A photograph of a lantern with a lit candle inside, set against a stone wall and snow. The lantern is made of dark wood or metal with a glass front. The candle is lit, casting a warm glow. The background is a rough stone wall, and the foreground is covered in snow.

hope
peace
joy
love

Our Lord Jesus - light in the darkness

ST ELEANOR CHURCH

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December 1, 2019
First 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 8, 2019

Regular Collection	\$	28,757
Other Collection	\$	3,477
Total	\$	32,234
Diocesan Collections	\$	75

Regular Sunday Collections

Fiscal Year-to-Date

July 1, 2019– November 8, 2019	\$	519,178
July 1, 2018– November 8, 2018	\$	509,216

YTD Tithing

July 1, 2019– November 8, 2019	\$	14,689
July 1, 2018– November 8, 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

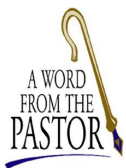
PREP: Religious instruction for children in grades 1 and up. Three components One-week summer program, Family Option and Confirmation program. Teri Lahey, Director. 610-489-4677 X 31.

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.

Holiday Bulletin Deadlines: 12/22 bulletin—12/9 (inserts by 12/4); 12/29 bulletin—12/16 (inserts by 12/11); 1/5 bulletin—12/18 (inserts by 12/16)



Dear Friends,

Happy First Sunday of Advent! Which in Church world means ~ happy new year as this weekend our liturgical year begins anew and will unfold until next Fall. I pray that all of you had a blessed Thanksgiving Day with all the trimmings. If you ventured out for Black Friday, I trust that you all made it back unscathed with some real bargains. Of course, it seems that internet shopping is rapidly gaining the upper edge among shoppers in general. There is something nice about placing your order from home and having the package arrive at your door.

The holiday rush is upon us and for us priests that also includes helping many neighboring parishes and schools with Christmas Confessions. It has already begun. Our priests are truly thoughtful and kind in helping one another to hear confessions both now and during Lent. It is a truly humbling and privileged opportunity to minister this Sacrament of Mercy, Forgiveness and Healing. Our God is so loving and caring in giving us such a wonderful and powerful opportunity to access His Throne of Grace. Be sure that your to-do list includes Confession before the great feast of Christmas. In addition to the usual opportunities each week, we will have many additional Confessors available on Tuesday, December 17 at 7 pm in Church.

Advent is all about expectant waiting. Jesus has already come in the flesh; He will come at the end of time in glory. We are in between the two. Of course, in this in between time, we are blessed in that Jesus comes to us in His Sacraments. He reveals Himself at Holy Mass, in personal prayer time, Scripture, acts of sacrificial love.

So, this is not a time of passivity, of listless waiting. It is a time pregnant with confident joy and hope as we give of ourselves to our God, to His ways, to His will. We remain vigilant, actively drawing closer to salvation by “putting on the Lord Jesus Christ.” Our efforts to “throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light” leads us into the embrace of our loving Savior and participation in His victory over sin and death. May our Advent prayers and efforts strengthen us in every respect, not only for the great joy of Christmas but for Jesus’ coming again in glory.

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

Saint Andrew, Apostle

4:30 Deceased members of Bangert and Bernardyn Families

Sunday, December 1

7:30 Dominic and Florence Conicelli

9:00 Thomas Fedick

10:30 For the People of the Parish

12:00 Edmund Yenchick

7:00 Pauline Woznicki (1st Anniv.)

Monday, December 2

6:30 James R. Philbin, Sr.

9:00 Justin McDonough

Tuesday, December 3

6:30 Shelly Bone

9:00 Jason Daniel Cirafisi

Wednesday, December 4

Saint John Damascene, Priest and

Doctor of the Church

6:30 Sr. Kathleen Bonawitz

9:00 Pauline Woznicki

Thursday, December 5

6:30 Rosemary Backus

9:00 Pauline Woznicki

Friday, December 6

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

6:30 Rosemary Backus

9:00 Dugan/Martin Families

Saturday, December 7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Pauline Woznicki

4:30 John Mulroney

Sunday, December 8

7:30 Joyleen Branco

9:00 Dennis Dugan

10:30 Frank Cotteta

12:00 For the People of the Parish

7:00 Robert Krensavage

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. Lucas Matthew, son of Matthew and Kaitlyn Sibley

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, December 1st 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:

Jason Daniel Cirafasi on his 40th birthday given by Mom and Kelly

Edward Miller on his birthday given by his wife

Rosemarie Drummy on the 2nd anniversary of her death given by the Drummy 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.

Rose for Life - To reserve a Rose for Life, call Donna Kolb, 610-547-0478. Cost is \$8 per request.



PRAYER

FOR OUR DECEASED:

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

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

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

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 prayer 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	PFC 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.

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. 01: Lisa Fuges, Dec. 08: Amanda Hernandez, 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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. We are blessed to have 74 religious congregations present and serving within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. These 74 religious congregations represent approximately 2400 men and women religious. Of this number, over 800 are retired.

