

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

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ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

May 7, 2017



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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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 29

4:30 Peter Melle, Jr.

Sunday, April 30

7:30 Mary Margaret Anzalone
 9:00 Mary Hill
 10:30 Dolores J. Hillanbrand
 12:00 PM For the People of the Parish
 7:00 PM Phyllis Salamon-Heffron

Monday, May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker

6:30 Anthony R. Capaldi
 9:00 Mary Hill

Tuesday, May 2

Saint Athanasius

6:30 Jane Baron
 9:00 Michael Hudak

Wednesday, May 3

Saints Philip and James

6:30 Jerry Giovinco
 9:00 Margaret Petaccio

Thursday, May 4

6:30 Diane D. Smart
 9:00 Jeff Milligan

Friday, May 5

6:30 Maryann Tufillaro
 9:00 Jane Baron

Saturday, May 6

9:00 Kathleen M. Heil (3rd Anniv.)
 4:30 Mary Maieron (17th Anniv.)

Baptisms

Congratulations and prayers from our Saint Eleanor Family to the parents, godparents, and families of the newly baptized incorporated into the Body of Christ:

~ *Lucas Fox, son of Peter and Lindsay Vuong*

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, May 7, 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 Logan John Stutz by his grandparents, Don and Donna Peterson, in celebration of his First Communion.



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

Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:



~ John Michael Abel on the 8th anniversary of his death, given by Pogwist family

~ Anna Renz on the 1st anniversary of her death, given by the Vetrano family

~ Jeffrey Miller on the 2nd anniversary of his death, given by his mother, Edith

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.

Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

For the month of May 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.





Dear Friends,

This is the fourth Sunday of Easter with the month of May already a week old. On this Sunday, we join our worldwide Church in celebrating *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. We pray for vocations to

the ordained ministries (bishops, priests and deacons), to religious life in all its forms, to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. So many ways to serve Christ and His Mystical Body the Church through lives of committed love and service. Please pray also for our seminarians, all those in formation and all whom God calls, so that they may hear clearly the Lord's invitation.

Once again, the Seminary has assigned an Acolyte to our parish family for the coming summer months. His name is **Alessandro Giardini**, a parishioner of Saint Joseph Church, Downingtown, finishing his second year of Theology. This past year Alessandro's Thursday Apostolate was at Pope John Paul II High School, so many of our families, especially our young parishioners, may already have met him. His appointment begins June 3. Be sure to give him a traditional Saint Eleanor welcome when you see him around.

This year is the 100th anniversary of our Lady's apparition to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Pope Francis is planning to visit Fatima May 12-13 to mark the celebration. He will be the fourth Pope to have travelled to Fatima. The appearances of our Lady began on May 13, 1917 and continued once a month until October 1917. You will find at the Church entrances pamphlets about *Our Lady of Fatima* and the *Hail Mary* to assist us in commemorating this special moment and to help us be open to Our Lady's powerful intercession and help. The First Saturday devotion comes directly from our Lady's request at Fatima.

Our youngsters in grade 2 received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. What a beautiful and special moment in their young lives, in the life of their families, in the life of our parish family. Continue to pray for them, as they now join us at the Table of the Lord in receiving the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion.

Thank you to everyone who prepared them~ their parents, their catechists, teachers, and our PREP and Holy Cross Staffs. May all of us continue to be for them models of passionate discipleship as we discover, follow and share Jesus with one another and with all whom we meet.

Next weekend, at the end of Mass, we will impart a special Mother's Day blessing upon all Mothers as we honor them on Mother's Day.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken



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*

Monday 1 AM
Tuesday 12 AM
Tuesday 5 PM
Thursday 10 AM
Friday 12 AM
Friday 8 AM

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

The Divine Mercy theme for the month of May is "Misery-Mercy." Knowledge of our misery and nothingness leads us to trust in God's mercy with greater assurance, and allows us to know His mercy more deeply.



St. Faustina writes: "I keep one eye on my misery and the other on God's mercy; the greater the misery, the greater the trust in His mercy: I do not fear because of His mercy".

If you would like to know more about St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy, please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in Our Lady's Chapel. For more information, please call Mary Ann McDonnell at 610-409-2622.

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May is Mary's Month!

Honor Mary this month by learning more about her message to the children at Fatima as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of her appearance on May 13, 1917. Watch Episode 6 of *Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told* or listen to the audio with your children. Mary's message is even more relevant and necessary in our world today.



