

APRIL 15, 2018

# ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

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### **CLERGY**

Msgr. Michael T. McCulken,  
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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

## **April 15, 2018 Third Sunday of Easter**



**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.**

**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 5 pm, Saturday: 9am -1pm

### **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.)

### **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.

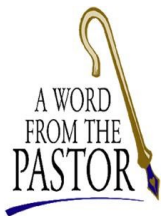
### **EDUCATION**

**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.



Dear Friends,

We had a truly beautiful celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Fitzgerald at two Masses last Saturday. The children were well prepared and the ceremonies were inspiring. Thank you to Teri Lahey, Theresa Healy, the catechists, teachers and volunteers who helped the children and their families prepare for the children's full initiation into Christ. Thank you to everyone who helped make the ceremonies so very special.

We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion on May 5, also two Masses. It is a truly inspiring day as these little ones receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Communion for the first time. Keep them and their families in your good prayers.

In our Gospel, Jesus says, *"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."* That "you" Jesus is speaking of is YOU and I, not just the Apostles. We are His witnesses today, His disciples. We are to announce the Gospel ~ that is this: Jesus, God made flesh, suffered, died and rose again!

Are we witnessing to others? Or, do we look like, act like, speak like any other person in our society/world? Can people tell we are on fire for the Lord? Or, are they comfortable drawing us into whatever is going on in the world? Do people see, hear in us the works and words of Jesus, the peace of the Lord, the mercy, compassion, forgiveness and self-sacrificing love of Jesus?

By now, perhaps you may be thinking that I am laying it on really thick. That I am asking all of us to be a Mother Teresa, John Paul II, Padre Pio, Pier Giorgio Frassati, Gianna Beretta Molla, Maximilian Kolbe, Therese of Lisieux, Francis of Assisi, Bernadette of Lourdes, Ignatius of Loyola, or the countless numbers of other heroes of the Catholic Church, witnesses par excellence. You are absolutely correct!! These ordinary human beings accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and modeled their lives on His. That is being a disciple, a witness. That is what you and I strive to be and do.

No one wants someone to be in your face, pressuring you about Scripture, driving you to distraction about Faith and morality. But each and every one of us, and just about every other person on this planet, is attracted to someone who authentically lives the life of Christ in their own life, personally exhibits joy, generosity, gentleness, and who lovingly and simply explains/shares/shows how to do the same to others.

In this Easter season 2018, with the joy and alleluias ringing out in our Masses and parish Church because of the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, how can we not be different from the rest of the world? Our personal fulfillment and peace come from the Mercy of Christ, which flowed out of His pierced Heart on the Cross. It is His love for us that drives us to share this grace, this gift, this fire with every one we meet! May we witness every day and in every circumstance, helping each other to become more passionately Christ's disciples, making disciples of all whom we meet.

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

### **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.



**In memory of Frank Cotteta on the 5th anniversary of his death given by daughter Marie**

**In memory of Chris Cusatis given by his family**

### **Rose for Life**

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, April 14**

9:00 Thomas Cosgrove  
 4:30 Thomas Cosgrove

### **Sunday, April 15**

7:30 Mimi Anzalone (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
 9:00 The People of the Parish  
 10:30 Frank Cotetta (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 12:00 George Harrity  
 7:00 Thomas Cosgrove

### **Monday, April 16**

6:30 Mort Carlin  
 9:00 Salvatore Branco (42<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)

### **Tuesday, April 17**

6:30 Paul Reinhart  
 9:00 Al and Florence Carusi

### **Wednesday, April 18**

6:30 Joan Jones  
 9:00 Kathleen Witcraft

### **Thursday, April 19**

6:30 Immacolata Corbo  
 9:00 Lucia Rieviello

### **Friday, April 20**

6:30 Immacolata Corbo  
 9:00 Robert V. Brownlie, Sr.

### **Saturday, April 21**

#### ***Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church***

9:00 Frank M. Borraccini  
 4:30 Thomas Cosgrove

### **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.



**Logan Robert, son of Christopher and Ashley Camp**

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.

