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## ST ELEANOR CHURCH

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# Welcome



December 2, 2018  
First Sunday of Advent

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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Thursday: 8am to 7pm, Friday: 8am to 5pm, Saturday: 9am -1pm

## CLERGY

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

## PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Linda Coyne, Finance Director  
Mr. Ted Locker, Facilities Manager  
Ms. Janet Genuardi  
Mrs. Laura Jusko  
Mrs. Jean Phillips  
Mrs. Madelyn O'Hara

## SACRED MUSIC

Ms. Elizabeth Calabro, Director  
Mary Barbuto, Organist

Ms. Mary Kate McGuigan—Ministry  
Development Director

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Matt Kirsch



## COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

### Week Ending November 16, 2018

Regular Collection	\$	27,232
Other Collection	\$	1,784
<b>Total</b>	\$	29,016
Diocesan Collections	\$	151

### Regular Sunday Collections

#### Fiscal Year-to-Date\*\*

June 30, 2018–November 16, 2018 \$ 536,663  
June 30, 2017–November 16, 2017 \$ 550,027

### YTD Tithing

June 30, 2018—November 16, 2018 \$ 14,400  
June 30, 2017—November 16, 2017 \$ 14,553



A first aid kit and an AED are available in the Narthex across from the chapel.

## Mass Schedule

### 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

## 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 2:00 pm in Holy Cross school Library. **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.

**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@steeleanor.com](mailto:jgenuardi@steeleanor.com).

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 to 8:45 am; 3:30—4:15 pm  
(Wednesdays after Masses  
By appointment anytime.)

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

In Our Lady Chapel  
(except 9am Saturday—2pm Sunday)

## 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:** After-school religious instruction for children in grades K - 6. Classes held on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Teri Lahey, at 610-489-4677 x31.

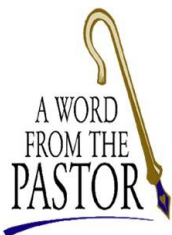
**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Offered to the younger children during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses on Sundays September through May.

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

## Holiday Bulletin Schedule:

12/23 Bulletin—December 10 deadline  
12/30 Bulletin—December 11 deadline  
1/6 Bulletin—December 17 deadline





Dear Friends,

We begin this weekend another Liturgical Year on this First Sunday of Advent. In our Responsorial Psalm for this Sunday, we pray, “*Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day.*”

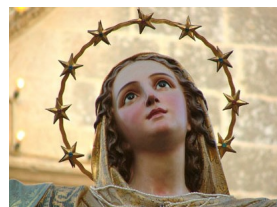
Worthy sentiments any time of the year but most notable for the beginning of Advent. Advent is a time of expectant waiting, of longing for God who has come to us at Bethlehem and who will return at the end of time. Of course, He continues to come to us now in the mystery of His Sacraments, especially in Communion and Confession.

I wish to point out the final part of that quote for our reflection as well. “...and for you I wait all the day.” Are we really willing and ready to wait all the day for the Lord? Our lives are frenetic. We try to multi-task. We have obligations and responsibilities that exceed the available time in a day. What are we to do? Advent is the invitation to re-evaluate all that we are about, all that we are doing; and to prioritize ourselves, our time, and our relationships. If we do not put God first every day, then we are losing out. When God is first then He helps us through everything else. Let’s begin right away. Perhaps placing our crèche, our Nativity set, out this week in a prominent place in our homes will help keep us focused that this season is all about Jesus Christ and His gift to us. You are invited to bring your Nativity set to our Sacred Music Concert on Saturday, December 8, 7pm to have it blessed.

As we begin a new year, allow me to introduce the newest member of our parish staff ~ **Mary Kate McGuigan**. Mary Kate just graduated last May from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a bachelors in Theology. She has had many experiences leading small groups, doing service ministries and working with parish ministries. Her official title is *Ministry Development Director*. We are asking her to get to know our parish family members as well as our varied ministries and to seek ways to connect parishioners with appropriate ministries so that they might share their time and talent. Mary Kate will be a presence at our weekend Masses. She will also offer assistance to our Youth Ministry efforts assisting Matt Kirsch with our outreach to the youth. Please be sure to offer her a warm Saint Eleanor welcome.