FOR OUR DECEASED: Reverend Charles Rice; Sheila Reeve, sister of Teresa Durnin; Carol Price, daughter of Carol Lowrie;

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, 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, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Marie Cunningham, 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, 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, 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, Marie and Sarah, Marianne Marcello, 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, Gabe Muscella, Bob Newton, Marion Niedzolkowski, Maria Olszewski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Ed Pressler, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Betty Rowlands, Jack Russo, Ralph Russo, Linda Sauer, Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, 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!

In Gratitude for God's Generosity: Tithing the Tithe Committee News

As part of our efforts to be ever more passionate disciples of Jesus and to express our gratitude for all of God's abundant blessings and gifts, we are in our second year of the *Tithing the Tithe* program. Through this program, for every dollar donated to our Sunday collection by the parishioners of Saint Eleanor, 3% is given to support organizations engaged in Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy within our local and greater Philadelphia community.

Here we provide information about four organizations, with strong ties to our Parish Family, engaged in valuable respect life activities that have been supported this Fiscal Year through the *Tithing the Tithe* program. Each of these organizations are sustained by devoted volunteers and private donations.

Knights of Columbus ~ a donation of \$2,600.00 was made in February 2017 to the Knights of Columbus Valley Forge Chapter which represents the various Knights of Columbus Councils in western Montgomery County and eastern Chester County, including our own Perkiomen Valley Council 3633. The Valley Forge Chapter exists for the sole purpose of promoting pro-life initiatives, and raises funds that are regularly distributed to local crisis pregnancy centers and are used to advertise a pro-life telephone hotline. Past funds have also been used to assist the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in establishing Project Rachel, a grief counseling ministry serving parents who chose abortion. If you would like to provide additional support for this vital work, please send your donation payable to the Knights of Columbus Valley Forge Chapter to PO Box 101, Perkiomenville, PA 18074.

A Baby's Breath ~ a donation of \$2,500.00 was made in February 2017 to A Baby's Breath, with locations in Collegeville, Jeffersonville, Phoenixville, Wayne, and Warminster. Founded in 2000, the primary mission of A Baby's Breath is to 'help a mother to see her child take his/her first breath'. The organization maintains a 24-hour phone line to allow mothers to explore life-affirming choices in a non-judgmental fashion and offers free pregnancy testing as well as pregnancy counseling sessions for new mothers and fathers. Clients are offered pre-natal classes; ultrasound services; adoption information and support; parenting support classes; and help in accessing other organizations. A Baby's Breath also offers a structured housing solution that enables clients to work on issues designed to prevent homelessness and create greater opportunities for independent living. Additionally, working in partnership with the Stacy Zallie Foundation, women coping with abortion can be connected to post abortion care and counseling for depression. If you would like to learn more about this organization or to provide additional financial assistance, visit their website at <http://ababysbreath.org/index.html>.

Birthright of Pottstown ~ a donation of \$500.00 was made in February 2017 to Birthright located on King Street in Pottstown. Birthright provides friendship and support to women facing unplanned pregnancies, including free pregnancy tests, information and resources, as well as referrals for medical, social, legal, financial, and educational assistance. It operates a toll-free help line that is staffed 24 hours every day of the year. All of the services provided by Birthright are free of charge and available to all women, regardless of age, race, religion, marital status, or financial situation. If you would like to learn more about this organization or to provide additional financial assistance, visit their website at <http://birthright.org/en/landingpage/lp-pottstown>.



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

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending April 14, 2017

Regular Collection	\$ 34,388
Other Collections	\$ 34
Easter	\$ 990
Easter Flowers	\$ 959
Total	\$ 36,371
Diocesan Collections	\$ 839

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2016—April 14, 2017	\$ 1,129,578
July 1, 2015—April 14, 2016	\$ 1,103,790

YTD Tithing

2016-17	\$ 31,920
2015-16	\$ 10,504

**Regular Sunday collection figures now include YTD Tithing



SAVE THE DATE! **Sunday, September 24**

The 2nd St. Eleanor Parish AMAZING HARVEST FESTIVAL

Hope to see you there!



St Eleanor Playgroup

We invite all parents, grandparents and caregivers to join us with your children to play, pray, have fun and learn about Jesus.

We meet on Wednesday mornings (September through May) from 9-11 AM in Vianney Hall. Each week we share fun songs and prayers and do a simple craft. Please join us with your infants, toddlers or preschoolers with plenty of time for the children to play and for the adults to chat. Please contact Laura with any questions at 215.390.0933 or laurajusko@yahoo.com.



