



# Saint Eleanor Catholic Church

647 LOCUST ST. COLLEGEVILLE PA 19426

## First Sunday of Advent Celebration of the Eucharist November 29, 2020

### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** The Advent of Our King

ST. THOMAS

**SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

LORD, have mercy. **All: LORD, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **All: Christ, have mercy.**

LORD, have mercy. **All: LORD, have mercy.**

**COLLECT**

### THE LITURGY of the WORD

**FIRST READING:**

**PRV 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31**

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

### CONFITEOR

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



SAINT ELEANOR  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

*Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

Once again, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

May your help be with the name of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

**SECOND READING: 1 COR 1:3-9**

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreprouchable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL: PS 85:8**

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

**GOSPEL READING: MARK 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:**

Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer  
WACHET AUF

**THE NICENE CREED**

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

**PARISH PRAYER**

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

## THE LITURGY *of the* EUCHARIST

### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

### PRAYER OF THE OFFERINGS

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### SANCTUS

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

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### AMEN

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### LORD'S PRAYER & DOXOLOGY

### AGNUS DEI

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

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

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

### INVITATION *to* COMMUNION

*The priest prays:* Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

### COMMUNION HYMN:

People Look East

BESANCON

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### THE CONCLUDING RITE

### GREETING, BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

### RECESSIONAL

### PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

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

### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent of another member of the family.**

**All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**R/.** Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9:1-2,5-6 or Isaiah 63:16-17,19 or Isaiah 64:2-7 is read:

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**R/.** Thanks be to God.

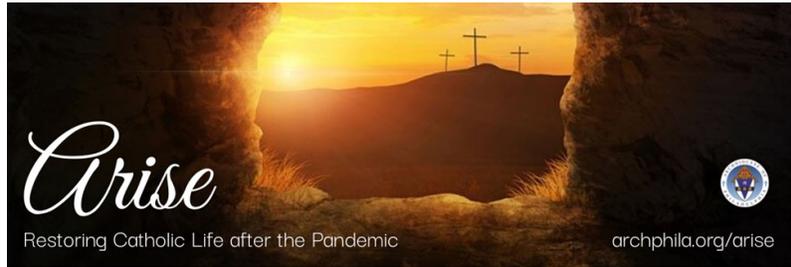
**With hands joined, the leader says:** Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R/.** Amen.

### A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



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

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

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

**GENERAL POINTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WEEKDAY** – 6:30 AM – Monday through Friday  
9 AM AM – Monday through Saturday

**WEEKEND** - VIGIL MASS – 4:30 PM Saturday  
SUNDAY – 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM

**BEFORE COMING TO MASS**

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

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

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

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

**PARKING & ENTERING THE CHURCH**

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

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

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

As you enter into the Church proper, you will be able to pick up a Worship Aid (which will be included in the Parish Bulletin) to use during Mass and then to take home with you. Please do not leave it in Church.

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

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

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

## SEATING

When taking a seat in Church, please honor all posted signs and painter's tape markers about where you may sit. Every second pew is available to ensure social distancing. Please do not move the tape on the pews.

Due to these current restrictions, you most likely will not be sitting in your usual place in Church. *Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.*

Members of the same household may sit together as normal, of course. Please allow 6 feet between your household and members of a different household. In an attempt to assist with seating, we have the Church divided into sections, to facilitate areas for families, couples and single attendees. These are not hard fast divisions but an attempt to help navigate within Church.

We have a team of helpers, our Ambassadors, to welcome you and to help you navigate your way into and around the Church, as well as your way out of Church.

## DURING THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

There is a cantor and organist at all the Masses. However, there is no congregational singing at this time. Some of the music is instrumental.

As noted above, there is no collection taken up during the Offertory of Mass. Please place your collection envelope into the marked basket as you enter the Church.

There is no Sign of Peace during Mass and the Precious Blood is not distributed.

There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.

## RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are uncomfortable about receiving Holy Communion during this time, that is fine. You do not have to receive, and you can make a Spiritual Communion in your place.

For the reception of Holy Communion, we are **not** using the main aisle to approach the Sanctuary for the weekend Masses. For Holy Communion, we use the inside side aisles. Please return to your pew either by the center aisle or the far side aisles.

Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line by keeping several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew. Also, hand sanitizers are available at the front of the Communion line for your personal use if you wish before receiving Holy Communion.

Those in the back of portion of Church, please follow the instructions of the Ambassadors to receive Holy Communion. A Communion Minister will come to each of the sections along the back portion of Church to distribute Holy Communion.

**The faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand at this time.** If you will be receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, please wait until a priest or the deacon comes to the center of the Sanctuary at the main aisle. Please proceed up the center aisle to the Sanctuary step to receive Holy Communion.

Those who receive a low-gluten Host are also asked to come to the center aisle and up to the Sanctuary where the priest or deacon with the small pyx will be sure that you receive Holy Communion.

Gloves may not be worn to receive Holy Communion in the hand. Please remove the gloves to receive Holy Communion or consider receiving on the tongue as outlined above.

When you approach the Communion Minister, please keep your mask on until you have responded "Amen." If you wish you may remove the mask as you approach the Communion Minister. Once the Host has been placed onto your hand, move to the side, a few feet to receive Our Blessed Lord, then replace your mask to return to your pew.

## EXITING THE CHURCH

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

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

Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

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

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

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

## FINAL THOUGHTS

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

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

God bless you and God love you!!

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Holy Day**

**Tuesday, December 8th**

**Mass Times: 6:30 & 9:00 am, 12:05 and 7 pm  
12:05 pm, 7 pm**

*While Masses are being celebrated in person, please check the website for  
our live stream Mass  
(10:30 am, Sunday)- [www.steleanor.com](http://www.steleanor.com).*

**Current Mass Times**

**Monday—Friday—6:30 & 9 am**

**Saturday—9 am**

**Saturday—Vigil Mass—4:30 pm**

**Sunday—7:30, 9:00 am, 10:30 am  
12:00 pm (no 7 pm)**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 8:00 to 8:45 am; 3:30—4:15 pm  
(Wednesdays after Masses,

**EDUCATION**

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP: Religious instruction for children in grades 1 and up. The components are Six-week summertime At-Home program, Fall Family Option and Confirmation program. Teri Lahey, Director. 610-489-4677 X 31.

Children's Liturgy of the Word. Offered to the younger children during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses on Sundays September through May.

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

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

**SACRAMENTS**

BAPTISMS: Scheduled most Sundays at 1:30 pm. Please make arrangements in advance with one of the priests. First-time parents attend Pre-Jordan, a Baptismal Preparation meeting usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm.

**Pre-registration with the parish office is required at least 7 days prior to the class. 610-489-1647.**

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

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.

**CLERGY**

Msgr. Michael T. McCulken, Pastor  
Rev. John A. Franey, Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. Alessandro Giardini, Parochial Vicar  
Msgr. Thomas A. Murray, In Residence  
Deacon John A. Hasson  
Deacon Edward T. Hinson

**PARISH STAFF**

Mrs. Linda Coyne, Finance Director  
Mrs. Darlene Gaspar  
Ms. Janet Genuardi  
Mrs. Laura Jusko  
Mrs. Jean Phillips  
Mrs. Jane Watson

**SACRED MUSIC**

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

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Mr. Matt Kirsch

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, November 29**

7:30 Helen Ostroski  
9:00 The People of the Parish  
10:30 John Welding  
12:00 Kathleen M. Waldron  
Mirella A. Young- Mass celebrated privately

**Monday, November 30**

***Saint Andrew, Apostle***

6:30 Alfred Alexy  
9:00 Deceased members of  
Szulborski Family

**Tuesday, December 1**

6:30 Rita Gaspar  
9:00 Richard Angelo, III

**Wednesday, December 2**

6:30 Msgr. Joseph Murray  
9:00 Marla Pennypacker (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**Thursday, December 3**

***Saint Francis Xavier, Priest***

6:30 Jeffrey Bailey  
9:00 Jason Daniel Cirafisi

**Friday, December 4**

***Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church***

6:30 Jack McManus  
9:00 Frances Jusko

**Saturday, December 5**

9:00 Deceased members of  
Boccella Family  
4:30 Frances Jusko (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

**Sunday, December 6**

7:30 Frances Jusko  
9:00 Deceased members of  
Pennypacker and Zimney Families  
10:30 The People of the Parish  
12:00 Michael Eugene Lee Torchiana  
Deceased members of Waldron Family- Mass  
celebrated privately

From  
the  
Pastor



Dear Friends,

I pray that everyone had a blessed, safe, and enjoyable Thanksgiving. This weekend, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and thus the beginning of a new liturgical year. Happy and blessed new year to all! It also means that Christmas is less than a month away... May we take advantage of this holy season of Advent as a time of prayer and reflection on the awesome mystery of the Word made Flesh, the coming of God into our fallen human world to bring forth the gift of our redemption.

