

Stewardship...giving back to God with a grateful heart

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ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

March 12, 2017



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Music Director

OFFICE STAFF

Mrs. Susan Gordon
Mrs. Jean Phillips
Mrs. Melissa Sinner
Mrs. Madelyn O'Hara



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 to 4:15 PM
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 Mass 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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

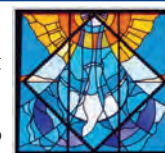
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 11	
4:30	Elizabeth Geigus
Sunday, March 12	
7:30	Joyleen Branco
9:00	William Nagle
10:30	For the People of the Parish
12:00 PM	Rich Coletta
7:00 PM	The Rosati Family
Monday, March 13	
6:30	Umberto Pellegrin
9:00	Robert Walters (11 th Anniv.)
Tuesday, March 14	
6:30	Thomas Michiels
9:00	Thomas Lawler
Wednesday, March 15	
6:30	Vincent Celenza Sr. (1 st Anniv.)
9:00	James Tarlecki
Thursday, March 16	
6:30	James Tarlecki (1 st Anniv.)
9:00	Dorothy Krumenacker
Friday, March 17	
<i>Saint Patrick</i>	
6:30	Patricia Strohm
9:00	Bridget Quinn
Saturday, March 18	
<i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	
9:00	Patricia Strohm
4:30	Joseph McGovern

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:



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Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, April 2, at 2 PM in Vianney Hall (lower level of the Parish Center and Offices*). First-time parents need to attend and may attend this program before the birth of your child. **Baptismal paperwork is due in the Parish Office two weeks prior to the Baptism. * previously known as the rectory**

Rose for Life

~ Offered for Marie T. McGee on her birthday to honor Our Blessed Mother, requested by Buzz and Madelyn McGee

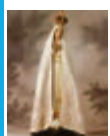


To reserve a Rose for Life, please call Donna Kolb at 610-948-3955.

Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:



~ 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.



Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Call Kevin at 610-489-4412 to schedule a week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We will deliver/pick up the Statue for those who can't manage its size and weight.

Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

For the month of **March** we will be praying for our pastor emeritus, **Father John 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.





Dear Friends,

To see the glory of God ~ how awesome, how overwhelming! We get hints of God's glory when looking at a spectacular sunrise or sunset, at the power and majesty of the mighty oceans, at the infinite number of stars lighting up the night sky, in the presence of a newborn baby.

Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him up a high mountain and then while He was in prayer, they beheld His glory, His majesty, His divinity radiating out of Him. On this second Sunday of Lent, we ponder the mystery of the Transfiguration of our Lord. An event that took place shortly before His horrifying crucifixion and death on the Cross.

We all like being on the top of the mountain, to see such glory. But how about the climb up that mountain, over the rocks, crevices and boulders, the steep uphill ascent. That is much less glamorous, requiring strenuous exertion and so much more effort.

Our readings this weekend focus our attention on what we can call the journey of faith. A personal journey that requires sacrifice and self-giving, that involves us in the joy of the Gospel, and that leads us finally to the glory of seeing God face-to-face. This is quite a journey, quite a challenge, but also quite a comfort in the midst of the sorrows of this world.

We hear this weekend about Abraham, our Father in Faith, and his call from God to leave his family and homeland at an old age. We hear Paul's words to Timothy encouraging him to share in the hardships of the Gospel because of the grace bestowed on us in Jesus Christ who destroyed death and brought us light and immortality through the Gospel. And finally, above all, we hear the voice of God the Father in the Gospel, *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."*

In praying the luminous mysteries, I sometimes think these words of the Father are an anxious cry. His Son is drawing close to Calvary, to the fulfillment of the Divine plan, and the Apostles still don't fully understand. And so, at this moment of Jesus' divinity being revealed in the Transfiguration, God the Father directs Peter, James, John, **you and I**, to listen to Jesus. Jesus who is the guide, the reason, the purpose, the goal of the journey of faith; the one who provides the grace to begin it, to embrace it and to persevere at it.

An athlete spends hours upon hours, willingly sacrificing so much in practice and discipline to achieve the victory. The successful student invests months upon months of study and effort to gain honors. The business owner works tirelessly at every detail to make a good living. We, through the gift of precious faith, are called to everlasting glory, unbounded joy, total trust in a loving Father. Should we not expect that sacrifice, self-giving, abandonment of our own wills, though difficult, is the one, sure and certain path through this complexity of this world?