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 who 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 in need.

As of 04/21/17, our parish family has made **470 donations** (1st in the Archdiocese), with gifts totaling **\$92,699** (5th in the Archdiocese) which is 92% towards our parish goal of \$100,823. As you can see we are quickly closing in on the 2017 goal that was set by the Archdiocese. Since we will likely achieve that goal very soon, we would like to establish two additional stretch goals for this year. First, we would like to surpass last year's pledged amount which was \$115,987. Second, we would like to set an aspirational goal of \$130,000 (approximately 30% over our 2017 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.



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.

*WICS - The next meeting for the Women In Catholic Service will be on **Tuesday, May 23rd**. We will begin the evening with a 6:30 Mass in the Chapel. After Mass we will enjoy some fellowship in Vianney Hall with our covered-dish dinner at 7:30. We hope you can join us.*



Save The Date - Yard Sale! The St. Eleanor WICS, Women In Catholic Service, will be hosting a yard sale in the St. Eleanor parking lot on **Saturday morning, June 3rd from 8am-noon**. Mark your calendar and look for more information to come soon.

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for May will be on **May 20**. 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 Tuesday, May 16

We are continuing our monthly **Mass for Healing**. Our next one will be on **Tuesday, May 16**, at 7:00 PM. We warmly invite everyone to this Mass, family members, friends and neighbors.

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.



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 jphillips@stleanor.com.



Mother's Day Gifts with Scrip

Your mom does so much for you - let her know how greatly you appreciate and love her! Give her a special day, and treat her with a gift card to the spa, a nice dinner out, or with a trip to the mall. Place your order now.

No Scrip Sales Mother's Day weekend.



Join the Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) for Catholic Charities Night with the Phillies, a night of family fun in support of the CCA!



Wednesday, June 14, 2017 7:05 PM
Citizens Bank Park

Tickets range from \$20 to \$38 and a portion of all proceeds will directly benefit the CCA. Tickets should be purchased at: www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight
We hope to see you at the ballpark!

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.stleanor.com/> or contact Jim DeBald at jdebald@yahoo.com.



St. Eleanor CYO in conjunction with Pope John Paul High School will be holding JV Girls Volleyball Clinics on Sunday, May 7th from 6:00-8:00 PM. ALL St. Eleanor Parishioners entering 5th and 6th grade in September 2017 are invited to participate. Any questions please contact Ryan Sell at 814-207-1189 or rsell01@gmail.com. Please note there is limited space so please act quickly if you are interested.

CYO will be holding GIRLS JV and Varsity Basketball Clinics. All St. Eleanor Parishioners are welcomed and invited to come and work on basketball fundamentals. The rising 7th & 8th grade clinics will be held on Wed., May 31 and Wed., June 7 from 6:00 to 8 PM. The rising 5th & 6th grade clinics will be held on Thursday, June 1 and Thursday, June 8 from 6 to 8 PM. There is no charge for this clinic, but we would like to have an idea of the number of girls attending. Therefore, if your daughter wishes to attend, or if you have any questions, please email SECYOCLINIC@gmail.com. Additional information can also be found on the St. Eleanor CYO web site <http://cyo.stleanor.com/>.

CYO Summer Sports Registration: Opens Sunday April 23rd and runs through Sunday, May 7th. All parish children who are going into grades 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grades next school year are invited to participate in the following sports: **BASKETBALL** Boys and Girls JV (5th-6th) & Varsity (7th-8th) -1 -2 games per week, mid-June thru July, Tri-County League **VOLLEYBALL** Girls Varsity (7th-8th) - 1 match per week, mid-June thru July, 422 Sportsplex. PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON-LINE at <http://cyo.stleanor.com/>.

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

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.stleanor.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 Last Dance of the 2016-2017 school year will be held on Saturday, May 13th. Current 5th Graders are Invited to Attend This Dance.**

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.stleanor.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!



Congratulations to Emma Getts on being one of two winners for the Knights of Columbus 2017 Scholarship Essay contest. Emma will receive a \$1500 scholarship to Pope John Paul II Catholic High School for the school year 2017/2018.



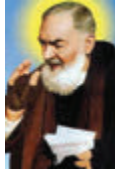
Knock Knock!

Parishioner visits by members of our Legion of Mary are ongoing. It is their aim to systematically visit all members of the parish. Please welcome them if they visit your neighborhood!

Saint Pio Relics Tour

The Saint Pio Foundation in collaboration with the Capuchin Friars of Pietrelcina have organized a first-time tour of his relics in the United States, with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as the first stop on this tour.

