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ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

May 28, 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.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 28, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

4:30	Saturday, May 27 Pat McMorrow
7:30	Sunday, May 28 Thomas Aaron
9:00	Thomas Collins
10:30	Dino Ciccarelli
12:00 PM	Ann Doley
7:00 PM	Sister Mary Waldron SSJ
	Monday, May 29 NO 6:30 MASS
9:00	Veterans
	Tuesday, May 30 For the People of the Parish
6:30	Dottie Davies
9:00	
	Wednesday, May 31 <i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
6:30	Eric L. Wanamaker
9:00	Bobby Bruno
	Thursday, June 1 <i>Saint Justin</i>
6:30	Fred Catona
9:00	Gus Sergio
	Friday, June 2 <i>Saints Marcellinus and Peter</i>
6:30	Augustus Sergio
9:00	Sonny Tulio
	Saturday, June 3 <i>Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions</i>
9:00	Special Intention of Monsignor McCulken
4:30	Anthony Petaccio, Sr.

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:



~ Molly Elizabeth, daughter of Gregory and Kerri Fitzsimmons

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, June 4, 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

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



Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:



~ Dino Ciccarelli on the 11th anniversary of his death, given by Marie Cotteta

~ Laurence Blanche on his birthday, given by Dick and Michele Robbins and family

For a Rose of Resurrection to remember those who have passed away, call Paula Pezzano at 610-489-0533. Please request roses at least one month before the rose is to be placed on the altar.

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,

Another Memorial Day weekend has dawned with all of its activities and remembrances. We are eternally grateful for all our men and women who offered the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in defending us and our freedom. May God grant them everlasting peace and blessing. Our Mass on Monday is at 9 am and will be a worthy remembrance of all our fallen heroes. I hope that you will begin your holiday remembering and thanking God in the Sacrifice of the Mass for all of His blessings.

Thursday last was the feast of the Ascension of our Lord. We celebrated Jesus' departure from earth to be our everlasting Intercessor before His Father and our Father. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that it is necessary for Him to go so that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, could be poured out upon the Apostles and the Church. In these 9 interim days (a novena) between the Ascension and Pentecost, we are encouraged to do as they did, to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Sure, we have already received the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation but it is essential and vital for us to pray daily for the Spirit's outpouring upon us so that we are open and receptive to His promptings and His help. We who are one Body with Jesus our Savior are living temples of the Holy Spirit, but it is necessary to seek consciously His gentle and quiet assistance in everything we do. In these days leading up to Pentecost, may each of us pray daily for His gifts. Cardinal Mercier once wrote that submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity. Perhaps we will make Cardinal Mercier's prayer our own ~

"Oh, Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul ... I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what to do... Direct my every choice. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your will."

May the Holy Spirit enlighten, strengthen, guide and direct all our thoughts, words and deeds to become disciples of passion and fire for our Lord Jesus Christ! Happy and Blessed Memorial Day to you and your loved ones!

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 the month of June is: "Thanks." This month is divided into two parts: the first part is "Thanks to God;" the second part is "Glorifying God."



In giving thanks we acknowledge that God is the source of all gifts, and we turn to Him with praise and gratitude. Like the one leper out of ten who, seeing that he was cured, returned to give thanks and praise to Jesus. It was the desire of St. Faustina to thank and glorify the Lord "always and everywhere." Our Lord said, "Be grateful for the smallest of my graces, because your gratitude compels Me to grant you new graces".

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 Chapel. For more information, please call Mary Ann McDonnell, 610-409-2622.

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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: HJEE

Memorial Day Weekend

Take time this week to honor and commemorate our service men & women who have sacrificed their lives fighting for freedom. Watch the inspirational story of Fr. Kapaun – priest, soldier, & Korean War hero. All those who served with him testify that he did more to save lives and maintain morale than any man they know.



Perkiomen Valley Council 3633 Knights of Columbus serving the parishes of Saint Eleanor and Saint Mary. Meets 2nd Sunday of each month. Call GK Joseph Stephey (610) 489 -1341 or visit www.kofc3633.org to contact us.



FOR OUR DECEASED: Christine Patrick, mother of Lori; Ann Riccio, mother of Dolores Shaw; Florence Burkert, mother of Cindy and Carl; Jackie Chappie Kapes, cousin of Dolly Panfile;

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, Francis Magee, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Mary Mahoney, Marie and Sarah, Marianne Marcello, Barbara Marosky, 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, Francis Panfile, 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, Baby Evan Gerhold, Kate Greco

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



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.



MEMORIAL DAY PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 29, IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY. HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!