Yes my friends, may we keep our eyes fixed on the glory of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ, His Son, knowing that we are never left alone nor abandoned and that His grace is sufficient in every circumstance and need. Then indeed the glory of the Transfiguration and of the Resurrection will light our way, strengthening us to do all that we need to do.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken



St. Eleanor Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration- in Our Lady Chapel

Are you looking to experience a deeper, more thoughtful Lent? Instead of giving up chocolate, please consider spending an hour with the Lord in Adoration. If you would like to be added to our sub list, please email Perpetualadoration@stleanor.com. Picking up an open hour can be an uplifting Lenten activity!

**Tuesdays 7 AM
Tuesdays 5 PM
Thursdays 10 AM
Fridays 8 AM**

Please contact Erin Finkelmeier at efinkelmeier@gmail.com for more information or to commit to an hour.

RCIA ~ Sessions on and about the Catholic Faith ~



for all those inquiring or interested in discovering more about our Catholic Faith! These sessions, about an hour and a half long, are information and faith sharing evenings that will continue through the coming months on Thursday evenings. They are hosted by a team of our parishioners and clergy. It has been an inspiring and awesome journey together investigating the ways of God, the person of Jesus Christ our Savior, and the prayer life of the Church.

Any adult, interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, or interested in joining the Catholic Church, or a Catholic wishing to complete the reception of their Sacraments, is invited to call one of our priests at the parish office, 610.489.1647.



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

Book: St Patrick's Summer – A Children's Adventure Catechism

This is an adventure catechism, so in these pages there's more than talk. Through words and witnessing, deeds and doctrine, adventurous Michael and Cecilia learn the central truths of our Catholic Faith and discover how important they are, even today. This Lent, make reading inspirational stories with your children a new tradition....See more wonderful books for children of all ages on FORMED.



FOR OUR DECEASED: Dorothy Sloan, mother of Sam Sloan and Sandy Forcine; Peter Shields, cousin of Tim McMahon

FOR OUR SICK: Catherine Alexander, Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Joseph Art, Jr., Elizabeth Ashenfelder, Kathleen Bani, Lori Bani, Lisa Caruso, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Kathleen Beaudoin, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Deacon Manny Beltran, Brooke Bielski, Jackie Bielski, Mary Bruno, Arthur Buben, Diane Burg, Sandy Burns, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Anthony Cicippio, Monica Cipriani, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Marie Cunningham, George Daher, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Vince DiDonato, Pat DiPiano, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, John Doyle, Claire Esposito, Vito Fabiano, Dorothy Fairbanks, Mary Filippini, John Fitzgerald, Neil Florio, Sandy Forcine, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Elizabeth Groff, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Virginia Heinz, Joseph Heller, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Catherine King, Carisa Koziol, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, Bud Leo, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Nate Lentz, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Marion Lukens, Joe Lutz, Tom Lytle, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Mary Mahoney, Don Mangialardi, Marie and Sarah, Barbara Marosky, Elaine Maxcy, Agnes McCarver, Ed McDade, Jaime McNutt, Doreen Keckley Meader, Allison Leo Mitchell, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Chuckie Nelson, Marion Niedzolkowski, Marie Olszewski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Kathy Plucinski, Ed Pressler, Carol Ann Price, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Jack Russo, Ralph Russo, Linda Sauer, Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, Arthur 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, Billy Watts, Nancy Wenrich, 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

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



The Divine Mercy theme for the month of March is "Mercy." On March 27, 1937, Jesus told St. Faustina: "My daughter, do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My Mercy. I will make up for what you lack.

Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My Merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace." (1074)
If you would like to know more about St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy, please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in Our Lady's Chapel. For more information, please call Gerry Daly at 610-454-7984. **There will be no Divine Mercy Chaplet on Thursday, April 13, Holy Thursday.**

Prayer Service for Immigrants and Refugees
Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.,
Presider



Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 4:00 PM
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Please join us to support and encourage our brothers and sisters who are immigrants with both your prayer and presence.