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul will display for veneration the relics of Saint Pio during the weekend of May 6 – 8 with opportunities for penance and reconciliation. Visit cathedralphila.org for more information.



Quo Vadis Days 2017

June 26-29, 2017
Black Rock Retreat Center

Retreat for young men graduating
8th – 12th grade.

\$35.00 / person

Register by Friday, June 9th

Gather with the Philadelphia Seminarians and other high school men for 4 days of dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a fun environment including a ropes course, swimming pool and a lake, basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, and more.

To Register, or for more information, visit:

www.heedthecall.org

**Questions? Contact the Vocations Office for the
Diocesan Priesthood at (610) 667-5778**



TRINITY DOME COLLECTION

The last planned aspect of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. is a mural of the Trinity on the interior of the Basilica's dome.

If you would like to make a donation to help complete this final phase, please send your contribution to the Office for Financial Services, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19103. Checks should be made payable to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and note that it is for the Trinity Dome Collection. Donations must be made directly to the Archdiocese, **not** to Saint Eleanor. Your check should be sent no later than June 11, 2017.

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp

a summer day of fun, food and formation for 6th, 7th and 8th Grade boys of the Archdiocese, will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on **July 15, 2017**. This year, we celebrate the 10th gathering of youth for this event, which provides an

opportunity for boys to have a day of fun, food, games, prayer, and activities with the seminarians. Registration deadline is Friday, June 30, 2017. Registration cost is \$15.00 – reduced rate of \$10.00 if you register by June 15, 2017. Download forms at www.HeedtheCall.org.

BBVC 2017
Saturday, July 15th
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Set the World Ablaze!

\$10 - Early Birds who register by 6/15
\$15 - All who register 6/16 - 6/30
6th, 7th & 8th Grade Boys

Register by 6/30/17 Download forms at:
www.HeedtheCall.org



MOVIE NIGHT!

On Saturday, May 20 there will be a showing of the movie, *Voiceless*, in the school cafeteria. Show time is at 7:00 P.M. A young war veteran starts an urban community center in Philadelphia and is challenged when an abortion clinic opens in the same neighborhood. Admission is free - please sign up in the narthex for seating. Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material and some violence.

Saint Vincent de Paul Vehicle Needed

One of our clients is in need of a car to get to work. If you would like to donate a car to a needy family please contact Kathy Zavrotny at (610) 489-3911.

Thank you.



FLOWER POWER

The Gardening Angels are in need of some volunteers to help with watering during the summer. If you are willing to assist with this occasional task please call Rachel Holdsworth at 610-409-9408. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



ST. ELEANOR PARISH PAPER RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

**We earn money when you recycle
paper in the paper retriever bin!**

We are asking you to help us reach our paper recycling and fundraising goals. Please bring your newspapers, catalogs, junk mail, magazines, phone books, office paper, cardboard and books to the Paper Retriever Bin located in our rear parking lot near the Religious Education Center.

Susan Gordon Retires

Our long-time parishioner and parish office worker/secretary, Susan Gordon, officially retired on May 5. Anyone who has been to or called the parish office and the many volunteers in our various ministries know personally this gentle and kind Catholic woman for whom nothing is ever too much trouble.

Susan has worked tirelessly on absolutely any project or parish need that came up. She quietly went about her duties and compassionately responded to the needs of our parishioners and visitors. Susan began working for the parish as Stewardship Coordinator in 2004. She also has volunteered, along with her loving husband, Charlie, in untold number of parish projects and ministries since 1968 when they moved into our parish. Probably their most cherished involvements were with the Pre-Cana/Marriage Preparation Program and our RCIA. They have also been dedicated promoters of the Theology of the Body teaching.

Susan will be dearly missed in our parish office for so many reasons but it is good to know that she and Charlie will continue to be vibrant members of our parish family. We wish Susan (and Charlie) every good blessing in this next stage of life. Thank you, Susan, for everything!

A Mass to Honor Those Who Served God and Country

Monday, May 29th, at 9:00 AM

What better way to celebrate Memorial Day than to begin the day with a Mass to remember our brothers and sisters who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of our country and all those who serve today to protect our God-given freedom?

