

# Saint Eleanor Catholic Church

647 LOCUST ST. COLLEGEVILLE PA 19426

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Celebration of the Eucharist
May 2, 2021

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN: Christ, the Lord, is Risen Again

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

### **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE LITURGY of the WORD

#### FIRST READING:

ACTS 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

### **CONFITEOR**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the LORD our God.



# RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22:26-28, 30-32 I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

## SECOND READING: 1 JN 3:18-24

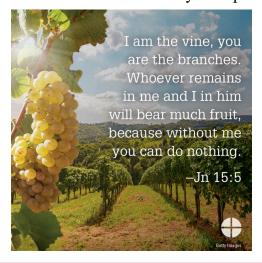
Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL: JN 15:4A, 5B Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in be will bear much fruit.

## GOSPEL READING: JN 15:1-8

Jesus said: to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its

Own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, The Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one LORD Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the father Before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is

adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You have gathered us together as a parish to be Your visible life in our world. Here we unite in worship, proclaim Your word, celebrate the Eucharist, and are sent forth to share Your love and make disciples. LORD, we take your Great Commission seriously and long for our parish to be so on-fire that we draw people to You. Help us in that endeavor, as we strive to work together; ordained, religious and laity. Please make our parish amazing through Your power and Your grace. Amen.

## THE LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:** Unless a Grain of Wheat

PRAYER OF THE OFFERINGS EUCHARISTIC PRAYER SANCTUS

> Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** 

**AMEN** 

#### THE COMMUNION RITE

#### LORD'S PRAYER & DOXOLOGY

#### **AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

#### Invitation TO Communion

The priest prays: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: LORD, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Take and Eat

HYMN OF PRAISE: Regina Caeli

## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### THE CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING, BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** Jesus Is Risen

#### PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DIRECTION ABOUT ATTENDING MASS IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC SAINT ELEANOR CATHOLIC CHURCH COLLEGEVILLE

We continue to rejoice here at Saint Eleanor welcoming back so many of our Parish Family week by week. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we celebrate together in-person the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

We ask that each one of us do our part to ensure that our continued public celebrations of Mass are a peaceful and safe experience for all. Please take the time to read the instructions below as they have been *updated*. We ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass at this time. The Archdiocese has reported just recently that "there has not been a known traceable instance of contracting COVID-19 through attending Mass or receiving Holy Communion in the Archdiocese." We pray that continues to be the case, especially as we continue to follow the guidelines from the Commonwealth and the CDC regarding sanitizing, social distancing, and occupancy numbers.

#### **GENERAL POINTS**

The Faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until further notice. You are **not** required to attend Mass in person at this time.

Please stay home ~ if you are sick, feel ill or have a fever.

Please stay home ~ if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor and also the CDC Guidelines at the link that follows.

Click here to read the CDC Guidelines for those at higher risk: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra -precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass continues to be available to all **via live stream**.

Our 10:30 AM Sunday Mass is live streamed weekly. You will be able to find it on our website, our YouTube channel, our Facebook page. Once it is aired, it remains available on those various platforms. Remember there are many live-stream Masses around the country including at our Cathedral. Mass is also available on television such as at EWTN.

#### MASS SCHEDULE ~ All Masses are celebrated in Main Church

WEEKDAY – 6:30 AM – Monday through Friday

9 AM AM – Monday through Saturday **WEEKEND** - VIGIL MASS – 4:30 PM Saturday

SUNDAY - 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM

#### BEFORE COMING TO MASS

Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.

Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are "children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing, and "anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance" (CDC Guidelines).

Please do not come to Mass if you are sick or are at higher risk for severe illness with COVID19 (see above).

Missalettes are not available in Church. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you. A WORSHIP AID (included in the Parish Bulletin) is available both on-line and for pick up when coming into Church. When leaving, please take this with you, it cannot be reused.

#### PARKING & ENTERING THE CHURCH

We recommend parking in the two top level parking lots - the one as you come in off Sixth Avenue and the one off the driveway from Locust Street in front of the Church main entrance.