The Bible and the Mass

The Jewish Roots of Christian Liturgy

8 week DVD Bible Study
A Biblical Tour of the Mass

- Can't We Just Talk? Why Worship Needs More than Preaching
- The Mass as Heaven on Earth: The Eucharist and Christ's Coming
- The Last Supper and the Lost Tribes of Israel
- David, the Thanksgiving Sacrifice, and the Eucharist
 - The Fourth Cup and the New Passover
- You Snooze, You Lose: Why You Should Wake Up for the Offering of the Gifts
 - Q&A Session

Starts: Feb. 21, 2017 from 7PM to 9PM
Where: Guadalupe room
Contact: Giuseppe Scillia at 610-608-3516

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending February 10, 2017

Regular Collection	\$ 28,670
Other Collections	\$ 459
Total	\$ 29,129
Diocesan Collections	\$ 214

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2016—February 10, 2017	\$ 860,290
July 1, 2015—February 10, 2016	\$ 859,330

YTD Tithing

2016-17	\$ 24,788
2015-16	\$ 8,283

**Regular Sunday collection figures now include YTD Tithing



Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Cmdr. Wendy Arnold, MD
1st Lt. Brian Davis
CM/Sgt. Charles Gordon
Sgt. William Ronan
Jeremy Somplasky
Midn. Zachary Sermarini

Sgt. Thomas Albany
1st Lt. Andrew Bone
Lt. Sean Feeney
Bryan Luther
Andrew Somplasky
Ryan Somplasky
Michael Thomas



Thanks to all those who responded to the bulletin blurb regarding volunteering to clean Our Lady Chapel on Saturdays.

It was heartwarming, to have such a great response. **God bless you!!** It's never too late; men and women alike are needed. Call Ginny Emery at 610-539-9543 or email Marlene Angelo at rm_angelo@hotmail.com.



PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT

For those men, married or unmarried, discerning a call to serve God and The Church as a Deacon

Thursday Evening, April 20th 2017, at 7PM
St. John Vianney Auditorium at
ST CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY
100 East Wynnewood Road
Wynnewood PA 19096

For additional information and to register please contact

Deacon Michael Pascarella,
Associate to the Vicar for Clergy
(215)587-4532



WICS - Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00PM in Vianney Hall. We will be having our tea party so remember to bring a tea cup! We always welcome new members.

Bulletin Deadlines

All information 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 jphillips@stleanor.com.

DISCOVER THE RICHES OF THE MASS

A Five-Part Bible Study Featuring Edward Sri



Dates, Times, Location

March 2 from 7-8:30PM in Kateri Hall and continuing every Thursday for 5 weeks.

Cost/Registration

There is a \$20 per person fee for the workbook.

For More Information

Contact Erin Trautman at 484-619-1023 or etraut93@gmail.com.



In **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass**, you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before. You will discover the rich meanings behind why we say what we say and do during the Liturgy. The words and gestures of the Mass will be seen in a new light, leading you to a more meaningful, more fruitful worship experience.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Chris Cusatis Memorial Fund offers two \$250.00 scholarships for eligible 3rd and 5th grade students from Saint Eleanor and enrolled in the St. Eleanor PREP Program or Holy Cross Regional Catholic School.

The scholarship honors Chris' commitment to service for the Church. If you are a 3rd or 5th grader who has performed service for the Church in the past year, write a brief (1-2 page) essay about your service to apply for the scholarship.

The essay will be evaluated based on the genuine demonstration of service, as Chris admired hard work and commitment to the parish. All submissions can be sent to cjcscholarshipfund@gmail.com by April 23rd.

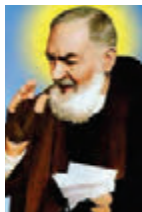
CONGRATULATIONS ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR Distinguished Honors

Liann Dawson

Juliet Marchesani

Eileen Shelton

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for March will be on **March 18**. The prayer meeting and confessions will begin at 9:40 AM. Mass will begin at 10:30 AM and blessing with Padre Pio's relics will take place after Mass. The celebrant is Fr. Hamilton.



Mass for Healing Wednesday, March 15

We are continuing our monthly **Mass for Healing**. Our next one will be on **Wednesday, March 15, in the chapel** at 7:00 PM. We warmly invite everyone to this Mass, family members, friends and neighbors.

Looking Ahead Important Dates

Saint Eleanor
Easter Egg Hunt—
Saturday, April 15 at 11 AM
Ages 6 and under



*We are asking our parishioners to donate candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. We are looking for **wrapped** candy—no nuts, please—that will fit in a plastic Easter egg. Receptacles will be at each church entrance and also in the school from March 1 through April 2. Thank you in advance for your assistance.*

Sunday, April 16-Easter Sunday-
No 7PM Mass



2017 Catholic Charities Appeal Update

Our parish response to the Catholic Charities Appeal this year is off to a solid start. Thank you to all of you have taken the time to make your pledge or send in your donation. This is a vitally important and needed Appeal that allows us to participate in the archdiocesan efforts to share the love of Jesus with countless numbers of people who are in need.