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 May 5, 2017

Regular Collection	\$ 24,772
Other Collections	\$ 267
Easter	\$ 1,250
Total	\$ 26,289
Diocesan Collections	\$ 163

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2016—May 5, 2017	\$ 1,192,422
July 1, 2015—May 5, 2016	\$ 1,184,575

YTD Tithing

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

***Regular Sunday collection figures now include YTD Tithing*

Children's Liturgy of the Word

will not be in session Sunday, May 28, 2017. *Children's Liturgy of the Word* resumes normal schedule on Sunday, June 4th, and will be in session until Father's Day, June 18th. God bless!



We are planning to extend our Children's Liturgy of Word experience to the **10:30 AM Sunday** morning Mass, in addition to the 9:00 Mass, starting in the Fall! Our children are *special gifts*, not just to their parents, but also to all of us as a parish family! We will be needing additional help for this most precious work, so if God is tugging at your heart, step out and become a part of this special ministry.

Please contact Teri Lahey at tlahey@steleanor.com or 610-489-4677, ext 31. Thank you!



Understanding the Sunday Readings
Please join us every Tuesday at 7pm in the Guadalupe room (at the lower level of the offices). We will be starting on May 23, 2017. Bring your copy of the Bible and the Catechism. Call, text and leave a message for Giuseppe Scillia at (484) 961-0575.



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 5/19/17 our parish family has made **535 donations** (1st in the Archdiocese), with gifts totaling **\$102,876** (6th in the Archdiocese) which is 102% of our parish goal of \$100,823. As you can see we have achieved the 2017 goal that was set by the Archdiocese. We would like to surpass last year's pledged amount which was \$115,987 and 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.



RCIA Inquiry Night Thursday June 1st Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

St. Eleanor Parish will soon begin a new series of gatherings to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, deepen your relationship to our Lord, Jesus Christ, and participate in small group discussions with some of our parishioners. These sessions are also opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These weekly gatherings are open to people who are not baptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds, or baptized Catholics who have not received their Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.

On Thursday, June 1st the most recent group of participants and the team are hosting an inquiry pot-luck get together from 7-9 PM in Vianney Hall (in the basement of the Parish Offices building) at St. Eleanor Parish. This is an opportunity to hear about the program from others who have experienced it as well as ask questions. Additional sessions will be held in the same location at 7:00 PM every Thursday. Please call give us a call if you have questions or would like further information. You can reach us at 610.489.1647.



Pictures and information about this year's candidates for election to the Pastoral Council are on display in the narthex and near the cry room. Members serve 3-year terms. We are electing 2 members this year. Elections will be held on the weekend of June 3-4. The Pastoral Council fosters full participation of all parishioners in the life and mission of the Church by providing advice to our pastor regarding worship, community, and programs in the parish. Please take a moment to become familiar with the candidates and prayerfully consider who would best fill this important role in our parish.



SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, September 24

The 2nd St. Eleanor Parish
AMAZING HARVEST FESTIVAL
Hope to see you there!

Saint Vincent DePaul Society FOOD PANTRY Donations Needed



Specific needs:

PAPER PRODUCTS, TOILETRIES,
DETERGENT, CANNED TUNA, CONDIMENTS, CANNED
FRUIT, COFFEE, CHEF BOYARDEE, JARRED SPAGHETTI
SAUCE, SNACKS and CRACKERS, ALL SIZE JUICES

NO outdated or expired items, please!

Donations can be made ANY TIME in the Narthex at the

boxes marked **PANTRY**

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO HELPING
LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

All non-perishable donations are welcome and appreciated

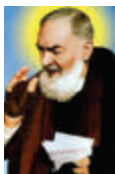
THANK YOU



Junior Legion of Mary

We invite those ages 8 through 17 interested in growing in their relationship with our Lord through the guidance and love of the Blessed Mother. Our Heavenly Mother is waiting for the youth of our parish to aid her in good works and prayer. First meeting is Monday, June 12 at 4:30-5:30 PM in Kateri Hall. Contact 215.390.0933 or laurajusko@gmail.com.

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for June will be on **June 17**. 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, June 14

We are continuing our monthly **Mass for Healing**. Our next one will be on **Wednesday, June 14** 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@steleanor.com.



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, Phila., PA, 19103. Checks should be made payable to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and note that it is for the Trinity Dome Collection. Your check should be sent no later than June 11, 2017. There are also special envelopes for the Trinity Dome Collection on the tables at the church entrances. Donations must be made directly to the Archdiocese or mailed to the address on the envelope, **not** to Saint Eleanor.



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



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.



The CYO Board is looking for NEW volunteers to join our team. If interested please contact Jim DeBald at jdebald@yahoo.com.

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.steleleanor.com/>.