"Pray without  
ceasing."  
1 Thessalonians 5:17



**FOR OUR DECEASED:** Marie Valvardi (mother of Patricia), Marge Weshe, sister of Joe Sullivan, Father Edward Hamilton

**FOR OUR SICK:** Catherine Alexander, Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Joseph Art, Jr., Elizabeth Ashenfelder, Kathleen Bani, Lori Bani, Lisa Caruso, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Jackie Bielski, Cindy Borowski-Burns, Anna Bozzelli, Arthur Buben, Bob Buda, Diane Burg, Florence Burkett, Sandy Burns, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Trish Caufield, 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, Karl Hampton, 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, Barbara Witman, Pat Willits, Albrette Zvarik

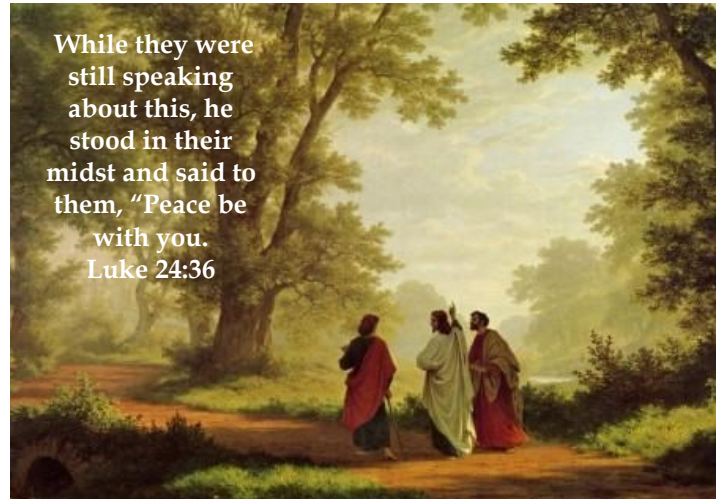
**OUR LITTLE ONES:** Elizabeth DePaul, Damien John Erskine, Brandon Gallagher, Baby Corey Gramazio, Maggie Lutz, Baby Nicholas Manzi, Kiera McMahon, Nicholas Rutherford, Baby Zachary Sinnk, Isaiah Thoxton, Baby Dell Tolas, Justin Wichner, Baby Evan Gerhold, Kate Greco, Kyce Christopher Younossi

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

While they were  
still speaking  
about this, he  
stood in their  
midst and said to  
them, "Peace be  
with you."  
Luke 24:36



#### Pray for Those Serving Our Country

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



#### Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

For the month of **April**, we will be praying for **Reverend 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.

Tweeted by Pope Francis on April 9th



Are you in a position of authority? Be holy  
by working for the common good and  
renouncing personal gain.



#### Counting Our Blessings

##### Week Ending March 30, 2018

Regular Collection	\$ 35,216
Other Collections	\$ 293
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,235
Easter	\$ 2,410
Total	\$ 39,154
Diocesan Collections	\$ 1,447

##### Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date\*\*

July 1, 2017—March 30, 2018	\$ 1,108,213
July 1, 2016—March 30, 2017	\$ 1,059,764

##### YTD Tithing

July 1, 2017— March 30, 2018	\$ 29,395
July 1, 2016— March 30 2017	\$ 28,267





## 60 YEARS OF GIVING HOPE TO ALL

**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. 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.

[WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIESAPPEAL.ORG](http://WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIESAPPEAL.ORG)



Welcome to the newest members of the Saint Eleanor Parish Family:

Matthew & Kaitlyn Sibley  
Anthony Giacomoni  
Kevin & Ashleigh Sobotka  
Michael Melroy  
Diane Machinist

Kathleen Daher  
Stephen & Kelly Mocey Family  
James & Theresa Tooley Family  
Derek & Melinda Thomas Family  
William & Sarah Norman Family



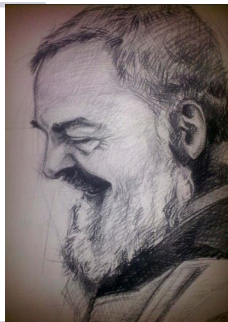
**Mass for Healing**  
**April 17th**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Church**

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

### Padre Pio Prayer Group

**Next Meeting and Mass**  
**April 21st**

9:40-Prayer & Confession  
10:30— Mass and blessing  
with Padre Pio's  
relics



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Suite 200  
Raleigh NC 27612

(888) 501-8440 • (919) 839-0689  
fax: 919-839-8971  
[riseagainsthunger.org](http://riseagainsthunger.org)

March 30, 2018

St. Eleanor Parish  
647 Locust St  
Collegeville, PA 19426

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$3,821.04 to Rise Against Hunger (a 501(c)(3) organization) received March 8, 2018. You have changed lives with your contribution, and we are truly grateful. Your gift helps build a firm foundation of support for children like Anderson in Zambia.