This weekend, members of our ChristLife Team will be speaking before the Masses about their experience with ChristLife and will be available in the narthex with information and materials for you to take home. Our next series, *Discovering Christ*, is set to begin in January. This is an awesome 7-week faith series focused on Jesus Christ and our relationship with Him. It even includes dinner. Please sign up to participate. It will change your life beautifully.

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



**Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Saturday, December 8th  
Mass Times  
7:00 & 9:00 am  
12:00 pm**

#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### Saturday, December 1

###### *BVM*

9:00 Jane Mullen  
4:30 Thomas Fedick

##### Sunday, December 2

7:30 Marla Pennypacker  
9:00 Paul Cafone  
10:30 The People of the Parish  
12:00 Brendan Moran  
7:00 Irene C. Nowakowski

##### Monday, December 3

###### *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

6:30 Shelly Bone  
9:00 Jason Daniel Cirafisi

##### Tuesday, December 4

###### *Saint John Damascene,*

###### *Priest and Doctor of the Church*

6:30 Edmund Ruddy  
9:00 Betty Anne Aquilante

##### Wednesday, December 5

6:30 Rose Marie Drummy (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
9:00 Anne Marie Tate

##### Thursday, December 6

###### *Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

6:30 George V. Dalton  
9:00 Harry DiGiovanni (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

##### Friday, December 7

###### *Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

6:30 Special Intention  
9:00 Jane Mullen

##### Saturday, December 8

###### *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation*

7:00 The People of the Parish  
9:00 Jane Mullen  
12:00 Betty Anne Aquilante (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

###### *Vigil for Second Sunday of Advent*

4:30 Elizabeth Aquilante (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

#### Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:

**Jason Daniel Cirafasi on his 39th birthday given by Mom & Kelly**

**Rosemarie Drummy on the 1st anniversary of her death given  
by Drummy family**

**Helen Blanche on her birthday, given by Michelle & Dick  
Robbins**

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

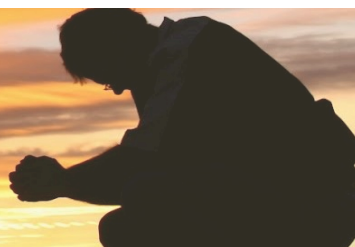
#### Baptisms

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 will be held on Sunday, December 2nd at 2 PM in Kateri Hall. First-time parents need to attend & may attend this program before the birth of your 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.

# PRAYER



**FOR OUR DECEASED:** Susan Harper, mother of Susan Guarino, Stanley Kuda, husband of Mary, Justin McDonough, son of Frank and Kathleen

**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, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Jackie Bielski, Cindy Borowski-Burns, Arthur Buben, Bob Buda, Diane Burg, Florence Burkett, Sandy Burns, Cass Buscaglia, Nora Calabro, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Trish Caufield, Marc Chevrier, Michael Christie, Monica Cipriani, Joseph Clarke, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Lori Craig, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Nicholas Cruciani, Marie Cunningham, Mary Ann Daley, Eric Davis, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Isabella DeSimone, Vince DiDonato, Ron DiNicola, Pat DiPiano, David Dolan, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, John Doyle, Pamela Drayton, 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, Karl Hampton, Marjorie Hebard, Virginia Heinz, Bobby Henzler, Deacon Tammy Hockenbrock, Tonia Hopkins, Margaret Jones, Christopher Keirse, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, JoAnne Leap, Bud Leo, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Kathleen Lewis, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Marion Lukens, Joe Lutz, Francis Magee, Maryanne Magee, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Mary Mahoney, Anthony Maiale, John Mancini, Judi Mandronicho Marie and Sarah, Barbara Marosky, Rose Massino, Laura McCandless, Agnes McCarver, Ed McDade, Elizabeth McDade, Kathleen McFadden, Paul McFadden, Valerie Milne, Allison Leo Mitchell, Flora Monteiro, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Gabe Muscella, Bob Newton, Marion Niedzolkowski, David O'Neill, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Mark Osisek, Donna O'Sullivan, Francis Panfile, George Pastino, Ed Pressler, Rachel, Bill R., Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Carolyn Rider, Marjorie Rigg, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Betty Rowlands, Carol Ann Roy, Linda Sauer, Monsignor Francis Schmidt Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, David Sebok, Angela Shinal, Bob Smith, Joseph Smith, Anne Marie Stoudt, Yoshiko Strohlein, Brian Sullivan, Dennis Sullivan, Daniel Taormino, Howard Taormino, Latonya Taphorn, Ron Tautkus, Maggie Terrance, Michael Troemel, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Jaclyn Tyson, Cristina Utti, Dominic Vacanti, Ted Valis, Jr., Juanita Vasas, Sharon von Clef, Billy Watts, Nancy Wenrich, Ken Whichard, Barbara Witman, Pat Willits, Beverly Zapata, Albrette Zvarik