As of 3-5-17, our parish family has made 186 donations (3rd in the Archdiocese), with gifts totaling \$29,357 (7th in the Archdiocese) which is 29% towards our parish goal of \$100,823.

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 . 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.

St. Eleanor CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) is open to **ALL** St. Eleanor parishioners. Therefore, if you are a St. Eleanor parishioner, and 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.



SE CYO DANCES: CYO sponsors monthly dances throughout the school year. **Individual Dance Passes** are available for Purchase: Cost \$7- per dance. Please visit our web-site for more information and to purchase dance passes: <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/>. **We will continue to do a food collection at each dance.** Each child is asked to bring at least one canned good which will be donated to the St. Eleanor Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your help with the worthy cause. **The Next Dance of the 2016-2017 school year** will be held on **Saturday, March 11th**. Contact Dan Cordrey with any questions: myah22700@comcast.net.

Has your email address changed? If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed: <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/>.

United Way is an important source of funding for our program.

Please consider us when you are completing your donor card. Our number is 08018. Thank you!

Remember to Like Us On Facebook!



ST. ELEANOR PARISH PRESENTS: A TRIBUTE TO "THE JERSEY BOYS"

Take a journey back in time as this group performs show-stopping hits such as "Sherry," "Walk Like a Man," "Working My Way Back to You," and more!

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Imperials Catering
40 East 1st Avenue, Trappe
\$45 per ticket – Adults only
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. – Dinner at 7 p.m.
BYOB

To Purchase Dinner Show Tickets visit:
[http://imperials catering.com/
events/shows/ticket/sales](http://imperials catering.com/events/shows/ticket/sales)
or call Lee at 610-570-6141.
Limited event seating. First come first served.



Holy Cross Regional Catholic School 5K
Run/Walk and Kids Dash
Saturday, March 18th, 2017

Holy Cross Regional Catholic School
701 Locust Street, Collegeville

5K - \$20.00 before March 1st, \$25 after March 1st
Kids Dash - Free or \$5 for a t-shirt
Age Group Awards too!

To register call Melissa at 610-952-7875
or Email hcsapresident@hcrs.school



Lenten Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday
6:30 and 9:00 AM

Stations of the Cross in Church

Wednesdays at 1:45 PM (school)
Fridays at 7:00 PM

Parish Lenten Confessions

Wednesdays after morning Masses and 6:30-7PM
Saturdays from 8:00 to 8:45 AM and
3:30 to 4:15 PM
Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 PM
Also by appointment

Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday Nights in Lent at 7:30 PM
Mar. 15 - Evansburg United Methodist - Lectio
Divina method of prayer
Mar. 22 - St. James Episcopal - Ignatian
method of prayer
Mar. 29 - St. Luke's, Trappe - Contemplative and
Meditative practices using our senses
Apr. 5 - Trinity UCC, Collegeville - Praying with
Icons, figurines and pictures



We cordially and warmly invite you to a special encounter with the story of our Lord's Passion and Death enacted by the eighth grade students of Holy Cross Regional Catholic School on **Monday, April 10 at 1:15 and 7pm** at St. Eleanor Church. It is always most inspiring and a wonderful way to begin Holy Week.



Check out the cds and books in the Lighthouse display rack in the narthex. There are items that we have ordered especially for Lent.



Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, the Archbishop of Philadelphia, in accord with the Code of Canon Law (canon 87), grants a dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick on Friday, March 17, 2017.



LENT ISN'T ABOUT CHOCOLATE.
IT'S ABOUT TRANSFORMATION...

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different. Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a FREE, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness ~ and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

<http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>

Blessed is She

We are women, just like you. We are single, married, mamas, and grandmamas too. Here at Blessed is She, we help foster community, through daily devotions straight to your inbox. We walk with you on this crazy journey as a daughter of the King. Enter into a community full of women just like you.

<https://blessedishe.net/>

24 Hours for the Lord

Friday, March 24 & Saturday, March 25, 2017

24 Hours for the Lord is an initiative of the Holy Father in which parishes open the doors of their Church for a period of 24 hours. During this time, the clergy and faithful will have the opportunity to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, reserved in the tabernacle or exposed in the monstrance. Confessions will also be made available during this period. 24 Hours for the Lord will be observed throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Saint Eleanor Parish Schedule

Adoration in the chapel from 4PM on Friday, March 24 until the Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 25

Confessions:

8-9 PM on Friday (following Stations of the Cross)

8-8:45 AM, 11 AM -1 PM, 3:30-4:15 PM on Saturday

****Please sign up for an hour on the board in the narthex.**



Please join us for a Lenten Supper on Friday, March 24th, 2017 hosted by St. Eleanor WICS - Women in Catholic Service, at Holy Cross Cafeteria. Open to men, women, and young adults. Doors open at 5:15PM serving a small meal until 6:00PM. Soup, salad, bread, dessert, coffee, tea, iced tea, water.



