"The heart of the Legion is the weekly meeting",  
(Frank Duff, Founder)

The weekly meeting is prayers, spiritual reading and discussion, work assignment and work report. Always structured to ninety minutes.

Visit us at one of our meetings; all Catholics are welcome  
Meetings are every Monday 10:00A to 11:30A  
Come pray with us in the Kateri Room

## PRAY for THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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

## DIVINE MERCY

The theme for the month of December for Divine Mercy is **Mary**.

"Ask for the grace to be a "special child" of Mary by praying the Rosary daily". Please join us for Divine Mercy devotions in Our Lady's chapel at 7 pm on Thursday evenings. For more information please call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622.

**Note: Divine Mercy group will not meet on December 26th.**

## PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

Call Kevin 610-489-4412 to schedule a week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We will deliver the statue for those who need assistance. Dec. 15: Lisa Bruder, Dec. 22: Dan & Michelle Halley, Dec. 29: Kevin Strnad

## ROSARY

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

## PRAYER WHEEL FOR PRIESTS and DEACONS

For the month of **December**, we will be praying for **Deacon John A Hasson** and all his intentions.

If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons, please call Betty Rowlands at 610-489-3742.

## SACRED MUSIC MINISTRY

We invite you to share your talents.

Did you know that there are over 1000 verses in the Bible that reference music—singing hymns of praise, blowing of trumpets, making a joyful song unto the Lord! You are invited to share your talents and become a member of St Eleanor's Sacred Ministry.

All involved seek to celebrate the Liturgy in a manner that promotes participation by all with exultation and reverence.  
**Join us!**

**All inquiries for all Sacred Music Ministries, contact Elizabeth Calabro at 610-489-1647 x 22 or ecalabro@stleanor.com**

## KEYBOARDIST NEEDED

The Spirit Revival Band is searching for a keyboard player to join them!

The group rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm and share music with the 7pm Mass on Sundays.

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



## Growing as a Disciple of Christ

### A CALL FOR CHRISTMAS HELP

May all the blessings of God accompany you this Advent! We need your kind assistance with two integral aspects for our Christmas celebrations.

First, over the years we have had the assistance of the local Fire Police in assisting with parking for the 4 and 4:15 pm Masses on Christmas Eve. They have told us that no one is available. Our Knights of Columbus members are being asked but knowing the immensity of the need, I am appealing for members of our parish family to help us with this huge task. It would involve arriving around 3:00 pm to help direct traffic flow before Mass and then at the end of Mass to help direct departing vehicles. *Please call Matt Kirsch at the parish office (610-489-1647) or email ~ [mkirsch@steeleanor.com](mailto:mkirsch@steeleanor.com) right away.* Further information will be provided.

Second, we need your help at ALL the Christmas Masses to welcome and greet all Mass goers and to distribute our Christmas book to all the adults attending. Please email or call the parish office, ext. 10 leaving your name(s), the Mass you will be attending, your email address and phone number. This is a great opportunity for the whole family and requires a minimum amount of time. It is however a truly great blessing for you and for all!

What gives ultimate meaning and purpose to life  
Why does **Jesus** matter?  
How can I begin a better life?

## Discovering Christ

**Mondays**

**Doors open at 6:30pm**

**Dinner and program—6:45– 9:00 PM**

**January 20th—March 2nd**

**Vianney Hall**

**Retreat Day—February 22nd**

Join us for this exciting new seven week series where we gather to share a delicious dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding the ultimate purpose in life.

There is no fee to attend the series. Donations are gratefully accepted to cover food costs.

For more information, visit our website—[www.steeleanor.com/christ-life](http://www.steeleanor.com/christ-life).

