

# ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

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*September 10, 2017  
Stewardship... giving  
back to God with a  
grateful heart*

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## OFFICE STAFF

Ms. Janet Genuardi  
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Mrs. Madelyn O'Hara



**40 Hour Devotions September 10, 11 & 12**

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

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

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE-

Saturday: 8:00 to 8:45 AM;  
3:30—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 2PM in Vianney Hall. See page 2 for the next date.

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

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

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

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

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



## EDUCATION

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

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PREP:** After-school religious instruction for children in grades K thru 6. Classes held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Contact Ms. Teri Lahey, Director of Religious Education at 610-489-4677 ext. 31. **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Offered to the younger children in the parish during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9AM & 10:30 Masses on Sundays. **G.I.F.T.:** Junior High Program is held on select Sundays. Contact Mr. Matt Kirsch at 610-489-1647 ext. 15.

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

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



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 9**

*St. Peter Claver, Priest*

9:00 Alicia Binando

4:30 Pam Hosang

**Sunday, September 10**

7:30 Joyleen Branco

9:00 The People of the Parish

10:30 Antonio Filippini (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

12:00 PM Richard Conn

7:00 PM Benson DeWitt (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

**Monday, September 11**

6:30 Frederick Schollins

9:00 Donna Miniscalco

**Tuesday, September 12**

*The Most Holy Name of Mary*

6:30 Anthony R. Capaldi

9:00 Elizabeth Balogh

**Wednesday, September 13**

*St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

6:30 Pam Hosang

9:00 Joseph Sortino

**Thursday, September 14**

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

6:30 Mary Cione

9:00 Phyllis Salamone-Heffron

**Friday, September 15**

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

6:30 Jane Alba

9:00 Agnes Smiley (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.)

**Saturday, September 16**

*Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

9:00 Gerald C. Wisser

4:30 Antonio Filippini

### Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

For the month of **August** we will be praying for **Rev. John A. Franey**, 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.

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

### **Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:**

Jack Kurtz, Sr. on our 56th wedding anniversary,  
given by his wife Barbara



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.

### **Baptisms**



Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, September 10th, at 2 PM in Vianney Hall. 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 for Those Serving Our Country**

Sgt. Thomas Albany  
1st Lt. Andrew Bone  
Cpl. Bryan Luther  
Andrew Somplasky  
Ryan Somplasky  
Michael Thomas  
Cmdr Wendy Arnold, MD  
1st Lt Brian Davis  
CM/Sgt Charles Gordon  
Sgt William Ronan  
Jeremy Somplasky  
Midn. Zachary Sermarini

Alexander Franke, SN  
Specialist Michael Thomas  
Private Nicholas Bielski  
Lt Sean Feeney



### **Mass for Healing Monday, September 18th 7:00 PM**

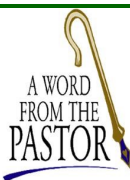
We warmly invite everyone to this  
Mass—family members, friends  
and neighbors.



### **Gluten Free Hosts**

A reminder that gluten free hosts are available for anyone who has celiac disease or gluten tolerance issues. All you need to do is see someone in the sacristy before Mass and they will take care of your request.





Dear Friends,

Well this is THE weekend! It is the start of our annual Forty Hours Devotions and *our big announcement weekend!* Did you notice the flags coming onto the property? The festive balloons in the narthex? The information table in front of the statue of Saint Eleanor?

One of the messages shared with me over the last few years was a need for *full time* youth ministry. There have been two small efforts valiantly led for several years here. One has been for high school age students on Sunday evenings monthly and the other our G.I.F.T. program.

We are a large parish family. We have more than 1700 students in grades 7 through 12 registered in the parish. Taking seriously the needs I have heard, my own observations, the focus and work we are doing to be more intentionally disciples of Jesus, praying about and for our amazing parish, we have taken steps to make Youth Ministry a *major priority* at Saint Eleanor Parish.

While we are also embarking on a number of programs to assist our adults to be more passionate disciples, such as *Walking With Purpose* and *ChristLife*, we now intentionally turn our attention to our youth. We want them to have the help and experiences that will allow them to be passionate disciples, on fire with the Holy Spirit, sharers of Gospel joy and fully participating members of our amazing parish family.