Monday, November 30, the Feast of Saint Andrew, we will hold our annual Tree Blessing and Lighting behind the Chapel. This will allow for folks to remain in/near their cars in the back parking lot and for those who walk over to remain socially distant. We ask that masks be worn. The ceremony is short, and a take home bag of goodies will be available for you to pick up. We will have amplification as well as a FM frequency you can tune to to listen to the program. There is a traditional Christmas Anticipation Prayer that is prayed from November 30 until Christmas. We will have cards with the words of the prayer printed on the cards in the take home bags at our Tree lighting but here are the words of the prayer for your personal use ~

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment, in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [here mention your requests] through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.*

The tradition is that this prayer is recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. It is a very meditative prayer, focusing our attention to the mystery of God's love in Christ's Birth. It spiritually prepares us for Jesus' coming ~ He who came at Bethlehem, He who comes to us in the Sacraments and the Church, He who will come at the end of time. In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus says, "*Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.*" He is speaking of His coming in glory. We also realize that this admonition applies to our own passing from this world. Advent reminds us that we must continuously prepare ourselves daily to encounter the Lord who is with us and who one day will take us to be with Him where He is.

God bless you, God love you,  
Monsignor McCulken

**Mass Card and SCRIP HOURS:**

Monday-Friday: 9am to 4pm

Other parish office visits are by appointment.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:**

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

**Note:**

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

**Counting Our Blessings**

**Week Ended November 6, 2020**

Regular Collection	\$	24,272
Other Collection	\$	3,447
Block Collection	\$	2,480
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>30,199</b>
Diocesan Collections	\$	205

**Regular Sunday Collections**

**Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2020– November 6, 2020	\$	442,572
July 1, 2019– November 6, 2019	\$	519,168

**YTD Tithing**

July 1, 2020—November 6, , 2020	\$	12,552
July 1, 2019– November 6, 2019	\$	14,689

**Baptisms**

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

Our next Pre-Jordan Program December 6 at 2 pm in Kateri Hall. First-time parents need to attend & may attend this program before the birth of their child. **Pre-registration with the parish office is required at least 7 days prior to the class.** Baptismal paperwork is due **two weeks** prior to Baptism.

**Rose of Resurrection in Memory and Rose for Life:**

Edward Miller on his birthday given by his wife Edith

Jason Daniel Cirafasi on his 41st birthday given by Mom and Kelly

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.

**Rose for Life**

To reserve a Rose for Life, call Donna Kolb, 610-547-0478.

Roses recommended donation is \$8 per request.

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**FOR OUR DECEASED:**

**FOR OUR SICK:** Anthony Adamo, William Adams, Catherine Alexander, Bob Bielski, Henry Blaney, Joseph Brignola, Ralph Bucher, Connie Clarke, Georgia Cordrey, Shirley Cox, Ruth Daukus, Ron DiNicola, James Donaldson, Joan Earhart, Molly Enright, Doods Fetalvero, Pat Fillipini, Tom Fuller, Leroy Gallus, Betty Gephardt, Teresa Giunta, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Amy Hahn-Kirsch, Karl Hampton, Bill Howat, Helen Karchner, Mary Marinari, Patricia Martin, Msgr. James McBride, Agnes McCarver, Martha Meng, Rebekah Nester, Patrick O'Rourke, Debbie Palumbo, Doris Palumbo, Steven Pinto, Paul Schneider, Jeanne Sproat, Anthony Stumpo, Dr. Edward J. Szymala, Mary Tybeski, Bernadine Wahalla, Joan White