**OUR LITTLE ONES:** Brian Bruder, Elizabeth DePaul, Damien John Erskine, Brandon Gallagher, Baby Corey Gramazio, Maggie Lutz, Baby Nicholas Manzi, Kiera McMahon, Baby Zachary Sinnk, Isaiah Thoxton, Baby Dell Tolas, Justin Wichner, Baby Evan Gerhold, Kate Greco, Kyce, Baby Nicholas Taphorn, Christopher Younossi

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

## DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy theme for the month of December is "Mary." On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception when the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Faustina she asked that St. Faustina practice the three virtues dearest to her and most pleasing to God. These are humility, purity and love of God. St. Faustina practiced these virtues faithfully. Can you?

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 at 610-409-2622.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

We need a few good men and women! Our parish is greatly blessed to offer perpetual adoration; very few parishes in the Archdiocese do so. We have some times, especially in the overnight hours, that have your name on them!

Monday: 1 am, 2 am, Tuesday: 3 am, Wednesday: 2 pm, 4 pm  
Thursday: 12 am, 4 pm, Friday: 12 am, 2 am, 8 am, 10 am  
Saturday: 2 am, 3 am—[perpetualadoration@steleanor.com](mailto:perpetualadoration@steleanor.com)

## ROSARY

All are welcome

Monday thru Friday after the 9am Mass;  
Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM- Chapel

## 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 can not manage its size & weight.

Dec 2: M Luther; Dec.9 & 16-Open; Dec.16:Dec. 23: Kevin Strnad

## PRAY for THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Sgt. Thomas Albany  
1st Lt. Andrew Bone  
Cpl. Bryan Luther  
Andrew Somplasky  
Sgt William Ronan  
Cmdr Wendy Arnold, MD  
CM/Sgt Charles Gordon  
Specialist Michael Thomas  
Midn. 2 Class Zachary Sermarini

Alexander Franke, SN  
Lt Sean Feeney  
Michael Thomas  
Ryan Somplasky  
1st Lt. Connor Lyons  
Ens. Katherine Heacock  
Jeremy Somplasky  
Private Nicholas Bielski

## PRAYER WHEEL FOR PRIESTS and DEACONS

For the month of **December**, we will be praying for **Deacon John A. Hasson** 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.



# Growing as a Disciple of Christ

In August *The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* announced the establishment of the *USSCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism*. The committee will focus on addressing the sin of racism in our society, and even in our Church, and the urgent need to come together as a society to find solutions. The *Ad Hoc Committee on Racism* invited all (arch)dioceses to host a USSCB Listening Session on Racism. The Listening Session on Racism is an opportunity for the Church to listen to its members and others who have been harmed by racism or its effects. Selected speakers will share their experiences in an environment of prayer that will allow an understanding of the weight of the harm. We hope to call the Church to a renewed reflection on these harms that leads ultimately to healing

## USSCB Listening Session on Racism

Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Monday, February 25, 2019  
7:00PM

In preparation for the listening session the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will host several events to discuss this very important topic within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

## The Sin of Racism Lecture

Thursday, December 6, 2018, 7:00 PM, **Archbishop Wilton Gregory, SLD**, Archbishop of Atlanta. **St. Charles Borromeo Seminary**

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**, Monday, January 21, 2019, 6:30PM; Music Prelude, 7:00PM

**The Racial Divide**, Bishop Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Belleville. **Saint Joseph University**, Chapel of St. Joseph, 5600 City Avenue, Philadelphia

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Tis the Season to Spread Joy  
and  
Share Hope!