With this in mind, many religious communities struggle to provide for their aging members. During the early and mid-twentieth centuries, the Catholic Church in the United States experienced a surge in vocations to religious life, with numbers peaking in the mid-1960s. Care for elderly members was provided largely by younger ones. Over time, however, the number of vocations decreased while lifespans increased. The result is far fewer younger members available to support the retirement and eldercare needs of senior members. In 2018, 68 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) had a median age of 70 or older.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's blessing on our nation's elderly religious.

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held December 7-8, 2019 in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The appeal is coordinated by the NRRO. In addition to sponsoring the annual appeal, the NRRO offers assessment tools, educational programming, services, and resources that promote quality eldercare and help religious communities plan for long-term retirement needs. I ask prayers for our consecrated religious and encourage support for this national collection scheduled for December 7-8, 2019 in our local parishes. Thank you. In the peace of Christ,

+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.



2019 Day of Sanctification for Priests

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 2 for the *2019 Day of Sanctification* for Priests. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the *Roman Missal*:

*Lord our God, who is governing your people
make use of the ministry of Priests,
grant to these men
a persevering obedience to your will,
so that by their ministry and life
they may gain glory for you in Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body of active and interested parishioners who share their talents and insights to help build up our parish family as a community of worship, prayer, and service. They share their knowledge of the needs, gifts and resources of our parish family and advise and assist in planning so that we can implement our mission and grow as disciples. They meet about six times a year. Please pray for our Pastoral Council members and for those who are interested in serving our Parish in this ministry.

The Pastoral Council has moved into a *nominating and discernment process* for potential new members. Nominees need to be registered members of Saint Eleanor. Those interested in participating in this *nominating and discernment process* with a view of potentially becoming a member of the Pastoral Council, are asked to leave your name, address, phone number and email address at the Parish Office by **December 8**. Someone will follow up personally with more details. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call or see Monsignor McCulken.

Young Adult Bible Study

Calling all young adults! St. Eleanor's is doing a young adult bible study Mondays at 7pm in the parish office. Come out to meet new people and encounter God in a new way. Text or call Melissa at 610 554 0846 if interested or just show up!

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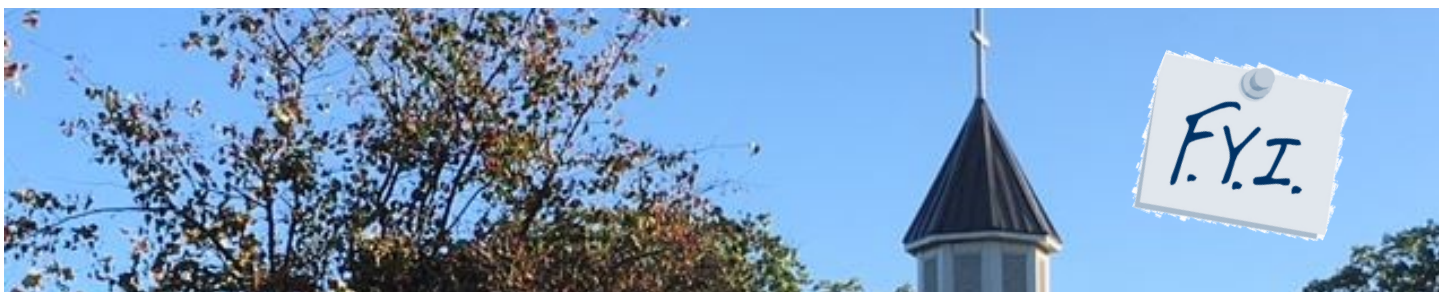
is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) or our website (<http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org/>) for more details.

December 2019

Tuesday, December 10: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales

TV Mass for the Homebound

WDPN channel 2 at 7 am
& WMCN channel 44 at 8:30am



Coming Soon

December 11—Mass for Healing
 December 13—Family Rosary
 December 14—Padre Pio Prayer Group
 December 14—Christmas Concert

MASS FOR HEALING

December 11th —7 pm

FAMILY ROSARY

Friday, December 13
 6:15 pm
 Chapel

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Next Meeting and Mass - December 14th
 9:40—Prayer & Confession
 10:30— Mass & blessing with Padre Pio's relics

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

St Vincent DePaul Society

Advent calls to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the St. Eleanor's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul (610.489.1647 x43) so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate 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@stleanor.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

FORMED

offers free downloadable books, Bible studies video & movies with a Catholic focus. Log on at www.formed.org and sign up using your e-mail address & Parish Code: **HJEE3**