**OUR LITTLE ONES:** Baby Clara Krsnich, Corey Gramazio, Noah Ellingsworth, Erica Roque

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

**PRAY for THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sgt. Thomas Albany              | Alexander Franke, SN        |
| Ist Lt. Andrew Bone             | Lt Sean Feeny               |
| Cpl. Bryan Luther               | Specialist Nicholas Bielski |
| Andrew Somplasky                | Ryan Somplasky              |
| Sgt William Ronan               | Ist Lt. Connor Lyons        |
| CDR Wendy Arnold, MD            | Ens. Katherine Heacock      |
| CM/Sgt Charles Gordon           | Jeremy Somplasky            |
| Midn. 2 Class Zachary Sermarini | LCpl Thomas Busfield        |
| Ens. Henry Schweizer            | LCpl Jacob Coppola          |
| Sgt. Daniel Stein               |                             |

**ROSARY**

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

**LEGION OF MARY**

An age in which God has made known, through the Blessed Mother, that he wishes the whole world to be devoted to her Immaculate Heart. The Legion presents itself as an ideal instrument for spreading devotion to Jesus through Mary. Members distribute Marian sacramentals as well as propagating the Holy Rosary in carrying out Legion work.

Visit us at one of our meetings. All Catholics are welcome. Meetings are every Monday 10:00 to 11:30 am  
Come pray with us in the Kateri Room

**Mass for Healing**

Tuesday, December 1st  
7:00 pm

**PERPETUAL ADORATION**

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

**The Divine Mercy Devotion**

From the Diary of St. Faustina: "The theme for the month of November is "Humility." Humility expresses our free submission to the will of God, which is a delight to the Lord. Humility is foundational to all the other virtues, and is THE condition for receiving God's mercy."

Please join us on Thursday evenings at 7 pm in Our Lady's Chapel for Divine Mercy Devotions. For more information call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622. **No Divine Mercy Devotions will be scheduled for Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. In the event of snowstorm, if schools are closed or Adoration suspended, Divine Mercy Devotions will also be canceled**

**Padre Pio Prayer Group Zoom Meetings**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month  
10:30 AM

Contact Bob at 610-948-4153 or [flyfishin2day@comcast.net](mailto:flyfishin2day@comcast.net). Information regarding the Zoom Meeting contact Betty Rowlands 610-489-3742 or [bttyflwr@yahoo.com](mailto:bttyflwr@yahoo.com).

**PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE**

Call Kevin 610-489-4412 to schedule a week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We will deliver the statue for those who need assistance.  
Nov. 29: Lisa Fuges, Dec. 06: Amanda Hernandez, Dec. 13: Karen Cedrone, Dec. 20: Todd Siska, Dec. 27: Kevin Strnad

**PRAYER WHEEL FOR PRIESTS and DEACONS**

For the month of November, we will be praying Reverend Monsignor Thomas A 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.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2020

### PARISH ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 PM  
Additional priests available ~ Church

Saturday, December 19-  
8:00 to 8:45 AM and 3:00 to 4:15 PM (Chapel)

Sundays in Advent- After each of the Masses on Sunday morning (Chapel)

### MASSES

**CHRISTMAS EVE**, Thursday, December 24

#### **Vigil Masses**

2:00, 4:00, 6:30 & 8:30 PM (Church)

Reminder ~ limited capacity in Church due to social distancing requirements. Entrance is through Narthex and front doors only - doors will open one half hour before Mass time. All these Masses will be live-streamed to School Gym and on Social Media. Communion will be distributed at the school.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Friday, December 25

Masses: 7:30, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon  
These Masses will be live-streamed as well.  
NO EVENING MASS

### **SCHEDULE FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY (HOLY DAY)**

Thursday, December 31

#### **Vigil Mass**

4:30 PM (Live-streamed)

Friday, January 1, 2021

Masses: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 12:00 Noon

SAINT ELEANOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRD ANNUAL

# Christmas tree lighting

NOVEMBER 30, 2020  
6:30 PM

Rear Church parking lot  
Please remain in or near your car

Each family will receive a gift bag of goodies to enjoy!

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2020  
7 PM

# Parish Zoom Rosary

Final Blessing with Father Giardini

CELEBRATING ST. JUAN DIEGO & OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

MEETING ID: 845 1485 4061  
PASSCODE: 135124

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**SCRIP**—Enjoy your holiday shopping using the Parish Scrip program! The Parish office is open to sell scrip gift cards; hours are 9-4pm Monday through Friday. Another option is to buy scrip online either on Shopwithscrip or using the mobile app, RaiseRight. Be sure to use our enrollment code, EC593LC44847. Orders can be placed to pick up at the parish office or using ecards.