“There is no greater love than this, that a man shall lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13

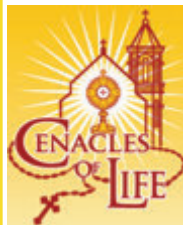


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Mom's House ~ a donation of \$500.00 was made in February 2017 to Mom's House located at 145 South Main Street, Phoenixville. Mom's House is a state-licensed daycare operation that provides safe, secure and free childcare for children aged 3 months to 5 years of low income, single parents while they are pursuing full time education. In addition, children receive nutritious meals, clothing, diapers and other essentials. While services are free, mothers volunteer their time at the center and are expected to maintain passing grades and attend monthly parenting meetings. Mom's House also offers scholarship opportunities, tutoring, and emergency needs grants. To learn more about this organization or to provide additional financial assistance, visit their website at

<https://momshouse-phoenixville.org/giving-to-moms-house>.

We will continue to provide you information on all donations made to those involved in the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in future editions of the parish bulletin. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish family! God bless you!!



As Our Lady and the Apostles were praying in the Cenacle for the Holy Spirit to descend upon them and fill them to be courageous witnesses to the gospel of Jesus Christ. So we, here at St. Eleanor, enter into the Cenacles of Life movement. It is growing, all across our nation, as a gift to Our Lord. We are praying and fasting one day each week for our Blessed Mother's intention, the end of the Culture of Death.

Experience the power of praying two Rosaries, prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty and prayer to the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary with your fellow parishioners, every week, week after week, before the Most Blessed Sacrament. Also, the power of many, many people fasting for the same intention. **The Cenacles of Life are held before the Most Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's Eucharistic Adoration Chapel every Tuesday at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** We begin our Cenacles of Life with the Regina Coeli/Angelus and we end our Cenacles of Life with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For more information, please call Rita, M.E.V. 610-489-1929 or visit cenclesoflife.org. May the Holy Spirit today fill us with gratitude for all that God has done for us.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Villa Maria Academy High School, a Catholic college preparatory school in the tradition of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is offering Visit Villa Days for 7th graders on May 10, 15, and 18. Visitors will receive a preview of our school community by attending classes and having lunch with current students. If interested in these events, please register online at www.vmahs.org.



Mother & (Adult) Daughter Retreat May 12 – 14 (Mother's Day Weekend) Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212. Knowing that your relationship is special, and the need to nurture it throughout the years, this is a wonderful opportunity to walk upon common ground while celebrating your differences. Eucharist, small group sharing, prayer experiences, socials and fun are included - beach walks too! Cost: \$135 per person. Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829 for more information.



Join the Catholic Family Fun Club (CFFC) in the Archdiocese Every day local Catholics view the crowd-sourced events calendar at the Catholic Family Fun Club over 100 times. Join the CFFC to discover fun movie nights and other events—and even create your own playdates, craft nights, or other activities. Meet others of all ages in this group created by families, for families, to have fun and friends. <https://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Family-Fun-Club>.



Tradition Conference June 19 In 1992, St. John Paul II approved the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of its promulgation, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will sponsor a conference on Monday, June 19, 2017 entitled, Tradition, A Celebration of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This day features national speakers who will focus on the four pillars of the Catechism and will be held at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel. All of the faithful are invited to attend. Please note, that headsets for translation will be provided for those who wish to listen to the talks in Spanish. More info & registration: <http://phillyocf.org/>.



Mount Saint Joseph Academy invites 7th grade girls to experience life at the Mount. Join us for a morning visit. Half day visitations will continue through May 23rd. A parent may go online to arrange a visit. Visit our website at www.msjad.org for more information.



Unbound Ministry Team Training For those who want to be trained to pray with others using Unbound. Dates: Thursday, May 11, 7:30pm-9:30pm and Friday, May 12, 9:00am-12:00pm. More info: (Training participants will have an opportunity to practice what they learned by serving on prayer teams during the Friday/Saturday Conference-see below). Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood. Pre-requisites and registration information: <http://www.heartofthefather.com/events/schedule>

Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference For everyone! Attend this for your own personal experience of Unbound and see how it helps unburden hearts through the power of the Gospel. It's the perfect introduction to the Unbound ministry. Dates: Friday, May 12, 6:30-9:30pm and Saturday, May 13, 8:30am-8:00pm. Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood. For more information & registration: <http://www.heartofthefather.com/events/schedule>



This year Living Bridges will be having their annual **Camp Guadalupe** at St. Francis of Assis, June 26-30 and at Malvern Retreat House July 17-21 (9:30 AM to 2:15 PM each day.) All children ages 4-12 are invited to join the week-long celebration of Catholic Faith, art, music, and rich cultural traditions. The theme for this year is "Be the Light." Contact Living Bridges at 610-525-4770 for registration forms. Email: staff@livingbridges.org.