**Registration deadline January 6, 2020**

(or to capacity, whichever comes first)

### Two ways to register

1.) online at <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-4159976/>

**or**

2.) cut and send the bottom portion of this form to

Saint Eleanor Catholic Church

647 Locust Street

Collegeville, Pa 19426 OR

Email to [ChristLife@steeleanor.com](mailto:ChristLife@steeleanor.com) OR drop in the collection basket

Registration Form

## Discovering Christ

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (other) \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions/Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_





### Coming Soon

December 17—Women's Guild Christmas  
January 7—Mass for Healing  
January 18—Padre Pio Prayer Group

#### WOMEN'S GUILD

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17th, 7:30 in Vianney Hall. Remember to bring a \$5 wrapped gift for our gift exchange. New members are always welcome.

#### MASS FOR HEALING

January 7th —7 pm

#### PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

**Next Meeting and Mass - January 18th**  
9:40-Prayer & Confession  
10:30- Mass & blessing with Padre Pio's relics

**Pope John Paul II High School is pleased to announce that the following students have achieved Academic Honors for the First Quarter of the 2019-2020 school year:**

#### First Honors

Sarah Abruzzo, Hannah Aukers, Lauren Keefe, Nina Mariano, Julia Patterson, Kathleen Schiele, Kathryn Teles, Claire Wiegand, Veronica Charyna, Ella Colarossi, Emma Getts, Heather Lesinski, Alyssa Margerum, Stephanie Marinelli, Daniel Martin, Isabella Ricevuto, Andrew Yacovelli, Catherine Fiore, Kathleen Heller, Ashley McVeigh, Paige Millard, Kelly O'Connor, Anna Patterson, Colleen Schiele, Emma Sills, Max Anderson, Holly Binkowski, Lauren Catalano, Stella Cisick, Meghan Dean, Bailey Finkelmeier, Anna Margerum, Sarah Murphy, Katelyn Philipp, Henry Phillips, Madeline Ward, Gabriella Williams

#### Second Honors

Emma Brogan, Luken Cisick, Jessica D'Ambrosio, Erin Fox, Matthew John, Lucas Levant, Ashlyn Lewis, Arianna McGrory, Emily Morrissey, Joseph Ramkowsky, Natalia Santangelo, Anna Vitelli, Sarah Ward, Christopher Bruder., Justin Carr, Rocco DiRico, Grace Drewicz, Sydney Farnsworth, Justin Green, Luke McCarthy, Kelly Paris, Francesca Pergine, Kathryn Phillips, Margaret Sullivan, Fiona Burke, Josephine Cisick, Caroline Cooper, Kayla Croiger, Tess Crossan, Sophia Hinke, Lauren Kent, Hillary Mack, Aidan O'Brien, Rachel Ramkowsky, Kristina Rist, Brooklyn Rogers, Cecilia Abruzzo, Lindsay Arezina, John Beach, Maura Collins, Malinda Garcia, Mae McGowan, Claire Schiele, Abigail Wilmot

#### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

The members of the St. Eleanor Conference of St. Vincent de Paul pray that the Lord will bestow Christmas blessings upon all our wonderful donors. Your generous support of our outreach to those in need throughout 2019 has been outstanding and truly reflects your desire to love our neighbor as Jesus so asks of his brothers and sisters.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

#### PERPETUAL ADORATION

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

#### SCRIP

##### SCRIP Gift Cards

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

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

No SCRIP sales December 24th from 3:00 pm –29th;  
December 31 - January 1



### HOLY CROSS REGIONAL SCHOOL

*A School United in Faith, Hope, and Love*

[www.hcrc.school](http://www.hcrc.school)

#### Have you considered sending your child to Catholic School?

Registration is open at Holy Cross Regional Catholic School for students in Pre-K through 8th grades.  
Call 610-489-9434 ext. 1 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

\*Your help to continue to provide this support is still needed.  
Contact Paul Klauder at 610-676-2225 or [pklauder@seic.com](mailto:pklauder@seic.com).



## YOUTH MINISTRY



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

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

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

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

## PLAYGROUP

Come join us for fellowship and playtime on Wednesday mornings immediately following the 9am Mass (please attend if you are able to) until 11:15 AM in Vianney Hall. Parents/caregivers and children aged 0-4 years are welcome.