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

# The Giving Tree reimagined

This year SVDP invites parishioners to support the 2020 Giving Tree by purchasing a \$25 Walmart or Target gift card. SVDP members will then ribbon a box for each family to be received via a drive thru pick up on December 12.

How can you donate? You can purchase Walmart or Target Scrip cards at the Parish Office where staff can easily place the cards in the SVDP mailbox. Or you can visit your local Walmart or Target to purchase a \$25 gift card, place it in an envelope marked SVDP Giving Tree and either drop it in the collection basket prior to Mass or mail it to St. Eleanor Church at 647 Locust St. Collegeville, PA 19426.

## Saint Vincent DePaul Society

*The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us.*

Have you been given an extravagance of blessings? As you give thanks for all that God has given you perhaps you might consider donating a \$25 Giant card to a family in need so that they might enjoy the extravagance of an abundant Thanksgiving and Christmas meal.

It's easy! You can purchase a \$25 gift card at your Giant store, place it in an envelope marked SVDP and drop it in the collection basket on your way into Mass. OR you can stop by the Parish Office Monday thru Thursday from 9-3 or Friday from 9-Noon to purchase a Giant Scrip card there. The office staff will then place the card directly into the SVDP mail bin. Your generous donation will help approximately 42 families enjoy two meals with all the trimmings this holiday season. God bless you!

### Part Time Position Available For the CARES Extended Day Program

The CARES After School Program for Holy Cross Regional Catholic School is looking for a part-time assistant for our extended day program for the school year 2020/21. This is a paid position. CARES is an extension of the regular day serving children of working parents until 6:00 pm. School year hours are 3:00—6:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Duties include supervising children during transition from school to the extended day program, providing a safe environment, enabling children to engage in creative play and providing guidance and assistance during homework time. Archdiocesan clearance information can be found on our website. If you are interested in applying, please email Mary Jane Mead at [mmead@hcrs.school](mailto:mmead@hcrs.school).

### St. Eleanor Elves

Calling all parishioners! If you are looking for a simple way to give some of your time to your parish family during the holiday season look no further.



Take part in the LARGEST parish outreach project ever. Every family in our parish will have a Christmas ornament delivered to their homes and we need your help.

If you are interested in delivering ornaments to our parishioners beginning sometime in December, please call the parish office, 610-489-1647, to leave your information and we will contact you when deliveries are ready.

### Altar Server Training

Saturday, December 5th  
1 to 2:15 PM  
Grades 5th and older

For questions and more information, please contact Father Giardini at 610-489-1647 or [agiardini@stleanor.com](mailto:agiardini@stleanor.com)

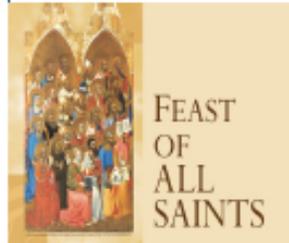
**Bulletin**—All info and announcements to be published in the bulletin are due to the Parish Office by the Thursday ten days prior. Flyer inserts are due to the Parish Office two weeks ahead of the desired bulletin date. Bulletin information and inserts should be e-mailed to [jgenuardi@stleanor.com](mailto:jgenuardi@stleanor.com).  
Bulletin Deadlines: 12/13 & 12/20—12/7; 12/27—12/14; 1/3 - 12/21.



**HOLY CROSS REGIONAL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

[www.hcrs.school](http://www.hcrs.school)

### First Grade celebrates the Saints



On Thursday, November 5th, our first grade students celebrated All Saints Day with their annual All Saints program. The students learned about their Saints and dressed up for an afternoon church service. The program was livestreamed for all grades in their classrooms. We are so

proud of our students for all the hard work they did to prepare for this beautiful event. Thank you to Mrs. Lusch, Mrs. Liskey, and Miss Youtzy for strengthening and building the Catholic faith with their students.

If you would like to see our student's celebration of the Saints, please go to the following link:

<https://youtu.be/ziax-nsiSrc>

Support our school through our  
**2020 Annual Advancement Fund.**

Go to our website:

[www.hcrs.school/advancement-fund](http://www.hcrs.school/advancement-fund)

The donations we receive directly impact our student's lives.