St. Joseph's Fair will be held on May 9-13, 2017. Come join us in Spring City for a fantastic carnival experience from SwikaS Amusements! They will have rides for young and old! Wristband specials are Tuesday and Thursday 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. and Saturday from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Wristbands are \$16. A Silent Auction will be held on Tuesday, May 9 to Friday, May 12. The hours are 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We will have a food trailer, bake sale table, daily raffle drawing and children's games. On Friday night, we will have the "O'Hara Irish Pub" featuring the O'Shenanigan Band starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased from the Rectory or at the door. Tickets are Adults \$20/Children \$5. Anyone under 21 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. On Saturday, May 13 @ 10:00 pm we will have Fireworks and our \$500 raffle drawing.

A **weekend retreat** is an opportunity to remove yourself from the everyday cares of the world, and find contentment that only a retreat can bring you. Think about it. Retreat weekend is June 2,3,4 at St. Joseph's - in - the- Hills, Malvern, Pa. For more information please visit our web site at www.malvernretreat.com or call parishioner Mark Pinto @ 610-792-1679.



Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet friends and fellow Catholics in the area. Tuesday, May 16: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors open at 7:00pm, Talk starts at 7:30pm; Speaker – Chris Anderson. Tuesday, June 20: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co. Doors at 7:00pm, Talk Starts at 7:30pm.

For more details, check us out on Facebook (facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults). Or visit our website at www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com. You can also reach us via email at metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com



An Evening with Michelangelo on Thursday, May 11 in the Eakins Room at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 6:30 PM Champagne Reception, 7:15 PM Lecture. Elizabeth Ley, PhD, Lecturer. Please RSVP by May 4 at frmrock.oll@verizon.net. For questions call 215-473-1669.



Widow/Widower Social Group - If you have an interest in joining the Widow/Widower's Social Group at St. Ann Parish in Phoenixville, contact Helene Kennedy at 610-933-0950.



In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparition at Fatima, a **public square rosary** will be held on Saturday, May 20th at 12 noon. The gathering will be held in Collegeville at the corner of Rt. 29 and Main Street (across from McDonald's). Subsequent rosaries will be conducted on the second Saturday of each month, June through October. For more information, call Ray Hritz at 610-489-4167.



Visitation BVM School will be hosting their first annual **Food Fest** Friday, May 12th, from 6pm-10pm. Bring the family out and enjoy a fun night of tasty eats and drink from a variety of food trucks. Enjoy live entertainment, local vendors (so kids can shop for mom) and kid activities. There will be fun for the whole family. Mark it on your calendars! No entrance fee, just pay as you go. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @visifoodtruck. Portion of Sales go to the Greater Phila Food Banks. *Rain date May 19



Attention Catholic High School Students Want to share your faith with others? 9th thru 12th grade Catholic high school students are asked to volunteer as assistant teachers in St. Mary of the Assumption – Phoenixville summer religious education program (PREP). The program lasts two weeks. It begins June 19 and ends June 30. Both are Monday to Friday, 8AM to 12 noon. Assistant teachers help in class activities. They assist in teaching under the direction of the assigned teacher and supervise students during recreation and related activities. Participation meets service hour requirements for all Catholic High Schools. **Volunteers Accepted for one or both weeks. Have Fun, Earn Service Hours, Teach Young People about Jesus** For more information please contact Barbara Hritz at 610-489-4167 after 7PM by May 15, or St. Mary's Parish Office: 610-933-2526.



The Second Annual Padre Pio Festival at St. Bede the Venerable Parish, Holland, PA, is being held on the weekend of June 23, 24 & 25, 2017. Friday evening: Youth and Young Adult Night, Holy Hour, Exposition, Confessions followed by live entertainment, food trucks; Saturday: 5:30pm Vigil Mass (blessing with relics). Sunday: 12:30pm Solemn Mass, followed by street procession. 2:30pm Healing Service (blessing with relics /confession). (Saturday and Sunday afternoon & evening outdoor festival, with several food/beverage vendors, craft vendors, inflatable children's amusements, live entertainment). www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com.



Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Event being held on May 13 2017. This gathering is to celebrate 100th Anniversary of Fatima. All are invited to Our Lady of Fatima, Bensalem, for 8:30 a.m. Mass, Holy Hour and talks by Father James Blount, S.O.L.T. There is no charge and you can bring your own lunch. The day concludes with Benediction at 2:15 p.m.

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