Anderson, who lost both of his parents, lives with his grandmother in the Chainda Compound Lusaka West, which is characterized by high levels of illiteracy and unemployment. He has made great progress since he began receiving Rise Against Hunger meals distributed to the school by Mercy Ministries International. Once a child with very little energy who rarely interacted with his classmates, Anderson is now cheerful and attentive in his classes and enjoys interacting with other children at school.

"From the time Anderson started receiving [Rise Against Hunger] meals, his health has tremendously improved and he has been frequently coming to school," said Levinson Mwale, Anderson's teacher. "I am proud of Anderson, knowing him for more than 4 years now, that he has a very big dream to achieve what he wants to. I am hoping that he continues to dream big and that he will be able to give back in the community."

Anderson's life has changed because of you. With your support, Anderson and thousands of children like him around the world have a chance. And because of you, they can break the cycle of poverty that so many of our global neighbors fight on a daily basis.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your gift. Keep up with Rise Against Hunger and our work to end hunger by visiting [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org).

Warmest regards,

Rod Brooks  
President and CEO

### 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 Wynnwood Road**

**Wynnwood, PA 19096**

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

## Bins with Lids for Hospitalized Kids– April 21-22

Bins with Lids for Hospitalized Kids are plastic containers (the kind that pretzels & cheese puffs come in) filled with small games, toys, and art supplies. These Bins will be provided to local pediatric hospitals and given to children who have long hospital stays. The idea is that the items in a Bin are small and can be utilized by a child who is limited to his or her hospital room.

We are asking families to talk to their children about this project and, together, perhaps with some of the child's own money, purchase an item or two for these bins.

**Approved Items for the Bins (All toys must be NEW and in their original packaging)**

**While there are many great things that can fit in a bin, the following is a list of approved toys. Bins have a 3 1/2 inch opening so please make sure any of your wonderful toy donations fit within those parameters. No food is permitted in a Joy Jar.**

Play-Doh	Teethers
Pens and Pencils	Balls
Rattles	Playing Cards
Lego Minis	Activity Books
Trading Cards	Crayons
Travel Games	Stickers
Small Board Books	Shoulder Buddies
Beanies/Caps	Pens
Play Jewelry	Note Pads
iTunes Gift Cards	Socks
Paper Airplanes	Slinkies
Purses/Make Up Bags (small)	Pacifiers
Toe Rings	Bracelets
Pen Holders	Mini Puzzles
Packaged Stuffed Animals (small)	Mini Figures (ponies or super heroes)



**The picture is of one of the recipients of the Bins from a few years ago.**

### St. Eleanor Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in Our Lady Chapel

*We need a few good men and women! Our parish is greatly blessed to offer perpetual adoration; very few parishes in the Archdiocese do so. Many of your fellow parishioners come to the chapel and spend an hour with Jesus faithfully every week. But, we have some times, especially in the overnight hours, that have your name on them! Please consider :*



Monday: 1 am, 2 am  
 Tuesday: 3 am  
 Wednesday: 2 pm, 4 pm  
 Thursday: 12 am, 4 pm  
 Friday: 12 am, 2 am, 8 am, 10 am  
 Saturday: 2 am, 3 am  
 Sunday: 6 pm

*You will need a key fob for access. Remember, the parking lot is well lit but if you prefer, you may also park right in front of the door and walk the few steps to the door. Contact [perpetualadoration@stleanor.com](mailto:perpetualadoration@stleanor.com) to discuss your questions, to sign up.*

### The Chris Cusatis Memorial Fund

offers two \$250 scholarships for eligible 3rd & 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 paragraphs) essay about your service to apply for the scholarship.