The original thought was to hire *a* Youth Minister. In the process of interviewing, the team assisting me came to the conclusion that we needed a team. And so, I am enthusiastic and excited to announce that we now have on staff TWO Youth Ministers who will work full time with our youth. They are: **Matt Kirsch and Alex Price.**

Many of you know Matt. He has been on staff here in a few different capacities, including the G.I.F.T. program. He has a degree and background in youth ministry and has been involved in this ministry in other parishes. Alex is a recent graduate of Franciscan University, Steubenville. He majored in Theology and Philosophy and participated in Evangelization Ministries while there. He is from Slidell, Louisiana and has relocated to Collegeville.

We feel *very blessed* with these two young men joining our parish family in this ministerial role. They are at Church this weekend at all the Masses and you will be seeing them around quite a bit. Be sure to go up and speak with them.

My friends, this is a large undertaking on the part of our parish family. And we pray for God's abundant blessings and the full participation of our parish family. *Our youth ministry is open to all our youth in grades 7 through 12.* May we, each and every one of us, grow to be more passionate disciples, helping each other, both young and old, to be disciples and making disciples of all we meet.

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



## 40 Hours Devotion

September 10, 11, 12

Spend Time with our Lord  
in the Most Blessed  
Sacrament throughout our  
upcoming 40 Hours  
Devotions

Our guest Homilist is:  
Father David Friel

The 40 hours devotion begins with the 12 noon Mass on Sunday. Evening devotions are at 7:00 PM, Mass on Sunday; evening prayer, homily and benediction the other nights. On Tuesday evening there is an outdoor procession accompanied by the Verdi Band and a Cider Social in the school cafeteria.

**Father David Friel** was ordained in 2011 & he served as Parochial Vicar at Saint Anselm Parish, Philadelphia. The concentration for his M.A. in Pastoral Theology was Sacred Music. Father Friel is currently a priest student at Catholic University of America and is an active writer for the Corpus Christi Watershed.

### Hurricane Harvey Relief Collection

We are all witnessing the devastation being caused by Hurricane Harvey. While the full extent of the damages is yet to be realized, the US Bishops have asked us to take up an emergency collection to help address the humanitarian and Church needs caused by Harvey.

Therefore, on the weekend of **September 16th and 17th**, a second collection will be taken up to assist all those being so deeply affected by Hurricane Harvey. If you would like to give sooner, you may do so by sending your donation to the parish office and marking it for Hurricane Harvey Relief.

Whenever you give, please make the checks payable to St Eleanor Church so that we can more quickly process the funds to those in need. Donations will be forwarded to Catholic Charities, USA, the agency which addresses emergency needs in this country.

Please continue to pray for all those impacted by this hurricane— victims, emergency personnel and volunteers.

Thank you most profoundly.



**FOR OUR DECEASED:** John Moran, husband of Geraldine, Dorothy Castelli, sister-in-law of John Tate, Gail Jackson, aunt of Casey Mower

**FOR OUR SICK:** Catherine Alexander, Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Betty Anne Aquilante, Joseph Art, Jr., Elizabeth Ashenfelder, Kathleen Bani, Lori Bani, Lisa Caruso, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Deacon Manny Beltran, Jackie Bielski, Arthur Buben, Diane Burg, Florence Burkett, Sandy Burns, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Monica Cipriani, 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, Vince DiDonato, Ron DiNicola, Pat DiPiano, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, John Doyle, Claire Esposito, Vito Fabiano, Dorothy Fairbanks, Mary Filippini, John Fitzgerald, Neil Florio, Sandy Forcine, John Fritz, Doris Garabrant, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Elizabeth Groff, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Helen Hart, Virginia Heinz, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, Margaret Lange, Bud Leo, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Nate Lentz, 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, Allison Leo Mitchell, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Gabe Muscella, Bob Newton, Marion Niedzolkowski, Maria Olszewski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Lorraine Osisek, Francis Panfile, George Pastino, Jim Pickersgill, Ed Pressler, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Carolyn Rider, Marjorie Rigg, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Betty Rowlands, Ralph Russo, Linda Sauer, Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, David Sebok, Angela Shinal, Bob Smith, Joseph Smith, Anne Marie Stoudt, Yoshiko Strohlein, Dennis Sullivan, Howard Taormino, Ron Tautkus, Michael Troemel, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Cristina Utti, Dominic Vacanti, Jr., George Vermuth, Robert von Clef, Billy Watts, Nancy Wenrich, Barbara Witman, Pat Willits, Albrette Zvarik

**FOR OUR LITTLE ONES:** Elizabeth DePaul, Brandon Gallagher, Baby Corey Gramazio, Maggie Lutz, Baby Nicholas Manzi, Kiera McMahon, Baby Zachary Sinnk, Philomena Stendardo, Isaiah Thoxton, Baby Dell Tolas, Justin Wichner, Baby Evan Gerhold, Kate Greco

Tweeted by Pope Francis on September 5th:



Like Mother Teresa, may we open up opportunities of joy and hope for the many who are discouraged and need understanding and tenderness.