CYO Varsity Banquet is June 4th at the Copperfield Inn - in Limerick. Festivities will begin at 4:00. We encourage all of our 7th and 8th grade student athletes to attend, and end the year in celebration! Couple of points: 1. Registration on the CYO web site will be up shortly - look for a follow-up email. 2. **NOTE:** even though there is no fee for coaches and players to attend all must register so we can get a headcount. Please send Jim DeBald any pictures you have from your son/daughter's season. Emailing pictures is an option, however Jim has created a Dropbox account. If you email Jim at atdebald@yahoo.com, he can give you access to the Dropbox account so you can simply "upload" pictures from your computer. Thanks and looking forward to seeing everyone!

CYO Fall Sports Registration will begin Sunday, June 11th, and end on Sunday, June 25th. The sports offered for the Fall 2017 are:

Cross Country Pee Wee 1st-3rd, Varsity 4th-8th grade boys and girls

Field Hockey JV 5th and 6th, Varsity 7th and 8th grade girls

Soccer JV - 5th and 6th, Varsity 7th and 8th grade Co-Ed

CMC Lions Football JV 5th and 6th, Varsity 7th and 8th grade boys

Volleyball JV 5th and 6th, Varsity 7th and 8th grade girls. Fall registration is open to ALL registered St. Eleanor Parishioners that are entering 1st through 8th grades next year. 1st thru 3rd graders are only eligible for Pee Wee Cross Country and 4th graders only for Cross Country. Other sports vary on which we offer for boys and girls. Registration and payment are only available through the CYO website: <http://cyo.steleleanor.com/>. Also, please update your family information, including e-mail address. This is how CYO Registrar, AD, &/or your child's coach will contact you for meetings, practice schedule, etc. If you have any questions in regards to registration please contact Kathleen Regan at kmmregan@gmail.com. If you are interested in a position as a head coach for one of the teams, contact Megan O'Donnell, Athletic Director, at meganodonnellcyo@gmail.com.

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!



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!

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



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**

St. Eleanor Parish Presents



**Little Disciples
Come for Bible Stories and
Activities!**

**Monday, June 26 through
Thursday, June 29**

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Ages: 5 – 7

Holy Cross Regional School Library
The Story Time is free, but advanced
Registration is required. Contact
Teri Lahey at llahey@stleanor.com



Thank you for all of your years of supporting the ink cartridge recycling program. Please note that we are no longer recycling ink cartridges and the receptacles have been removed from the church. FYI, Staples does recycle ink cartridges.

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.

B B BBVC 2017
Brothers of Borromeo
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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



**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.

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

Through the *Tithing the Tithe* initiative, the parishioners of St. Eleanor have committed to donate 3% of the ordinary Sunday collections to individuals in need and organizations involved with Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Here we provide information about an organization that has received recurrent support through the *Tithing the Tithe* program.

Father Chuck's Challenge ~ a donation of \$2500.00 was made in February 2017 to Father Chuck's Challenge. Father Chuck's Challenge, working with Food for the Poor, is dedicated to building homes and developing villages for families in need located in Nicaragua and Haiti. Since the first community was established in 2008, the dedicated volunteers working with Father Chuck's Challenge have built more than 1100 new homes and established 20 new communities in Nicaragua and Haiti. Homes are given to impoverished families at no cost, and the organization also provides water supply, sanitation facilities, a community center, basic furniture, tools for cultivation, livestock, fishing boats and equipment, and fruit trees. Our Saint Eleanor Parish has a long history of involvement with Father Chuck's Challenge, including donating the funds needed to build a clinic in Nicaragua.

Father Chuck's Challenge works exclusively through appeals made exclusively to parishes within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. If you would like more information about this organization, including participating in annual mission trips, please visit their website at <http://www.fatherchuckschallenge.com/home-1.html>.

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!!



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.

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.



There will be no SCRIP sales Memorial Day weekend - neither at Masses on Saturday and Sunday nor in the Parish Office on Monday. Thank you.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop



May 9, 2017

Dear Friends,

The Church understands marriage as a unique relationship, with a unique definition. It's a faithful covenant between one man and one woman for life. By its very nature, marriage is ordered not only to companionship and mutual support, but also—and even more fundamentally—to the procreation and education of children. This is why every child deserves a family where the father loves the mother, and the mother loves the father. For anyone to attempt to redefine marriage or the family as something else undermines that goal. Thus it's vital that the Church keep working to defined the integrity of marriage.

For this reason, I support the Marriage March that will take place in Washington, D.C., on June 17, 2017. I realize the march comes at a busy time of the year. But as Catholics we should avail ourselves of the opportunities, whenever we can, to witness to the truth about God's Plan for marriage.

For more information, please contact the Office for Life and Family or visit <https://www.marriagemarch.org>.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.Cap.
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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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/>.



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.



The **Called & Gifted Discernment Workshop** is open to those who want to better understand the unique gifts God has given them and to discern their mission and place in the Church. Fri, June 2, 7-9:30pm & Sat, June 3, 9am-4pm; St. Monica Parish, Berwyn, PA. Cost \$60. More info & registration at: <http://www.phillyevang.org/events/>.