Join your fellow parishioners in creating a welcoming spirit while sharing joy and hope this Christmas season

By offering a simple smile or handshake this Christmas season, you can join other disciples of Christ by helping others connect with our Savior. At the same time, you will help us distribute to all adults a copy of our Christmas gift, the book *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* by Matthew Kelly.

We are hoping that you will accept this invitation to be an integral part of our 2018 Christmas celebration at Saint Eleanor Parish.

Please respond through email ([church@stleanor.com](mailto:church@stleanor.com)) or call the parish office at 610-489-1647.

## 2018 Day of Sanctification for Priests

Priests of the Archdiocese assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the sacred priesthood. This year, they will gather on December 3rd. Please pray for all priests with this prayer:

*Lord our God, who in governing all people,  
Make use of the ministry of the Priests,  
and grant to those men,  
A persevering obedience to your will,  
so that by their ministry and life,  
they may gain glory for you in Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
One God, forever and ever. Amen.*

## SACRED MUSIC MINISTRY

Saint Eleanor's Sacred Music Ministry presents a Concert and Creche Blessing in celebration of Advent.

*Prepare the Way*

Parishioners are invited to bring their creches (Nativity Set) to be blessed

December 8th  
7:00 pm  
Church



### COMING SOON

**December 1 & 2—Discovering Christ Registration Begins**  
**December 8—Sacred Music Concert & Blessing of Creches**  
**December 8-9—Giving Tree Gifts returned**  
**December 9—Breakfast with Santa**  
**December 11—Women's Guild**  
**December 15—Padre Pio Prayer Group**  
**December 17—Last day to order SCRIP for Christmas**  
**December 19—Mass for Healing**  
**January 6—Holy Hour for Vocations**  
**January 8— Mass for Healing**  
**January 19—Padre Pio Prayer Group**  
**January 27—Holy Cross School Open House**

### GIVING TREE

Please take a tag and return the gift as instructed with the tag attached on the weekend of **December 8th or 9th** to the Narthex. All gift cards should be taken to the Rectory.

### WOMEN'S GUILD

Our next meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:30pm in Vianney Hall. This is our \$5 gift exchange night! Our group meets one Tuesday each month. If you have any questions please email Celeste: [celestegama@verizon.net](mailto:celestegama@verizon.net)

### PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

**Next Meeting and Mass - December 15**  
**9:40-Prayer & Confession**  
**10:30— Mass & blessing with Padre Pio's relics**

### MASS FOR HEALING

**December 19th—7:00 pm**

### SCRIP

SCRIP Gift Cards are available for a variety of items: tools, clothes, entertainment, favorite restaurants & more. **SCRIP HOURS** Mon.—Thurs., Noon— 7:00 pm and Friday, Noon—4:00 pm in Parish Office; Before & after Saturday Vigil Mass & Sunday 8:00 am—12:00 Noon in Narthex.

**No SCRIP Sales December 22-26  
or December 29-January 1**

**The last day to place an order for Christmas is  
Monday, December 17th at 4:00 PM.**

Low denomination gift cards are available. We have a limited number of special small denomination gift cards available, perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift-giving! These cards will only be available while supplies last, so don't wait to place your orders.

### Christmas Holidays Schedule

**December 24— 4:00, 4:15 (school),  
6:30 and 8:30 pm**  
**December 25—7:30 and 10:00 am,  
12 noon**  
**December 31—4:30 pm vigil for  
Holy Day  
11:00 pm—Holy Hour**  
**January 1—9:00 & 10:30 am, 12 noon  
(no 7:00 pm Mass)**



Parish Office closes at noon on  
 December 24th and will be closed  
 December 25th & 26th

**Discovering Christ**—Join us for this exciting new 7 week series where we gather to share a delicious dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding the ultimate purpose in life.  
**Registration Begins December 1st**—Members in Narthex for information. Session dates: Mondays- January 21st—March 4th, Vianney. Doors open at 6:30pm, Dinner & program, 6:45– 9:00pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank our many benefactors for their generous support of our Thanksgiving food donation program. We are humbled by your overwhelming response and kindness. With your help we were able to bless 44 families with a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner! Your committed partnership is necessary for our outreach and is much appreciated.