For now, we continue to use one way into Church – the doors into the Narthex. For leaving Church at the end of Mass, we are using both the Narthex doors and the doors near the cry room to facilitate a faster exit.

Hand sanitizers are available at the Church entrances and throughout the Church. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the Church.

As you enter into the Church proper, you will be able to pick up a Worship Aid (which will be included in the Parish Bulletin) to

use during Mass and then to take home with you. Please do not leave it in Church.

Also, as you enter our main Church, there is a basket to accept your Sunday donation envelopes for the Parish as well as for any other collections. All envelopes for any weekend or even second collections can be placed together in this same basket. We do not take up a physical collection during the Offertory of the Mass.

You will also notice round disc markers on the tile and floors indicating six feet distancing to help you social distance coming into, going from, and moving around in the Church.

So far, we are accommodating the number of people coming to each Mass in the Church and sometimes a small overflow of people into the Chapel. We continue to be set up to celebrate another Mass in the gym if the need arises due to a larger than expected influx of people. Information concerning that, if needed, will be provided by our team of Ambassadors at that

#### **SEATING**

- When taking a seat in Church, please honor all posted signs and painter's tape markers about where you may sit. Every second pew is available to ensure social distancing. Please do not move the tape on the pews.
- Due to these current restrictions, you most likely will not be sitting in your usual place in Church. *Your cooperation is deeply appreciated*.
- Members of the same household may sit together as normal, of course. Please allow 6 feet between your household and members of a different household. In an attempt to assist with seating, we have the Church divided into sections, to facilitate areas for families, couples and single attendees. These are not hard fast divisions but an attempt to help navigate within Church.
- We have a team of helpers, our Ambassadors, to welcome you and to help you navigate your way into and around the Church, as well as your way out of Church.

#### **DURING THE CELEBRATION OF MASS**

- There is a cantor and organist at all the Masses. However, there is no congregational singing at this time. Some of the music is instrumental.
- As noted above, there is no collection taken up during the Offertory of Mass. Please place your collection envelope into the marked basket as you enter the Church.
- There is no Sign of Peace during Mass and the Precious Blood is not distributed.
- There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.

#### RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- If you are uncomfortable about receiving Holy Communion during this time, that is fine. You do not have to receive, and you can make a Spiritual Communion in your place.
- For the reception of Holy Communion, we are **not** using the main aisle to approach the Sanctuary for the weekend Masses. For Holy Communion, we use the inside side aisles. Please return to your pew either by the center aisle or the far side aisles.
- Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line by keeping several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew. Also, hand sanitizers are available at the front of the Communion line for your personal use if you wish before receiving Holy Communion.
- Those in the back of portion of Church, please follow the instructions of the Ambassadors to receive Holy Communion. A Communion Minister will come to each of the sections along the back portion of Church to distribute Holy Communion.
- The faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand at this time. If you will be receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, please wait until a priest or the deacon comes to the center of the Sanctuary at the main aisle. Please proceed up the center aisle to the Sanctuary step to receive Holy Communion.
- Those who receive a low-gluten Host are also asked to come to the center aisle and up to the Sanctuary where the priest or deacon with the small pyx will be sure that you receive Holy Communion.
- Gloves may not be worn to receive Holy Communion in the hand. Please remove the gloves to receive Holy Communion or consider receiving on the tongue as outlined above.
- When you approach the Communion Minister, please keep your mask on until you have responded "Amen." If you wish you may remove the mask as you approach the Communion Minister. Once the Host has been placed onto your hand, move to the side, a few feet to receive Our Blessed Lord, then replace your mask to return to your pew.

#### **EXITING THE CHURCH**

At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church and proceed to your car, following the guidance of our Ambassadors. Right side of Church, we ask that you exit by the Cry Room doors. Left side of Church, we ask that you please exit by the Narthex doors. Please do not congregate for any reason, nor stay behind inside Church, as the Church needs to be cleaned and sanitized before the next celebration.

Please take the parish bulletin/worship aid home with you.

Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

#### **OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU**

Our parish staff and team are committed to following the guidelines from the CDC, the Commonwealth, and the Archdiocese for safety of our people.