#### 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@stleanor.com](mailto:jgenuardi@stleanor.com).

## Catechetical Sunday September 17 - 9:00 am Mass

*Opening of a New Catechetical Year*

This year's theme is "Prayer: Living as Missionary Disciples". All those parishioners who are involved in a catechetical ministry (Catholic schoolteachers, volunteer catechists, RCIA instructors, Pre-Jordan and Pre-Cana leaders and Children's Liturgy of the Word volunteers) are invited to attend the 9:00 Mass for the annual blessing and commissioning to open the new catechetical year. Catechetical Sunday is our opportunity to recognize, celebrate, and thank these men and women for their participation as disciples of Jesus in the teaching mission of the Church!

*St. Eleanor Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration  
In Our Lady Chapel*

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

*If you would like to commit to an hour, the following hours are open:*

**Mondays: 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 PM**

**Tuesdays: 12 AM, 2 PM**

**Thursdays: 12 AM, 7 AM**

**Fridays: 12 AM, 2 AM, 8 AM, 4 PM**

Please contact Erin Finkelmeier for more information at [efinkelmeier@gmail.com](mailto:efinkelmeier@gmail.com)

#### Counting Our Blessings

##### Week Ending August 11, 2017

Regular Collection	\$ 26,576
Other Collections	\$ 507
Total	\$ 27,083
Diocesan Collections	\$ -

##### Week Ending August 18, 2017

Regular Collection	\$ 27,680
Other Collections	\$ 4,025
Total	\$ 31,705
Diocesan Collections	\$ 222

##### Week Ending August 25, 2017

Regular Collection	\$ 26,166
Other Collections	\$ 812
Total	\$ 26,978
Diocesan Collections	\$ 3,382

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

July 1, 2017—August 25, 2017	\$219,171
July 1, 2016—August 4, 2016	\$209,757

##### YTD Tithing

July 1, 2017—August 4, 2017	\$3,989
July 1, 2016—August 4, 2016	\$3,684

Additional  
Training

## Protecting God's Children Class

**Holy Cross cafeteria  
October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 9 pm**

Required of all volunteers having REGULAR contact with children and all employees of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (ie: school volunteers, CYO coaches, PREP volunteers)

Signups can be done here:

[https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18461&theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18461&theme=0)

- 2 ½ hours
- Space is limited to 50 attendees
- Class held in Holy Cross cafeteria
- Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- 6:00 PM—9:00 PM
- Starts at 6:00 PM sharp!



Looking for a way to be a disciple of Jesus? Volunteer to team teach in our PREP program!

Requirements? - A Love of Jesus and a desire to share your Catholic faith with children.

No experience necessary—training provided  
Contact Teri Lahey at 610-489-4677 or [llahey@steeleanor.com](mailto:llahey@steeleanor.com)

## Next Meeting and Mass September 16th

### Padre Pio Prayer Group

9:40-Prayer &  
Confession  
10:30- Mass and  
Blessing with  
Padre Pio's relics  
Celebrant -  
Father Hamilton



## SETTING AN EXAMPLE ~ CHRIST'S WITNESS TITHING THE TITHE

We all know that "*tithe*" is a percent of income, gifts or possessions that someone gives away to charity, back to God. Biblically, Abraham gave a tenth of his bounty to Melchizedek (Book of Genesis). However, that percentage is not a "do-or-die" figure regarding generosity and gratitude. The spirit of gratitude and generosity is the key.

The "Tithe" is another expression for our Sunday Contributions which we offer for the mission, activities, upkeep, maintenance and care of our parish family and facilities. *We give back to God generously not because there are needs to fill, bills to pay or buildings to build but because we need to imitate and live out God's generosity which He showers upon us.*

We are God's image and likeness in this world, we are His representatives entrusted with the care of His creation. We all have a longing that only God can fill. We live to our fullest and truest, when we live in accord with His plan and model our own lives after His generosity.