The essay will be evaluated based on genuine demonstration of service, as Chris admired hard work and commitment to the parish. All submissions can be sent to [cjcscholarship-fund@gmail.com](mailto:cjcscholarship-fund@gmail.com) by May 25th

### MOSES Breakfast

The Men of St Eleanor Series invite all men of the parish

#### Sunday Morning June 3

immediately following the 7:30 am Mass  
**All men of the parish are welcome**

8:30 - 9:00 Coffee, fellowship, complete breakfast buffet  
 9:00 10:00 Talk by special guest Mr. Tom Stevens, President of Pro-Life Union of Philadelphia and co-leader of House of God's Light Prayer Community.  
 10:00 - 10:15 Q&A and conclusion

Registration is available via email  
[mosesbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:mosesbreakfast@gmail.com)  
 or signing up at the registration table after Mass.

### Divine Mercy

On Good Friday in 1937 Jesus told St. 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 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, 610-409-2622

## 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

April 25—BOLD Escape Trappe

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



## Playgroup and Mom's Group

Please join us in Vianney Hall on Wednesday mornings—9:00-11:00  
All ages are welcome to join us for play and fellowship!

For more information contact: Shanna Vitullo  
[shannaanna@gmail.com](mailto:shannaanna@gmail.com)



## Kingdom Kids Program

9:00 am Mass (canceled for June 3)

Parents are welcome to drop children (ages 6 mo to 3 yrs) in Vianney Hall by 8:40am and pick up after Mass. Space is limited and paperwork will be required at initial drop off.

Parents must have a working cell phone with them and leave a diaper bag for the child if necessary.

Contact Lisa Weaver at [Lsoda08@yahoo.com](mailto:Lsoda08@yahoo.com) for further information.

Please pray for the success of this amazing new ministry.

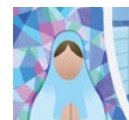


## Junior Legion of Mary

(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 at 4:30-5:30 pm in Kateri Hall.

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



**SAVE THE DATE: CYO Varsity Sports Banquet** will be held on Sunday, June 3rd from 4:00 pm - 8 pm.  
More details to follow.

**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)





Are you a Gardening Angel?

We have a beautiful campus and our Gardening Angels help to keep it beautiful.

Why not consider becoming a Gardening Angel?

Contact Rachel Holdsworth at 610-409-9408

**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.



Save the Date!!! Women's Guild Yard Sale

It's time to start that spring cleaning! Saturday, June 2, here at St. Eleanor. More information to come soon.



### Holy Cross Now Accepting Registration From New Families for 2018-2019 School Year

Registration for New Families is OPEN at Holy Cross Regional Catholic School. We have limited spots available for students in grades Pre-K through 8. For more information about Holy Cross or to schedule a tour, please call 610-489-9434, ext. 1, or visit our school web site at [www.hcrc.school](http://www.hcrc.school).

Holy Cross offers Full-Day programs for PreK and Kindergarten, as well as our after-school CARES program.

Holy Cross has a proud academic tradition, and is fully accredited by Middle States. Our strong Catholic identity is rooted in our belief that God is at the center of who we are and all that we teach.

We offer an Accelerated Reading program for grades K-8; an Advanced Honors Mathematics program for those that meet the criteria, starting in 4<sup>th</sup> grade; and weekly instruction in Music, Art, Computer Technology, Physical Education, Library Skills and Spanish.

### Welcoming Ministry

We are looking for volunteers for our **Welcoming Ministry**. Their job is to greet people & open the door before Mass begins. We want to foster a warm & welcoming atmosphere for all who attend Mass at St. Eleanor's Church!

Requirements for the job are: a willing smile & 15 or 20 minutes time before your favorite Mass begins. Please contact Bettie Iaquinto 610 933 7243 or [bettieiaquinto@yahoo.com](mailto:bettieiaquinto@yahoo.com)

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations is fast approaching.

Pope Francis has asked the entire Church—1.2 billion Catholics—to earnestly pray for vocations on April 22.

**The best thing you can do** is to pray from the heart for the young men and women in your own parish who are called to be brothers, sisters, and priests.

**Secondly**, you can encourage fellow parishioners to pray—and to actually voice their encouragement directly to teens and young adults.

**Thirdly**, April 22 is a good day to kickoff a longer-term effort to intercede for vocations. See some good ideas on the new website below.

[https://www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/?utm\\_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm\\_campaign=Mar\\_20\\_2018\\_Email&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/?utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=Mar_20_2018_Email&utm_medium=email)

### 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.

**Tues, April 17:** Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors at 7:00pm, Talk Starts 7:30pm

**Tues, April 24:** Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm

### TRIVIA NIGHT!

A fun night out! Come test your knowledge at Trivia Night!