To view the CDC guidelines, visit: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html</a>

To view the Archdiocesan guidelines, especially the most recently issued ones, visit: <a href="https://www.archphila.org/arise">https://www.archphila.org/arise</a> . This is filled with useful and helpful information.

#### FINAL THOUGHTS

This is a lot of information, a lot to digest. In this unprecedented time we live with much uncertainty. None of us have ever lived through such an event as the threat this pandemic poses to all. Please check the website of the Office for Divine Worship for a complete listing of liturgical updates during the COVID-19 Pandemic, information on the ARISE initiative of the Archdiocese, and other resources, <a href="http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/home-page/news/">http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/home-page/news/</a>.

We continue to pray for proper vaccines and medications that will help cure the virus. In the meantime, we trust in the Lord Jesus who does not abandon us but walks with us and leads us. We keep our eyes on Him and not on the storm around us. With abiding charity, prudence, patience, and undiminished hope, we rejoice to worship together.

God bless you and God love you!!

**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

Mrs. Darlene Gaspar Mrs. Jean Phillips Mrs. Jane Watson

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** 

Laura Jusko, Director

SACRED MUSIC

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Matt Kirsch

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Mrs. Kathleen Aaron

#### **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. The components are Six-week summertime At-Home program, Fall Family Option and Confirmation program. Laura Jusko 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.

<u>PASTORAL COUNCIL</u> Composed of registered and active members of the parish family who advise the Pastor concerning pastoral circumstances and needs of our parish family.

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

#### **SACRAMENTS**

<u>BAPTISMS</u>: Scheduled most Sundays at 1:30 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).

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

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

While Masses are being celebrated in person, please check the website for our live stream Masses 9:00 am Monday through Saturday and 10:30 am on Sunday www.steleanor.com.

#### **MASS TIMES**

Monday—Friday—6:30 & 9 am Saturday—9 am Saturday—Vigil Mass—4:30 pm Sunday—7:30, 9:00 am, 10:30 am 12:00 pm (no 7 pm)

#### **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

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

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, May 1

4:30 The People of the Parish

Sunday, May 2

7:30 Rodger Devlin

9:00 Albert and Nancy Viola 10:30 Barbara Marosky

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Monday, May 3

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

6:30 Joseph Amore 9:00 Craig Killough

Tuesday, May 4

6:30 Joseph Powell 9:00 Barbara Marosky

Wednesday, May 5

6:30 Alex Gambone 9:00 Barbara Marosky

Thursday, May 6

6:30 Kathleen M. Heil 9:00 Barbara Marosky

Friday, May 7

6:30 Kenneth Beatty 9:00 Barbara Marosky

Saturday, May 8

9:00 Barbara Marosky 4:30 Dolores Howat

Sunday, May 9

7:30 Joyleen Branco 9:00 Christina Viola 10:30 For all mothers

12:00 The People of the Parish



Dear Friends.

"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." These are Jesus' words from our Gospel this weekend. Jesus directly invites us to surrender ourselves into His loving, merciful, and healing hands. Jesus desires an intimate communion with us. He has given us His very Self in the mystical gift of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Holy Communion is not a symbol, nor a sign, nor a remembrance. The bread and wine at Holy Mass truly, really, substantially become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive Holy Communion, we are receiving Jesus Christ Himself. We become one with Him and in Him. How truly awesome! How truly remarkable! It is totally and purely His Gift to us by which He transforms us in His grace.

This weekend, we celebrated First Holy Communion for our young disciples. What a blessed event in their young lives of faith, for their families, and for our parish family. It is a moment of grace and of thanksgiving. Our faith is not a philosophy, nor an ideology, nor a guide to right living. Our faith is a Person. It is Jesus Christ and His intimate union with us through the Blood of His Cross and His bodily resurrection from the tomb.

As our Easter season continues, we rejoice in the victory of Jesus. We deepen our understanding and personal experience of being sharers in the victory over sin and death by our surrendering to His grace day by day, most especially in the Sacraments. Only by remaining in Jesus, pondering, and cherishing His Word, experiencing Him in our personal prayer and in the Sacraments of His Church, will we truly bear much fruit as His disciples.