Our Guest Speaker, Rev. Christopher Moriconi, will present "Back to the Basics: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving" from 6:15-6:45PM. The supper will conclude in time for Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM in the church. Please RSVP by March 17th to Alice Ann Schiele at alice-annschiele@yahoo.com or Eva Kolodziej at ekolodziej5@comcast.net / 610-331-8489 so we can plan ahead with food. Bring a friend. The meal is free of charge; however, a freewill offering is accepted.



FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2017

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended. All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



This Lent, journey with Bishop Barron and over 300,000 others! We'll delve into each morning's Gospel to grow closer to Christ...as he makes his way to the Cross.

<http://www.lentreflections.com/>



Encounter Lent With The 42nd Annual CRS Rice Bowl

This year's Rice Bowl seeks to open a path to a culture of encounter through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This Nationwide Lenten program gives people of all ages a tangible way to respond to human suffering through compassionate action. Find stories of hope, recipes, and daily reflections for each of the six weeks of Lent by visiting www.crsricebowl.org.

Lenten Dinners Saint Mary Parish, 40 Spring Mount Road, Schwenksville, will host a Lenten Dinner every Friday in March from 4 to 7PM in their Parish Hall. Delicious meatless meals for both adults and children are available and each week will feature a different entree special. There will be raffle baskets each week with a grand prize basket on March 31st. Bring the family to a special Family Dinner & Movie night on March 24th. Frequent Buyer Program available. Lots of fun and fellowship! For more information contact Susan at shrdesign@aol.com. All are invited!



For the second week of Lent, watch FORGIVEN Episode 2 *An Encounter with Mercy* to learn how God seeks to heal us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Register today: Go to FORMED.ORG & enter the parish code HJEE3 (all caps). You will be asked to enter your email address and create a password. In the future, just log in with your user name & password. Enjoy!!!

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Vocations are vital to the life of the Church. In fact, there is no greater indicator of the future health of an Archdiocese than the number of young men acceding to the call to a priestly vocation.

That's one reason why your generous donation to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal is so important. A portion of it will go to help support the work of Father Steve DeLacy, Director of the Vocation Office.

If a charitable gift could ever be considered selfish, a gift to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal to support vocations is certainly in the self-interest of every member of the faithful in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A would-be vocation is a delicate thing that needs to be carefully nurtured and reinforced. It requires communications, personal outreach and, dare we say, marketing. This takes money and manpower that Father DeLacy and his Vocation Office simply do not have.

In addition to fostering priestly vocations throughout the Archdiocese, the Vocation Office works closely with the thriving Newmann Centers at Temple and West Chester Universities and one that serves both Penn and Drexel. They are literally working to ensure the future of the Church.

The number of recent Diocesan vocations is up, but we're not where we need to be. We need about 30 new vocations per year, which would result in about 15 ordinations annually. Achieving that would be, quite literally, a godsend to the Archdiocese. Your donation to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal is critical.



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March 1, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces.

The mission of the Archdiocese is to "serve those who serve" by providing the pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. The Archdiocese and its endorsed priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics. However, unlike a conventional diocese, the Archdiocese has no parishes or parish registries and no weekly collections. It relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services.

Last year, Pope Francis told military ordinaries from around the world that "The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support [those in need] on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence for them all." (Pope Francis, Address to participants in the 8th Humanitarian Course, 26.X.15.) Your support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our Country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from our own diocese.

The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will be conducted in your parish next weekend, March 18/19. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,
+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
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March Madness 2017

High School Men are invited to gather on March 24th for March Madness 2017 – an Annual Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood. This free event includes great basketball and a pizza dinner.

The winning team plays against the seminarians! A special invitation is extended to past participants of Quo Vadis as well as CYO teams, but all young men are welcome to attend!

Register today at heedthecall.org/event/basketball
Questions? Contact the Vocations Office at
610-667-5778.



On behalf of Bishop Timothy C. Senior, Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary we have been asked to share a survey generated by the Seminary's School of Theological Studies (STS).

The STS is interested in obtaining opinions from a broad demographic range within our Archdiocese about its course offerings. The web address for a secure and brief survey can be found here
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