**Archdiocese Safe Environment Efforts**—There is nothing more important than the safety of our children. Providing a safe environment for the young people entrusted to our care through our parish activities is vital. With God's continued guidance and grace, for over a decade the Archdiocese has put in place policies and procedures to protect the children in our care, some of which exceed those required by law. We appreciate the invaluable commitment and continued compliance of our volunteers at St. Eleanor.





# Programs for Young Disciples



## YOUTH MINISTRY



**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 night 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>

## Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

A new year of activities on the way!!

## \*NEW\* BOLD Music Ministry Starting!

Music is a universal language that has the power to move us in remarkable ways. I know there are high school teenagers who have an incredible gift of music...whether that is playing drums, guitar, piano, singing, or the kazoo we would LOVE for you to be a part of our new B.O.L.D. Music Ministry.

We invite you to consider being a part of this new component of our program. Please email [Matt Kirsch](mailto:Matt.Kirsch@gmail.com) with any questions: [mkirsch@gmail.com](mailto:mkirsch@gmail.com)

Congratulations to Kidder Irving for achieving Distinguished Honors for the 1st quarter at Devon Prep!

**Children's Liturgy of the Word will not hold session on Sunday, December 23 and December 30 during the 9 am and 10:30 am Mass! Children's Liturgy will resume Sunday, January 6.**

**Great work Cub Scout Pack 707 for helping at Saint Eleanor's pickup of food around our neighborhood for the food pantry. It's always nice to see our scouts in action!**



Representatives from the Connelly Foundation visited Holy Cross on November 20, 2018 to make a very special announcement. Three of our eighth grade students, Holly Binkowski, Lauren Catalano, and Jessica Carlini, have been awarded the prestigious Neumann Scholarship this year. The Neumann Scholarship is a full, four-year scholarship to any of 17 Archdiocesan high schools. Only 39 scholarships were awarded this year, out of 869 competing eighth grade students who took the independently-administered exam. In the past 7 years, eight Neumann Scholarship winners have been Holy Cross students. Five Holy Cross students were awarded in the last two years! For more information about the excellence of Holy Cross Regional Catholic School, go to [hcrs.school](http://hcrs.school) or call 610.489.9434 or visit at the Open House on Sunday, January 27, after all Masses.

CYO—<http://cyo.steleonor.com>



**St Eleanor Catholic Youth Organization** is open to all 5th through 8th grades, 9th—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: <http://cyo.steleonor.com/>

-Looking for **CYO Spirit Wear** for your son or daughter? 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. Consider us as you complete your donor card. Our number is 08018.



## MINISTRIES

Altar Cross Society	Take care of altar linens	Irene 610-287-8552
Cenacles of Life	meet each week to pray the rosary to end abortion. Tuesdays, 6:00 PM, Chapel	Rita 610-489-1929
Charismatic Prayer Group	Strives to develop a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit, Scriptures & the Mass. Wednesdays 7:30pm Vianney Hall	Joann 610-584-6552
ChristLife	Helping people discover, follow & share Christ as members of the Church.	Frank 610-650-8457
Church Cleaning Ministry	Group who beautifies our church each Monday	Ginny 610-539-9543
Church Decorating Group	Enhance our church each season	Margarida 215-888-7509
Couples for Christ	Couples & families supporting each other in the quest to live for Christ	Jinky 610-454-5754
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
Hospitality	Plans events to make all parishioners feel welcome.	Leslie 610-948-9122
Knights of Columbus	Meet 2nd Sunday of each month serving St Eleanor & St Mary	Robert 610-783-4106
Lector Ministry	Read at weekend Masses, Holy Days and other special Masses. Must be age 14.	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 after the 6:30 am Mass	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, chapel	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	Maureen 610-489-1647
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	Bettie 610-933-7243
Women's Guild	Gather to celebrate fellowship	Celeste 610-409-8808





## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

December 3: An **Evening of Reflection** Allowing Jesus to Come Close is the theme. For men and women. 610-644-0400 [www.malvernretreat.com/calendar](http://www.malvernretreat.com/calendar)

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**Advent by Candlelight**— an evening of reflection on the true meaning of the season. Mon, Dec 3, 7-9pm, Family of St Ann's Griffin Hall. RSVP by Nov 30th. Judith 484-949-8920 or [judithabonanno@gmail.com](mailto:judithabonanno@gmail.com).