**When:** Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm (Doors Open at 6:30pm)  
**Where:** Holy Cross Regional Catholic School, in the Gymnasium  
**Who:** You! Put together your best team of eight (8) players (Age 21+ Only) Individuals are also welcome and will be matched up with a team at the event.

**What Else:** Bring Your Food and Drinks.

There is Limited Seating, so advanced registration is recommended! \$20 per person. To register your team, or for more information, contact Paul Rakszawski at 610.489.9434 (ext. 2235) or [prakszawski@hcrc.school](mailto:prakszawski@hcrc.school)

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

**Our Lady Undoer of Knots Novena** Sunday, April 15, Monday, April 23, The powerful Undoer of Knots Novena is a means of turning to Mary for assistance in unraveling the knots that inhibit or block the divine action of God's grace in our lives. We will gather to say the Rosary at 6:30. Novena prayers and benediction will follow at 7:00. Please join us and entrust the knots in your life—the problems, conflicts, weaknesses, or miseries that bring hardship and struggle—to Mary. St. Mary's Parish 40 Spring Mount Road, Schwenksville, [www.churchofsaintmary.org](http://www.churchofsaintmary.org)

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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. Sat April 21, 10—6:15, Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul  
Speakers: Cardinal Burke, Rev Gerald Murray, Rev Gerald Dennis Gill. Adoration, Rosary and National Pilgrim Virgin Statue. Mass 5:15pm [www.saintjohnneumannchapter.org](http://www.saintjohnneumannchapter.org) or 215-247-2585.

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St. Joseph Church **Yard Sale** 16 S. Spring Garden St. Ambler Sat, APRIL 21, 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM. Light refreshments and baked goods. Lisa at 215-646-0494 or [stjosephambler@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephambler@gmail.com)

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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: Bill Donaghy presents "The Gift and Sign of Married Love"** Deep in the heart of every person is a desire to be happy; we are made for it and we long for it, but how do we find it? God gives us a sign in and through marriage where we find ourselves in the giving of ourselves! Come discover how marriage and the family are designed to be a "saint-making machine"! All are invited to attend this powerful presentation at Saints Peter and Paul church in West Chester at 7 PM on Thursday April 26. Refreshments and discussion will follow in the Parish Hall.

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A Retreat for Widows, April 27 - 29 Marianist Family Retreat Center; Cape May Point, NJ 609-884-3829 Join with other widows as we look at our own individual stories for courage and wisdom. There will be time for sharing in small groups, Eucharist and other liturgies. Beach walks, socials and fun are also included! \$135pp, double occ [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) – you can sign up online or call to register.

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:** April 28 9:30 to noon, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org), email: [opd@archphila.org](mailto:opd@archphila.org) or call 215-587-3530.

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**Freedom Retreat for Catholic Women**—You Are Made New Ministry invites women of all ages to Spring Freedom Retreat, Fri evening April 27 and Sat April 28, at PJPII 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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Gwynedd Mercy High School **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice Test** Sat or Sun— April 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> [gmahs.org](http://gmahs.org).

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**Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat:** Tues, May 1 Malvern Retreat House, Sr. Suzanne Mayer, IHM will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities [www.opdarchphilly.com](http://www.opdarchphilly.com). Contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

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Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM will be directing an **Evening of Reflection** on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Malvern Retreat House. The theme is: *Forgiveness, the Best Revenge*. Register by calling 610-644-0400 or online at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)

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St Mary's Assumption Church; May 6th—**AMG Doll Bingo**. Doors open at 1, Game starts at 2. Adults \$25, kids—\$15. 610-933-2526, 212 Dayton St, Phx

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**HOLY LAND INFORMATION NIGHT: MAY 9** Walk where Jesus walked. Travel with Father Zachary Navit for the trip of a lifetime to the land of the Bible from February 28-March 10, 2019. Find out more about this amazing pilgrimage at a Wine and Cheese Information Night and Social on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 7 p.m at Saint Mary Center Community Room (701 Lansdale Avenue, Lansdale; contact Susan at 800-842-4842 or [susan@select-intl.com](mailto:susan@select-intl.com), or visit [www.selectinternationaltours.com](http://www.selectinternationaltours.com).