Now what is this ***Tithing the Tithe*** program which we have been talking and writing about for over a year now? Simply put, *it is our parish family effort to place our trust in God and to share gratefully our blessings with others.*

In our first year, we chose 1% of our ordinary Sunday collections to be given to support those engaged in the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We have a committee that vets those seeking help and oversees our donations. In the fiscal year 2015-2016, Saint Eleanor Parish Family gave from our Sunday collections **\$15,129.62 to charities**. This is in addition to the generous contributions which our parish family makes to the second collections required from the Archdiocese and the US Bishops.

In this most recent past fiscal year 2016-2017, we pledged 3% of our ordinary Sunday collections for charity. That amounts to **\$42,385.39**. *This is a large jump.* We continue to trust in the generosity of God and seek to share gratefully His blessings with others.

So for every dollar you donate to our Sunday collection, 3% of it is given to those who are engaged in the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy (groups/individuals vetted by our committee). *Your generosity, your donation to Saint Eleanor is in a sense multiplied as a portion of it is shared with others beyond our parish borders.*

We keep you informed as to whom you are helping through our parish bulletin and website. Go now to our website to check out all the charities that we have donated to as a parish family so far.

We know that there are graced-filled blessings to all who adopt a tithing way of life. Pray and think about it for yourself. Start out simply. Check out Matthew Kelly's really excellent Book, *Four Signs of A Dynamic Catholic* ~ ([http://dynamiccatholic.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/4SIGNS\\_Generosity.pdf](http://dynamiccatholic.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/4SIGNS_Generosity.pdf)) Here he explains more fully the gifts of generosity, gratitude and personally living in the ways of God. As always, we are truly grateful and inspired by the kindness, support and generosity of our people. *In God's love, Monsignor McCulken*



**Starting September 24th...**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

will be held at both the 9:00 AND 10:30 Masses!!  
Interested in helping?

Please contact Teri Lahey at [tlahey@stleanor.com](mailto:tlahey@stleanor.com)  
or 610-489-4677, ext 31.



## Kingdom Kids

### Program to Start

A New Ministry To Consider



We are beginning a new ministry & service on Sundays at the 9 AM Mass. Kingdom Kids will provide babysitting care for our youngest disciples (aged 6 months to 3 years old) in a safe and caring environment (Vianney). There will be two adults & an aide (Grade 6 or older) who will help to babysit our children while their parents attend Mass. We welcome all our children to Mass but know that sometimes parents might benefit from such a ministry like this.

We are looking for dependable, warm, friendly, loving, patient & young at heart volunteers to help out ~ this is a wonderful ministry of caring which allows you to exercise your discipleship in a loving way. The commitment will not be overwhelming but is essential to the success of this service. If interested in helping out or for information, please contact Lisa Weaver at [Lsoda08@yahoo.com](mailto:Lsoda08@yahoo.com).

## **St Vincent de Paul Society /St Eleanor Conference**

Serving our local community & surrounding neighborhood families in need of emergency assistance.

- Operate a Food Pantry to community of need
- Clothing
- Job Direction
- Transport
- Rent/Mortgage, Utilities,
- Assistance w/Medical Expenses
- Participate in Haiti Adopt-a-Student program
- Holy Cross Prep Scholarship program



How can you help? 1. **Join us and get involved!!** Contact Erin Eperthener at 215-421-7033 2. **Pray** for our clients and our conference

**Donations Needed Too - THANK YOU**

**Special request**— One of our clients is in need of a car to get to work. Please contact Kathy Zavrotny at (610) 489-3911. Thank you.



We will soon begin inquiry sessions to share with others the truths of our Catholic faith and the fellowship of our parish family. Starting in September on Thursday evenings at 7 pm, we will hold weekly session for those who would like to look into the Catholic Church and its teachings.

These sessions are open to people who are not baptized as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant to Evangelical backgrounds or baptized Catholics who have not received their First Communion or Confirmation. They are free and do not imply commitment on your part to join the Catholic Church. We are simply inviting you to learn what the Church teaches and to meet some of our parish members who are joyful disciples of Jesus. These sessions are also opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask any questions you may have about our Lord Jesus and the Catholic Church.

Please give us a call if you have questions or would like further information.. You can reach us at 610-489-1647 or email [church@stleanor.com](mailto:church@stleanor.com)



**DAY and EVENING sessions this fall!**  
**THURSDAYS 12:30pm - 2:15pm & 7:00pm - 8:30pm**

**Opening Your Heart** (offered day and evening) is our foundation Bible study, and we recommend all new participants to begin here, regardless of previous Bible study experience. Join us as we examine the core questions that we wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.