Caregivers stay with their children the entire time and our mornings may include circle time with Bible stories, a simple craft as well as plenty of time for caregivers to chat and kids to play. Contact: Geraldine Petr at [geraldine.petr@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine.petr@gmail.com)

## Metanoia

**Tuesday, December 17:** Christmas Party @ Conshohocken Brewing Company in Bridgeport



**CYO News**—<http://stleanor.website.sportssignup.com>

**St Eleanor Catholic Youth Organization** is open to all 5th through 8th grades, 9th through 12th grades (Basketball only & Co-Ed Volleyball in Spring), and 1st through 3rd (Pee Wee Track/Cross Country) children of our PARISH. Please visit our web-site for more information: <http://stleanor.website.sportssignup.com>

**CYO Spring Sports Registration will begin Sunday, January 5th and ends on Sunday, January 19th.**

Spring registration is open to registered St. Eleanor's Parishioners only that are currently in 1st through 8th grade boys and girls. We offer the following sports: JV & Varsity Baseball, JV & Varsity Softball, Girls JV & Varsity Lacrosse, Boys Varsity Lacrosse, Track, Pee Wee Track (1st thru 3rd grades, Varsity Track 4th thru 8th graders) JV & Varsity Tennis, Varsity Golf, High School Coed Volleyball. Registration and payment are only available through the CYO web-site: <http://stleanor.website.sportssignup.com>

**Has your email address changed?** If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed. 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 Megan at [meganodonnellcyo@gmail.com](mailto:meganodonnellcyo@gmail.com)

**CYO WEBSITE** <http://stleanor.website.sportssignup.com> **Remember to Like Us On Facebook!**

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

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

Perkiomen Valley Council 3633  
P.O. Box 116, Schwenksville, Pennsylvania 19473-0116  
The Knights of Columbus – Perkiomen Valley Council #3633  
Scholarship

In keeping with the goal of supporting Catholic Education, the **Knights of Columbus Perkiomen Valley Council #3633 Scholarship** will award two scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 (\$750.00 each for each academic year- totaling \$3,000 each over four years) to two freshmen entering Pope John Paul II High School in the fall of 2020. **Who is an eligible applicant for The Knights of Columbus – Perkiomen Valley Council #3633 Scholarship?**

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

Has a completed application on file at Pope John Paul II High School

Has a completed financial aid application on file at Pope John Paul II High School

**What criteria is used in evaluating The Knights of Columbus – Perkiomen Valley Council #3633 Scholarship?**

Eligibility is based on financial need. Students will fill out the financial aid forms with PJP High School. **PJP needs to have applications and financial aid forms by April 2020!**