As always, the choice is ours, the consequences real. Come Lord Jesus! Send forth Your Holy Spirit and renew us by Your grace and by our acceptance of Your grace. We desire to remain in You, the true vine, so that we can bear much fruit by Your grace. As this month is dedicated to our most Blessed Mother, we ask Mary's most powerful intercession to help us on this journey of remaining attached to the True Vine, united with Jesus.

God bless you, God love you, Monsignor McCulken

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." We can ask ourselves "What fruit am I producing?" Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

One of our SVDP Neighbors in need has asked our St. Eleanor Conference if anyone in our parish would donate a used car in running condition for a neighbor who needs a car to get to work. Contact 610-489-1647 x 43.



#### Counting Our Blessings Week Ended April 16, 2021 Regular Sunday \$\$\$\$\$ 30,841 Other Collections 1,069 5,466 Easter Easter Flowers 60 **Total** 37,436 **Diocesan Collections** 334 **Regular Sunday Collections** Fiscal Year-to-Date July 1, 2020- April 16, 2021 1.087.309 1,145,573 July 1, 2019- April 16, 2020 July 1, 2018—April 16,2019 1,196,522 YTD Tithing July 1, 2020—April 16, 2021 30,510 July 1, 2019—April 16, 2020 July 1, 2018—April 16, 2019 33.065 33,613



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

#### **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 May 2 at 2 pm in Kateri Hall. First-time parents need to attend & may attend this program before the birth of their child.

Pre-registration with 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 and Rose for Life:

#### <u>Rose of Resurrection</u>

In memory of Jeff Miller on the anniversary of his death, given by his mother, Edith

> To remember those who have passed away, call Paula Pezzano at 610-489-0533.

#### Rose for Life

Special intention of a parishioner to honor Our Blessed Mother

In memory of Mary Jo Castrianni, given by Buzz & Madelyn McGee

In memory of Augustine J. McGee Sr., given by Buzz & Madelyn McGee

To honor a special occasion, call Donna Kolb, 610~547~0478.

Roses recommended donation is \$8 per request. Please request roses at least one month before the rose is to be placed on the altar.

A Baby's Breath is a Catholic organization that offers life-affirming choices for mothers and fathers in times of crisis. Our Mission is to help a mother see her child take his or her first breath. A Baby's Breath is seeking volunteers to help with planning and facilitating our fundraising events, including our Golf Outing, held in the Fall, and our Silent Auction, held in the Winter. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact abevolunteer@gmail.com.

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Blaney, Joseph Brignola, Ralph Bucher, Connie Clarke, Georgia Cordrey, Ruth Daukus, Ron DiNicola, Myra DiNicola, James Donaldson, Molly Enright, Doods Fetalvero, Pat Fillipini, Jimmy Fink, Tom Fuller, Leroy Gallus, Betty Gephardt, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Amy Hahn-Kirsch, Lisa Hendricks, Bill Howat, Francis Jackson, Helen Karchner, Ann Kupetz, Kathleen Lawler, Mary Marinari, Patricia Martin, Msgr. James McBride, Agnes McCarver, Martha Meng, Chris Negro, Rebekah Nester, Marie Oakes, Patrick O'Rourke, Debbie Palumbo, Doris Palumbo, Albert Petucci, David and Mary Grace Phillips, Steven Pinto, Paul Schneider, Rebecca Shelton, Jeanne Sproat, Maryann Staret, Anthony Stumpo, Dr. Edward J. Szymala, Mary Tybeski, Bernadine Wahalla, Joan White

Our Little Ones: Baby Clara Krsnich, Corey Gramazio, Noah Ellingsworth, Erica Roque

When your loved one recovers, please notify

#### PRAY for THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Sgt. Thomas Albany Ist Lt. Andrew Bone Cpl. Bryan Luther Andrew Somplasky Sgt William Ronan CDR Wendy Arnold, MD CM/Sgt Charles Gordon Midn. 2 Class Zachary Sermarini Ens. Henry Schweizer Sgt. Daniel Stein Captain Steven Levine AIst C Joshua Colliluori

Alexander Franke, SN Lt Sean Feeney Specialist Nicholas Bielski Ryan Somplasky Ist Lt. Connor Lyons Ens. Katherine Heacock Jeremy Somplasky LCpl Thomas Busfield LCpl Jacob Coppola Sgt. Shane McDevitt Captain Lisa Levine

#### LEGION OF MARY

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation, under the guidance of the pastor, in Mary's work of crushing the head of the serpent and advancing the reign of Christ.