Christmas Concert and Creche Blessing

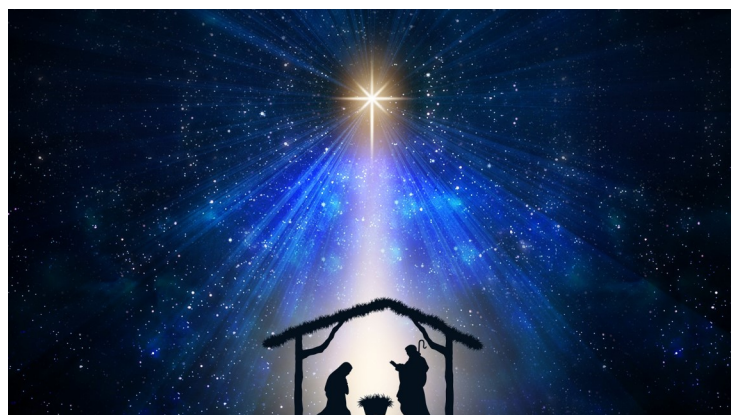
Music, the Gift We Bring to Lay Before the King

December 14th
7:00 pm
 Church

There will be a creche blessing again this year.

Families are invited to bring their creche to be displayed and blessed during the concert.

Join in hymn and carol singing as well.



HOLY CROSS REGIONAL SCHOOL

A School United in Faith, Hope, and Love

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.



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

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events Coming Soon!

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. **PIP needs to have applications and financial aid forms by April 2020!**



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>

A SPECIAL INVITATION to ALL ST ELEANOR Families: **Special shopping opportunity!**

St. Eleanor CYO would like to invite you to an exclusive and fun shopping event at Her Hideout in the Upper Providence Towne Center in Collegeville on Sunday, December 8 from 4-7pm. The owner of Her Hideout will donate 20% of all revenues incurred during this time frame to the CYO Program. These types of fundraisers enable the CYO Board to continue on our stated mission and focus on building strong Catholic youths and emphasizing strong Catholic values in the framework of spiritual, service, athletic, social, and cultural activities. If you would like to make an advance purchase for pick-up after the event, please drop by the store.

-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/>

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

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



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 610-584-6552
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

St. Paul's charismatic prayer group will be having a **Charismatic Mass** on December 3, 11am in St. Paul's Convent chapel, East Norriton, PA. The celebrant will be Father Rayford Emmons

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Learn the amazing story of the **Miraculous Medal** at the next meeting of the Patricians Adult Discussion Group on Wed, Dec 4, 6:45 - 8:45 pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 502 Ford St., Bridgeport, r.edel.lukens@villanova.edu or 610-256-7125.

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Advent Day of Reflection. December 4: Malvern Retreat House. Theme is, "The Mystery of Jesus: His Presence and His Absence." Continental breakfast, confession, special talks, sit-down lunch and quiet time. (610) 644-0400 | www.malvernretreat.com

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For married couples: **Five Keys to Freedom presentation** - Dec 7- unleash the liberating power of the Gospel into your life. 6-8:30 PM at Annunciation BVM Parish, Havertown. RSVP to Mary Barry at marybarryjmj@gmail.com. phillyevang.org/events.

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Angels Of Our Lady Religious **Books & Gifts** will be at St. Joseph Church, Spring City, December 7 - 8 after Masses. A full line of religious articles. Cash/checks

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Corpus Christi Catholic School presents our Annual **Christmas Craft Show**. Join us December 7, 9am-3pm

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The Seasons of Infertility: A retreat for women. Saturday, December 7, 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM. Join other women experiencing infertility for a day of talks, personal reflection and sharing Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, <https://springsinthedesert.org/the-seasons-of-infertility/>

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The Schuylkill Valley Regional Dance Company **The Nutcracker**, featuring parish members, Sat. Dec 7 @ 2pm or 6pm, Phoenixville Middle School Theater, \$20 Adults, \$15 Children under 12. Tickets available online www.tututix.com/svrdc

Concert by the Keystone State Boychoir and New Jersey State Boychoir. Sunday, December 8, 3 pm, St Philip Neri Church, Pennsburg, featuring Britten's "Ceremony of Carols". No tickets required.

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The Immaculata Symphony will hold their annual **Christmas Concert** on Sunday, December 8, at 3 pm. in Alumnae Hall at Immaculata University

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Spirit Power retreat for men and women

December 12: at Malvern Retreat House. Directed by Marty Rotella, Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Anna Iatesta and Christine Cullen, the theme for the retreat is "The Fearless Voice of Mary." This joy-filled day will be celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (610) 644-0400 | www.malvernretreat.com

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Advent Retreat Lunch Saturday, December 14, 9:00-3:30 PM -sponsored by the Office of Consecrated Life. There will be a variety of speakers, Mass, time for confession, adoration and benediction. Free. Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, Phila sr.gbraccio@arphphila.org or 215-587-3795

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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.

WE ARE NOT MEANT TO JOURNEY ALONE

...especially not during such a holy season as Advent. Here at FORMED, we have been looking for ways to center ourselves on Christ in the storm of busyness and distractions particularly with this time of year.

What helps us? Creating a space for Christ and Christ alone.

Join us on this journey by signing up for Advent Reflections powered by FORMED Daily. Receive daily meditation, formation, and motivation to create a space in your day and in your heart for Christ.

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