**Touching the Devine** (daytime only) draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on Christ's personality through the study of the Gospel of John. John will teach us how much Christ loves us and how his love is the true satisfaction of our souls. \* **Opening Your Heart** is a prerequisite for this course\*

**Walking with Purpose** is a Catholic Bible study that aims to bring women into a deeper personal relationship with Christ through personal study and small group challenges .

For more information contact Maureen Bulwicz at [MBulwicz@gmail.com](mailto:MBulwicz@gmail.com) or 610-454-0650 or go to [www.WalkingWithPurpose.com](http://www.WalkingWithPurpose.com)

**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!!**

**50/50  
Raffle**

## **Amazing Harvest Festival** is coming soon!!

**September 24th**  
**1:00—6:00 PM**

- Games
  - Face Painting
  - Rosary Making
  - Disney Entertainment
  - Clown performer
  - Cupcake Wars
  - Family Feud
  - Bingo
  - Hoop Shot Contest
  - Ice Cream Madness
  - CYO Hoagie Sale
  - Food Trucks
- And much more!!**

**Watch the  
Eagle's  
Game Too!**

**Volunteer to work booths/games and  
have a great deal of fun!**

**Signup to volunteer at**

**<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084aa5af2ba7fd0-volunteers>**

**Hope to see you there!**





## Are you called to be an Altar Server?



**Training Dates:**  
**Wednesday night:**  
**7-8:30pm**  
**Held in the church**

**September 13th**  
**September 20th**  
**September 27th**  
**October 4th**

What are the qualifications to be an altar server?

- 6th—12th grader
- Reliable and willing to serve Mass
- Able to attend training sessions

Register at:

<http://www.showmyevent.com?jumptoevent=3004>

## CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)

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



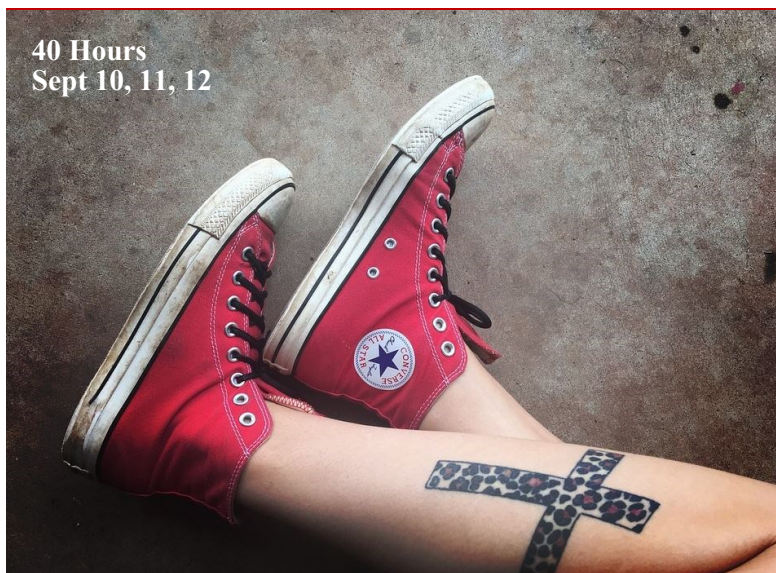
These four legs belong to Matt and Alex—the new Youth Ministry Team

Meet Matt Kirsch and Alex Price this weekend at all Masses and during the evenings of 40 Hours Devotions

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**  
*for Teens*  
DISCOVERING GOD'S PLAN FOR LOVE AND LIFE

**St. Eleanor Parish presents**  
**Eight-week DVD Presentation and Discussion!**  
**Beginning Wednesday, October 4**  
 7:00 ~ 8:00 PM  
 Ages: 13 – 16  
 Location: Holy Cross School Library  
 Program is *free*- advanced *Registration* is required.  
 Participants and parents' books available for purchase.