Visit us at one of our meetings all Catholics are welcome Meetings are held weekly on Thursdays 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Come PRAY with us in the Kateri Room

#### PERPETUAL ADORATION

The Adoration Team is excited to announce that Adoration has resumed in the Chapel on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Each day Adoration will begin after the 6:30 AM Mass and close at 9 PM. This time frame contained the fewest number of Open Hours for both days. Depending on the response, we will expand the number of hours each day and/or include other weekdays. We look towards a full restoration of our Adoration schedule as we are able to do so. Please respond to perpetualadoration@steleanor.com if you are able to cover one of the hours and sit with our Lord.

#### The Divine Mercy Devotion

The theme for the month of May is "Misery-Mercy". Our Lord has said; "The greater the misery of a soul, the greater its' right to My mercy". Knowledge of our misery and nothingness leads us to trust in God's mercy. Please join us in Our Lady Chapel on Thursday evenings at 7 pm for Divine Mercy Devotions. For more information please call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622.

#### Padre Pio Prayer Group Zoom Meetings

3rd Saturday of the month 10:30 AM

Contact Bob at 610-948-4153 or <u>flyfishin2day@comcast.net</u>. Information regarding the Zoom Meeting contact Betty Rowlands 610-489-3742 or bttyflwr@yahoo.com.

#### **ROSARY**

All are welcome Monday thru Friday after the 9am Mass; Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am

#### **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.

May 2: Erin Eperthener May 9: Denise Stein May 16: Amanda Hernandez May 23: Donna Kolb May 30: Available

#### PRAYER WHEEL FOR PRIESTS and DEACONS

For the month of April, we will be praying for Monsignor Thomas Murray 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.

#### **Catholic Charities Appeal**

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 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 4-8-21, our parish family has: 349 donations (2nd in the Archdiocese) \$80,830 pledged (3rd in the Archdiocese) Achieved 60% of our parish 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

## Mass Card and SCRIP HOURS:

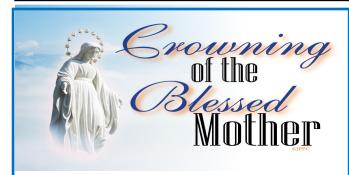
Monday-Friday: 9am to 4pm

Other parish office visits are by appointment.

#### **PARISH REGISTRATION:**

New to the parish? Please call for an in-person or Zoom appointment with one of the priests.

**Note:** When dropping something off to the Parish Office when we are closed, please *do not* place it in the mailbox. There is a mail slot at the bottom of the front door for items delivered during off hours. We would hate to see your materials get into the US Postal system by accident.



Please join us for the Crowning of the Blessed Mother at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day

#### Mass for Healing

The next Mass for Healing is Tuesday, June 8th 7:00 pm

Please note: all monetary donations need to be made in American bills, coins or checks only. We cannot deposit or use foreign coins, bills or any type of debit cards. Thank you.

**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 church@steleanor.com.



#### **PREP NEWS**

family Virtual Learning Program for Levels 1 – 6 is presently in full session! Also, the Level 7 Confirmation Virtual Program is in session preparing candidates to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall. Online Registration is always OPEN to all parish families.

Contact Laura Jusko with questions at 610-489-4677 x 31.

#### **HELP WANTED**

Saint Eleanor PREP program is seeking a part-time administrative assistant in the Religious Education Program. Contact Laura Jusko, Director of Religious Education, with questions or to submit resume and cover letter:

ljusko@steleanor.com.