**We are Stronger Together!**

**FULL DAY PRE-K (4 year old's) through 8th grade  
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For more information contact: Susan Mollahan,

Advancement Director: [smollahan@hcrs.school](mailto:smollahan@hcrs.school)

610-489-9434 | [www.hcrs.school](http://www.hcrs.school)

# Programs for Young Disciples

During this time while many regular programs are suspended, the Youth Ministry program is a conduit to online activities. Contact Matt at [mkirsch@steleanor.com](mailto:mkirsch@steleanor.com)



**BOLD (Becoming Our Lord's Disciples)** is Saint Eleanor's high school youth group. All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for BOLD nights and high school events.

**4Thirteens** St. Eleanor's junior high youth group. All students grades 7-8 are invited for 4Thirteens nights & junior high events.

**GIFT (Growing in Faith for Teens)** is St Eleanor's service program for youth. All students grades 7-12 who wish to serve are invited to participate in GIFT programs.

We have 1 registration for all 3 programs. Registration is online and it is free!

Please follow this link to register for the Youth Ministry programs: <https://tinyurl.com/y6vopyrt>

## Children Who Are Attending Private Schools



If your child attends a private school (Grade 2 or Grade 7) and you are a member of *Saint Eleanor Church* please contact Teri Lahey at [tlahey@tlahey@steleanor.com](mailto:tlahey@tlahey@steleanor.com) for Sacrament registration and information. Thank you!

**NEW PREP Virtual FAMILY Learning Program** Saint Eleanor's Religious Education Program has created an virtual way to learn this year in response to COVID19 restrictions!

The **NEW Virtual Family Learning Program** is a parent/ child experience that features individualized learning on a flexible schedule.

### Components of the program include:

Saldier **NEW** Textbook Series, Video resources

**(Flexible Parent /child learning experience)**

Student LEVEL **ZOOM** (Parent/child)

Parish Devotional Experiences **(virtual option)**

Pricing for the **Virtual FAMILY Learning** is as follows: One Child ~ \$100. Two Children ~ \$150, Three Children ~ \$175, Four Children ~ \$200  
\*\*Please note that there is also a \$30 Sacrament material fee for Level 2.

**Online Registration is now OPEN to all Parish families! Contact Teri Lahey with questions at [tlahey@steleanor.com](mailto:tlahey@steleanor.com).**

## Junior Legion of Mary

Interested in growing in your relationship with our Lord through the guidance & love of the Blessed Mother? Our Heavenly Mother is waiting for the youth of our parish to aid her in good works and prayer. Meetings are Mondays 4:30-5:30 pm.

Contact Laura at [laurajusko@gmail.com](mailto:laurajusko@gmail.com) or 215-390-0933



## CYO NEWS

<http://www.steleanor.website.sportssignup.com>

**St Eleanor Catholic Youth Organization** is open to all 5th through 8th grades, 9th through 12th grades (Basketball only & Co-Ed Volleyball in Spring), and 1st through 3rd (Pee Wee Track/Cross Country) children of our PARISH. Please visit our web-site for more information.

- **Looking for CYO SPIRIT WEAR for your Son or Daughter?** Maybe for a birthday, Christmas or Graduation Gift? St. Eleanor CYO Gear can be ordered on-line here: <https://ragtee.com/store/index.php/portfolio/stecyo/>
- **UNITED WAY** is an important source of funding for our program. Please consider SE CYO when you are making charitable donations, this includes company matching thru United Way. Our agency name is, St. Eleanor, and please specify CYO. Our number is 08018. Thank you!