**P.R.E.P Registration for 2017-2018**  
 The Parish Religious Education Program provides After-School Religious Education, as well as Sacrament preparation for Public School Students in Level K—6  
<https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-2729983/>



**40 Hours**  
**Sept 10, 11, 12**

**Calling All Youth!**  
 Attend 40 Hours and fill out a ticket each day to enter to win some fantastic prizes

iTunes Gift Cards  
 YouCat Bible &  
 other fun readings  
 Tiny Saints

**Just fill out a ticket each day you attend.**  
**Winners will be picked at the Cider Social held in the Caf which follows the closing of 40 Hours on Tuesday Night.**



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

We invite you to join with us in fellowship at the **St. Patrick Calix Unit** in Norristown. We gather for 4pm Vigil Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month, followed by our meeting on the second floor of the Parish School at 5pm, located on 703 Green St. around the corner. The Calix Society is an association for those affiliated with a 12 step spirituality, and/or for family and friends of those who are, who desire to share the graces and truth of our Catholic faith in our personal and community growth as members of the family of God. If you have questions or would like more information you may contact Janet @ 610-639-4127, or Paul @ 610-220-8927. More info may be found at [www.calixsociety.org](http://www.calixsociety.org)

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**SAINT MARY FEAST - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH (1:30PM - 6:30PM)** Variety of foods and music, carnival games, rock wall, dunk tank, attic treasures. Come watch the Eagles game vs the Washington Redskins in our Biergarten with craft beer and wine or take a chance at our Cakewalk, 50/50 or Raffle Baskets! For info, call 610.287.8156 or visit [www.churchofsaintmary.org](http://www.churchofsaintmary.org).

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St. John's Hospice **Fall Fling Gala**—Friday, September 15th at the American Swedish Historical Museum at 1900 Pattison Avenue, Philadelphia. Free Parking.

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This year's AbbeyFest is just around the corner! Volunteer Opportunities available. Saturday, Sept 16th [www.theabbeyfest.com](http://www.theabbeyfest.com) Any amount of time will be accepted. <https://norbertinecommunity.volunteerhub.com/lp/abbeyfest2017/events>

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St. Jude Children's Research Hospital **Walk/Run** fundraiser -Philadelphia Zoo—Saturday September 23rd, 2017. There will be approximately 60 other similar events taking place on the 23rd throughout the country. Info at <https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/other-ways/childhood-cancer-awareness-month.html>

**Dorothy Day Retreat** for men and women September 26-28 at Malvern Retreat House.—experience of the Benedictine spirituality of Dorothy Day, who in her life integrated her love of God, neighbor and nature. The themes of the retreat include simplicity of life, hospitality, and appreciation for God's creation. Participants will be given resources for incorporating Benedictine spirituality into their busy lives. For more information or to register, please visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400

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**Women's 24-Hour Retreat** - Walking in Confidence, Trusting in God's Promises -Malvern Retreat House - a 24-hour women's retreat September 29-30 with speaker Jennifer Hubbard, who shares a message about the mercy and hope God provides us, even in the face of unexpected life events. Hubbard lost her 6-year old daughter Catherine Violet Hubbard during the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting that occurred in 2012. Since that day, she and her husband have turned to their faith in their search for peace. For info or to register, visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.

**The Sixth Annual Collegeville Colossal Yard Sale** is Sat., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Waterworks Park on West First Ave. in Trappe. This legendary Yard Sale will feature close to 80 sellers with household and shop items, antiques and collectables. The Yard Sale is laid out along the park's tree-shaded paths with food and a playground area for kids. Handicapped accessible; free parking for shoppers on the large playing field. Rain date is Sat., Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. More information at [www.collegevilledevelopment.org](http://www.collegevilledevelopment.org). Proceeds benefit the non-profit Collegeville Economic Development Corp. (CEDC).



### Metanoia Young Adults

Of Montgomery County

**Metanoia** supports Catholics in their 20s & 30s in Montgomery County who are looking to deepen their faith & meet fellow Catholics in the area. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted.

Contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com) for more info, or visit our Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults](http://www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults))

#### Upcoming Events:

September 12: Bible Study Corpus Christi Parish, 7:30PM

September 19: Theology on Tap Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors at 7:00 pm

September 26: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, 7:30pm

## FORMED

FORMED is here! Formed offers free downloadable books, Bible studies, video & movies with a Catholic focus. Log on at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and sign up using your e-mail address & Parish Code: HJEE3



As children return to school, emphasize themes of belonging, kindness, and peacemaking with this video "book". Perfect

for bedtime story-telling for kindergartners through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. If your child struggles with any of these issues, there's even an accompanying Guide to help you choose areas to focus on from the story.

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