### **GOLF OUTING**



Knights of Columbus Perkiomen Valley Council #3633 will hold its 20th Annual Golf Tournament and Pig Roast Dinner on

Friday, June 4, 2021 at the Gilbertsville Golf Club. Cost is \$110 per person and includes 18 holes, tournament gift, lunch, drinks, and pig roast dinner. Attend the dinner only for \$40 per person. To register or for more information, including sponsorship opportunities, please contact Bob Donaghy at <a href="mailto:bdonaghyjr@gmail.com">bdonaghyjr@gmail.com</a>, Frank McDonough <a href="mailto:mcdonoughtech@gmail.com">mcdonoughtech@gmail.com</a>, or Bill Mower at <a href="mailto:wgmower@yahoo.com">wgmower@yahoo.com</a>.

Thank you to Kevin Gillespie and his AOH team, Stephanie Wolsky, Patrice Dawson, and Barbara Lundgren for providing a dinner to the residents of Saint Mary's Family Shelter the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>. St. Eleanor Parish provides dinners to this Phoenixville shelter two weeks a year, which usually occur in April and December. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Carolyn Clancy at 610 489 5719.

#### SCRIP NEWS

Fifteen percent off the following gift cards:

- \* Bed, Bath and Beyond (\$25),
- Best Buy (\$25), GNC (\$25),
- Groupon (\$25), Itunes (\$15),
  - Pizza Hut (\$10),
  - Pf Changs (\$25),
- Cold Stone Creamery (\$5 and\$10)
  - \* Regal (\$10 and \$25).
- \* Grab them while supplies last!

The Parish office is open to sell scrip gift cards; hours are 9am-4pm Monday through Friday. Buy scrip online either on Shopwithscrip or using the mobile app, RaiseRight. Be sure to use our enrollment code, EC593LC44847.

Orders can be placed to pick up at the parish office or using ecards. Families can get gift cards delivered to their homes or to friends and family as gifts. It's convenient and contactless. Families must pay with a bank account or credit card. A small shipping fee applies. See Shop with Scrip website for details.



## HOLY CROSS REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Check out our Virtual Tour online



Full day Pre-K and Kindergarten openings are available!

Holy Cross celebrates our 2nd Grade this week!

Our students in Sacred Heart parish received First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 24. Our students in St. Eleanor parish received the sacrament this weekend.



As Pope Francis reminds us, "This is the sacrament of your first Communion, not your last! And remember, too, that Jesus is always there, waiting for you."

Check our website at www.hcrc.school under Academics to see an overview of all classes!

Contact Susan Mollahan at smollahan@hcrc.school to schedule a tour.





Follow us as we highlight the

Class of 2021

8th grade spotlights NOW on Facebook and Instagram.

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610-489-9434 | www.hcrc.school

### **Programs for Young Disciples**

During this time while many regular programs are suspended, the Youth Ministry program is a conduit to online activities.

Contact Matt at mkirsch@steleanor.com



**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



### **Children Attending Private Schools**

If your child attends a private school (Grade 2 or Grade 7) and you are a member of *Saint Eleanor Church* please contact Laura Jusko at 610-489-4677 x 31 for Sacrament registration and information.

Join us for a Mass in support of those suffering from addiction.
All are invited.

St. Eleanor Catholic Church Saturday, May 8, 2021 11:00 AM

Rosary and Confession 10:30 AM

Celebrant is Rev. Alessandro Giardini

Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

#### Junior Legion of Mary

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.

Contact Laura at laurajusko@gmail.com or 215-390-0933



#### CYO NEWS

http://www.steleanor.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 website for more information.

SPRING CYO Athletes & their Families are invited to attend mass in-person or virtually during <u>any</u> of the May 1/2 masses. Saturday, May 1: 4:30pm. Sunday, May 2: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am (in-person or virtual), 12pm.

- The athletes will sit with their families throughout the church and won't sit together as a team at this time. There is currently no offertory presentation of the gifts.
- The Spring CYO athletes will be recognized at each mass.
- The athletes are encouraged to wear their CYO jersey or spirit wear.

<u>Looking for CYO SPIRIT WEAR for your Son or Daughter?</u> Makes for a great birthday or Graduation Gift. CYO Gear can be ordered on-line here: https://ragtee.com/store/index.php/portfolio/stecyo/

**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. Thank you!

#### Has your email address changed?

If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed.