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**St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center** presents:  
 "Purgatory" – Tues. 12/4, 12/11 – 7:00-8:30 pm.  
 "Sacraments" – Fri. 12/7, 1/4 (Matrimony, Holy Orders) – 7:00-8:30 pm.  
 "Letting Love In" – Fri. 12/14, 1/25 – 7:00-8:00 pm.  
 Cost: Free. 215.679.2237

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December 5: **An Advent Day of Reflection** with Msgr. Joseph Marino. Continental breakfast, a delicious sit-down lunch, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass. Malvern Retreat House. 610-644-0400. [www.malvernretreat.com/calendar](http://www.malvernretreat.com/calendar)

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**Charismatic Mass** Dec 5 at 11am in St. Paul's Convent chapel, 353 East Johnson Highway, East Norriton. The celebrant will be Father Rayford Emmons.

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**Young Adult Praise and Worship** at the Miraculous Medal Shrine Friday, Dec 7, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Praise Our Lord at Eucharistic Adoration; refreshments and fellowship. Sr. Regina Hlavic, will discuss the importance of a relationship with Mary.

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December 7: **Spirit Power**; Waiting Arms Bethlehem to Calvary Retreat by Marty Rotella. Fr. Stephen DeLacy and Anna latesta. Mass, inspiring music and uplifting talks. Malvern Retreat House. 610-644-0400. [www.malvernretreat.com/calendar](http://www.malvernretreat.com/calendar)

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The Schuylkill Valley Regional Dance Company presents its 47th: **THE NUTCRACKER**; Featuring parish members Erica Byram and Anna Marie Patti. Sat. Dec 8th, 2018 @ 2:00pm & 6:00pm. \$20 Adults and \$15 Children under 12. Phoenixville Area Middle School Theater. [www.tututix.com/svrdc](http://www.tututix.com/svrdc)

**Open House & Christmas Concert** at Seminary. December 9th. Tours 1pm, Concert 4 pm. Free

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December 14-16: **Ancestral Inner Healing Retreat for men and women** directed by Fr. James Blount, SOLT and Kathleen McCarthy. 610-644-0400, [www.malvernretreat.com/calendar](http://www.malvernretreat.com/calendar)

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**Wigilia Advent Social** -St. Mary's Hall, Conshohocken Sun, Dec 16 at 12:30 pm. Features traditional foods for Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia. \$15 pp, \$6 for children 18 or under. Family:\$45 610-630-0861 or [stmaryconshy@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryconshy@gmail.com).

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**Gaudeamus** Music Ministry Presents 27th Annual Christmas Concert Dec 16, 7:30 pm Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Plymouth Meeting, Free -A Free Will- Donation will Benefit A Baby's Breath.


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**You Are Made New Ministry** Day of Healing, Jan 12. PJP II High School. For women seeking deeper relationship with our Lord, connection with other Catholic women, and freedom from habitual patterns. [www.YouAreMadeNew.com/healing-retreats](http://www.YouAreMadeNew.com/healing-retreats) or contact De Yarrison at 610.287.2989.

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Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family and Faith offers healing services and resources to families and individuals in need of support during challenging times especially separation and divorce. [www.nonnatus.org](http://www.nonnatus.org) or by calling 215-870-9913.

**FORMED** offers free downloadable books, Bible studies, video & movies with a Catholic focus. Log on at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and sign up using your e-mail address & Parish Code: **HJEEM3**

 Souderton Adult Day Care Center is a specially designed environment for seniors who may still live at home but whose needs require professional assistance. This program is offered through the Office of Catholic Housing & Community Services of the archdiocese. In addition to the benefits of this program, having loved ones in this safe and pleasant environment can provide much needed respite and support for the family..  
 Hours -M-F 7:30 am—5:30 pm  
 Contact 267-219-7986