## JUNIOR LEGION of MARY (ages 8-17)

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

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



## MINISTRIES

Altar Cross Society	Take care of altar linens	Irene 610-287-8552
Cenacles of Life	Meet each week to pray the rosary to end abortion. Tuesdays, 6:00 PM, Chapel	Rita 610-489-1929
Charismatic Prayer Group	Strives to develop a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit, Scriptures & the Mass. Wednesdays 7:30pm Vianney Hall	Joann 610-306-6934
ChristLife	Helping people discover, follow & share Christ as members of the Church.	Frank 610-650-8457
Church Cleaning Ministry	Group who beautifies our church each Monday	Ginny 610-539-9543
Church Decorating Group	Enhance our church each season	Margarida 215-888-7509
Couples for Christ	Couples & families supporting each other in the quest to live for Christ	Jinky 610-454-5754
CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)	Provides opportunities for children to participate in spiritual, social and athletic activities	Jim DeBald 610-476-6756
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Assists with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and/or to our homebound.	Nancy 610-659-0237
Gardening Angels	Help keep our campus beautiful.	Rachel 610-409-9408
Hospitality	Plans events to make all parishioners feel welcome.	Leslie 610-948-9122
Knights of Columbus	Meet 2nd Sunday of each month serving St Eleanor & St Mary	Robert 610-783-4106
Lector Ministry	Read at weekend Masses, Holy Days and other special Masses. Must be age 14.	Mark-610-792-1679
Legion of Mary	Lay ministry giving service to parish, visiting parish households and meeting for weekly prayer	Richard 610-489-3891
Lupus Support Group	Providing support, prayer and hope for those with this autoimmune disease	Christie 610-489-2761
Men of St Joseph	Meet for prayer & reflection on the Sunday readings every Friday after the 6:30 am Mass	Anthony 610-489-8812
MOSES. (Men of St Eleanor)	Strengthen and encourage men to be strong husbands, fathers and neighbors	Sandy 610-409-0587
Pilgrim Statue	Traveling blessed image of the Virgin Mary	Kevin 610-489-4412
Pray the Rosary	M-F after 9:00 Mass; Wed evening 7pm, chapel	am Betty 610-489-3742 pm Angie 610-489-9903
Respect Life Committee	Promotes Gospel of Life through prayer, witness and education	Chris 610-409-0179
St Vincent DePaul Society	Through corporal works of mercy, SVDP bears witness to love of Christ by helping those in need	Maureen 610-489-1647
Ushers	Assist during weekend liturgies, Holy Days & special occasions	Butch 610-584-0225
Walking with Purpose	Catholic women's Bible study	Maureen—610-454-0650
Welcoming Ministry	Greet and welcome parishioners before Mass	Bettie 610-933-7243
Women's Guild	Gather to celebrate fellowship	Celeste 610-409-8808





## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Gaudeamus** Music Ministry invites you to their annual Christmas Concert which will be held on Sunday, December 15, 7:30 PM, Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting. Admission is free and open to the public; free-will donation will benefit A Baby's Breath. For more information on Gaudeamus and concert details, please visit [www.letusrejoice.org](http://www.letusrejoice.org).

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**Hope Blooms:** A Healing Retreat for Catholic Women, JANUARY 10-12 in Reading. For any woman seeking healing from betrayal trauma, abuse, emotional wounding and freedom from habitual patterns such as anxiety and feelings of unworthiness. Our time together includes: opportunities for individual healing work, teachings on the 5 Keys of Unbound, personal reflection time. Register by December 15 for Early Bird price of \$299. <https://integrityrestored.com/hope-blooms-retreat-2020,de@youaremadenew.com>.

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Sisters of Life "**Glory Night**" Holy Hour with praise and adoration Saturday December 21, 6:30 pm. Join us every third Saturday of the month for our Glory nights of music and adoration at St. Malachy's Church. Our next Holy Hour is on Saturday, Dec. 21st at 6:30pm followed by a social. Here in this little corner of Philly Our God will be loved and worshiped.

St. Malachy's Church, 1429 N. 11th Street, Philadelphia. Free

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**Presentation:** The Role of the Laity in a Time of Crisis. Join us for an evening of reflection on the mission of the laity in times of ecclesial crisis and learn what you can do to cooperate with Christ's action to purify and heal His Church. Free. Jan 27 at 7 pm- SS Peter

### **Program Leader, Academic Support Catherine Learning Program.**

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School seeks a program leader for the Catherine Learning Program – an academic support program for students with documented learning differences in reading, writing and math, and/or attention issues, organizational difficulties, or memory processing issues. Additional details are available at [gmahs.org/careers](http://gmahs.org/careers).

**Young Adult Retreat** February 7 - 9, 2020, Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. Join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! \$135 per person, double occp. Register at: [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 609-884-382. Some financial aid is available

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**Spiritual Support for Addiction:** Hope in Christ. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for resources, ongoing support, events, and testimonies that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Phila. Visit [archphila.org/hope](http://archphila.org/hope) for new postings for Catholic resources available to you or a loved one.

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**Easter Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** (April 13-23, 2020). Be part of a limited group of Catholic pilgrims joining the local population for the Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet ceremony, the Good Friday Way of the Cross and more. Contact Susan at Select International (800-842-4842 or [susan@select-intl.com](mailto:susan@select-intl.com)).

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