Altar Cross Society	Takes care of altar linens	Irene 610-287-8552
Ambassadors	Welcomes and assists those attending Mass	Patty- 610-489-6633
Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div 6	Irish Catholic charitable organization; Meet last Thurs ages 16 and up	Mike Brown 610–324–0486
Charismatic Prayer Group	Strives to develop a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit, Scriptures & the Mass. Wednesdays 7:30pmVianney Hall	Joann 610-306-6934
ChristLife	Helping people discover, follow & share Christ as members of the Church.	Frank 610-650-8457
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
Knights of Columbus	Meet 2nd Sunday of each month serving St Eleanor & St Mary	Robert 215-783-4106
Lector Ministry	Read at weekend Masses, Holy Days and other special Masses.	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 virtually	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, Saturday 8:30 am	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	Helen— helenmfornal@gmail.com
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	Parish Office- 610-489-1647
Women's Guild	Gather to celebrate fellowship	Celeste 610-937-9479



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Third Sunday of every month at 11:30 AM. **Secular Carmelite Meetings**. Secular Carmelites live in allegiance to Jesus, seeking to imitate the Virgin Mary's contemplation of the word of God and detachment. They meet at the Carmelite Monastery, 1400 Old York Road, Call Maribel at: 215-431-2817.

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, supporting Catholics in their 20s and 30s looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our upcoming events begin at 7:30pm on most Tuesdays. As the current gathering restrictions in our area are frequently changing, please be sure you are subscribed to our newsletter by heading to <a href="http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org">http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org</a>. Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults

Thursday, May 6 – 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Women's Evening of Reflection with Father Scott Reilly, LC (in person or livestreamed). Topic: 5/6 Courage --- St. Joan of Arc. RSVP for in person—pattyclerkin@gmail.com + 中中

Pope John Paul II High School Summer Camp Want to have some Panther fun this Summer or know anyone that would? Visit the link below to view all the camps offered and register!! <a href="https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=6205ec">https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=6205ec</a>

Vendors wanted! St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, Schwenksville, is hosting a flea market on Monday, May 31, 2021 (Memorial Day) from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Each space is \$15.00 and consists of two parking spaces (approximately 16' by 18') and an adjacent parking space for your vehicle. Tables and chairs are also available for rent. For additional information or to reserve a spot, please contact Jeff Goudsward at <a href="mailto:igoud@yahoo.com">igoud@yahoo.com</a> or Susan Rodzewich at <a href="mailto:srodz@churchofsaintmary.org">srodz@churchofsaintmary.org</a>. For more information call 610-287-8156.

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Restore: A Women's Healing Retreat May 21-22 at Shrine of St. Therese in Nesquehonig, PA (or attend virtually). Come...and let Him Restore you! Retreat talks and experiences will reconnect us with the Truth of our inherent dignity, beauty, and wholeness. Retreat also includes: small groups, individual healing prayer, Mass and Adoration. Retreat leaders are Father Allen Hoffa, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry and Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden. Join us in-person or virtually! Find the full schedule and register at https://youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat or email De Yarrison at de@youaremadenew.com.

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Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, located in Gwynedd Valley, PA, is offering summer camps for girls and boys in grades 3-12. Camps focus on areas such as art, music, stem, theater, technology, and more! For more information, please visit <a href="www.gmahs.org/camps">www.gmahs.org/camps</a> or email our camp coordinator at <a href="moneill@gmahs.org">moneill@gmahs.org</a>.

**Guided Contemplative Rosary Walk** at Malvern Retreat House on May 22 from 10 AM to Noon for individuals affected by separation or divorce or adult children of divorce. Visit https://www.nonnatus.org/guided-rosary-walk.html to register or for more information.

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Did you know that when a neighborhood is spruced up and well cared for, crime drops? That's why **Habitat MontDelco** does more than build houses. We also support our neighbors to improve communities through our revitalization efforts. Visit https://secure.givelively.org/event/habitat-for-humanity-of-montgomery-and-delaware-counties/rock-the-block for more information on how you can help to Rock the Block!