**Has your email address changed?** If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed.



## MINISTRIES

Altar Cross Society	Takes care of altar linens	Irene 610-287-8552
Ambassadors	Welcomes and assists those attending Mass	Patty- 610-489-6633
Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div 6	Irish Catholic charitable organization; Meet last Thurs ages 16 and up	Mike Brown 610-324-0486
Charismatic Prayer Group	Strives to develop a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit, Scriptures & the Mass. Wednesdays 7:30pm Vianney Hall	Joann 610-306-6934
ChristLife	Helping people discover, follow & share Christ as members of the Church.	Frank 610-650-8457
Couples for Christ	Couples & families supporting each other in the quest to live for Christ	Jinky 610-454-5754
CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)	Provides opportunities for children to participate in spiritual, social and athletic activities	Jim DeBald 610-476-6756
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Assists with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and/or to our homebound.	Nancy 610-659-0237
Gardening Angels	Help keep our campus beautiful.	Rachel 610-409-9408
Knights of Columbus	Meet 2nd Sunday of each month serving St Eleanor & St Mary	Robert 215-783-4106
Lector Ministry	Read at weekend Masses, Holy Days and other special Masses.	Mark-610-792-1679
Legion of Mary	Lay ministry giving service to parish, visiting parish households and meeting for weekly prayer	Richard 610-489-3891
Lupus Support Group	Providing support, prayer and hope for those with this autoimmune disease	Christie 610-489-2761
Men of St Joseph	Meet for prayer & reflection on the Sunday readings every Friday virtually	Anthony 610-489-8812
MOSES. (Men of St Eleanor)	Strengthen and encourage men to be strong husbands, fathers and neighbors	Sandy 610-409-0587
Pilgrim Statue	Traveling blessed image of the Virgin Mary	Kevin 610-489-4412
Pray the Rosary	M-F after 9:00 Mass; Wed evening 7pm, Saturday 8:30 am	am Betty 610-489-3742 pm Angie 610-489-9903
Respect Life Committee	Promotes Gospel of Life through prayer, witness and education	Chris 610-409-0179
St Vincent DePaul Society	Through corporal works of mercy, SVDP bears witness to love of Christ by helping those in need	Helen— helenmforal@gmail.com
Ushers	Assist during weekend liturgies, Holy Days & special occasions	Butch 610-584-0225
Walking with Purpose	Catholic women's Bible study	Maureen—610-454-0650
Welcoming Ministry	Greet and welcome parishioners before Mass	Parish Office- 610-489-1647
Women's Guild	Gather to celebrate fellowship	Celeste 610-409-8808



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal benefits 30,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brother and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. We are blessed to have 70 religious congregations represent approximately 2500 men and women religious. Of this number, over 900 are retired.

Many religious communities struggle to provide for their aging members. Vocations to religious life have diminished but lifespans have increased. The result is that far fewer younger members are available to support the retirement and eldercare needs of senior members. In 2018, 70 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National religious Retirement Office (NRRO) had a median age of 70 or higher.

Recognizing that this is but one of many worthy causes in need of assistance, I ask simply that you give what you can. Your monetary support and prayers are a means of thanking the many women and men religious for their faithful service to Catholic education, healthcare and many other services offered by religious women and men.

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held December 5-6, 2020 in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO). In addition to sponsoring the annual appeal, the NRRO offers assessment tools, educational programming, services and resources that enable religious communities to evaluate and prepare for long-term retirement needs.

Please pray for our consecrated religious and please also encourage support for this national collection scheduled for December 5-6, 2020 in our local parishes. Thank you.

In peace,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez D.D

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Advent is an odd season. Unlike most other seasons, it’s a season that isn’t about itself, but is instead about preparing for Christmas. But that reality often gets lost in

the shuffle and stress of trying to find all the right gifts, decorations, and dinner ingredients. In this talk, Dr. Tim Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old Testament to explain that we need to live the ‘pre-season’ of Advent well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift God the Father wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.

The **INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION** welcomes all those eager for a closer walk with the Lord Jesus Christ and enrichment of their lives as baptized believers to join together with others on a journey of discovery and exploration of the riches of the Catholic Faith. *For more information and to register - <https://www.scs.edu/ICF>*



**AFIRE** (Active Faith Implementing Relief in the Epidemic) is offering free prayer cards for those suffering from addictions and for their loved ones. The cards are being offered in sets of ten, and you may order the number of sets that you need for your community (while supplies last). Email [info@apeopleafire.org](mailto:info@apeopleafire.org) for more information or to order the prayer cards.



**Nourish** is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, grandparent or spouse in town or at a distance. Nourish provides family caregivers practical tools and shared experiences all with a Christ-centered view. Discover the blessings that come from caring for another. [www.nourishforcaregivers.com](http://www.nourishforcaregivers.com)