Malvern Family Festival Malvern Retreat House will host a Family Festival on Sunday, June 11 from 1pm-6pm. The day will kick off with outdoor Sunday Mass presided by Bishop Edward Deliman at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. After Mass, other activities that will be offered include performances by The Donut Man and Grammy-Nominated Singer/Songwriter Marty Rotella, children's games, food, and DJ-directed music and activities. The cost is only \$25 per car, including food. Please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information.



Separated & Divorced Retreat A special retreat for separated and divorced Catholics will be held the weekend of June 16-18 at Malvern Retreat House. Catholic author, speaker and divorce recovery expert Lisa Duffy will give several presentations, including *The Six Keys to Healing* and *Your Own Self Worth*. Please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information.



IHM Nun Run Join us on June 3, 2017 for the IHM Nun Run, a 5K run/walk at Villa Maria House of Studies, Immaculata, PA which is across the street from Immaculata University. Start time is 8:30 am. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the retirement home for the aged and infirmed Sisters of IHM. Registration information: www.ihmnunrun.org. May 30th is the last day to register. No race day registrations.



The St. Teresa of Calcutta 6th Annual Trivia Night is being held on Saturday, June 10th in the Education Center located at 256 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473. First round begins at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person. 8 players maximum per team. BYOB and snacks. Cash prizes. Contact Marie Beehler for table reservations (mariebeehler@gmail.com) or buy seats online at www.stcevents.org.



The Philadelphia community is blessed with another **NaProTechnology** trained physician. Dr. Delia Larrauri returned from the Pope Paul VI Institute in April and is currently helping develop the Gianna Center Philadelphia. To help celebrate her graduation from the Institute, the Friends of FertilityCare-Philadelphia is sponsoring a free event at Holy Saviour Church in Norristown on May 31. Please see this link from Catholic Philly for details: <http://catholicphilly.com/2017/04/news/events/ga-with-philadelphias-newest-naprotechnology-trained-obgyn-physician/>.

In two weeks we will be enjoying a peaceful and inspiring **weekend retreat at St. Joseph's - in - the - Hills**, Malvern, Pa. Please join us on June 2,3,4 For more information please visit our web site at www.malvernretreat.com or call parishoner Mark Pinto @ 610-792-1679.



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.



Seeking part-time Administrative Assistant Saint Teresa of Avila in West Norriton Township is seeking a dynamic, part-time Parish Administrative Assistant for the hours of 9:00 to 2:00 Monday through Friday, with the ability to work later on occasion as needed. The applicant is expected to be a baptized Catholic in good standing with his/her proper parish of registration and to have at least three (five preferred) years of experience. The position calls for sound interpersonal communication and organizational skills and an ability to take direction and to relate effectively with others. This person will report directly to the Parish Business Manager and perform duties for the Parish Pastor as well. Duties would include, but not be limited to, telephone and email correspondence with Parishioners and the public, database system management, typing, filing, reception and general parish office responsibilities. Applicant MUST be proficient in Microsoft Office (Publisher, Word, and Excel) and willing and able to learn the Parish Database System and other tools as needed. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to: Heidi Reese, Administration and Business Manager, sta.busmgr@gmail.com or to Saint Teresa of Avila Rectory, 1260 S. Trooper Road, Norristown, PA 19403



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West Catholic 30th Annual "Burrs at the Beach" celebration. June 25 from 1-7PM at Westy's Irish Pub in North Wildwood, NJ. www.westcatholicalumni.org or Tom Dorian '61 (484)-431-0781



A Marriage Course begins Wednesday, June 14, at a Mill Road home. This is an opportunity to enrich your marriage by enjoying a dinner for 2 in a relaxed setting, viewing a video and talking with your spouse about topics of importance once a week for 7 weeks, ending on August 2. To register, contact John at 610-523-7227 or jdomanjr@gmail.com. Treat yourself and your spouse this summer!



Listening Session - Addictions touch many people's lives. We all know someone affected by an addiction to a substance or a behavior. News of the exploding opioid addiction trend along with alcohol, other drugs, gambling, sex, pornography and other addictions are present in every community and many families. Fallout from these traumatic situations produce their own communities requiring recovery and support. A common denominator with all recovery processes is a spiritual component. St. Ann's wants to identify how we can help meet both the practical (information sharing) and spiritual needs of all who are affected by any form of addiction. If you are affected in any way by addiction, have an interest in supporting those who are, or desire to know more about recovery via the 12 step spiritual programs, please attend an informal meeting on June 11 at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall. The goal of the meeting will be to listen to the needs existing in the area and structure potential ways to address those needs. You do not need to be actively involved in any recovery program to attend, nor do you need to disclose why you have an interest. For questions or RSVPs contact Deacon Giblin at deacongiblin@gmail.com.

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