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ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

November 6, 2016



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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. 2233 *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.



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 5

4:30 Anthony R. Capaldi

Sunday, November 6

7:30 Victor A. Popelars, Jr.
(1st Anniv.)

9:00 Theresa Warliga

10:30 Christopher Caruso

12:00 PM Richard Melroy

7:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Monday, November 7

6:30 All Souls

9:00 Ann Marie Milligan

Tuesday, November 8

6:30 Ann Marie Milligan
(4th Anniv.)

9:00 Deceased Members of the
Legion of Mary

Wednesday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

6:30 Carmelia Marks

9:00 Mary Clifford

Thursday, November 10

Saint Leo the Great

6:30 Carmelia Marks

9:00 William McCandless

Friday, November 11

Saint Martin of Tours

6:30 Walter Ostroski (9th Anniv.)

9:00 Josephine Aleardi

Saturday, November 12

Saint Josaphat

9:00 Timothy Lloyd

4:30 For the People of the Parish

Baptisms

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

~ *Lucas Li-Xuan, son of Roger and Carrie Yeung*



Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, November 6, 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:

~ *William J. McCandless on the 2nd anniversary of his death, given by his family*

~ *Irven Ostrander on the 4th anniversary of his death, given by daughter, Joanne Morgan, and family*

~ *Mary Ostrander on the 11th anniversary of her death, given by daughter, Joanne Morgan, and family*

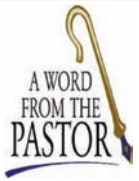


For a Rose of Resurrection to remember those who have passed away, call Paula Pezzano at 610-489-0533. Please request roses at least one month before the rose is to be placed on the altar.

Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

For the month of **November** we will be praying for our resident priest, **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,

November is the month of All Souls. During this month we offer our prayers in a special way for all those waiting in Purgatory to enter into the Father's presence. It is a "holy and wholesome" thought to pray for our dead.

While we no longer see them here with us, our bonds of affection are not shattered by death. We are united together with them by the Father through the Blood of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Election day is almost upon us. Voting is a privilege and a duty. Who to vote for is something decided within the depths of our individual consciences, which must be informed by the clear and unequivocal teachings of God's laws. It is fundamental Catholic teaching that we cannot participate in intrinsic evil personally nor can we vote for anyone who promotes or endorses that which is intrinsically evil. Abortion is intrinsically evil.

Every vote has moral consequences ~ for us personally before God and for this world of ours. Elsewhere in our bulletin we have links to sites that can assist you in understanding your Catholic duty and obligation. Also, I again encourage you to read up on the different party platforms and candidates' stated positions to know just what they endorse.

I turn our attention to another matter. In our country we have a terrible scourge occurring. I am referring to the scourge of heroin addiction. I have heard from a few different sources over the past year or so about how grave a concern this is for police and public safety personnel. The Wall Street Journal reported on November 1, "The rate of U.S. children hospitalized for prescription-opioid overdoses and poisonings more than doubled over a 16-year period ending in 2012, according to a new study... Particularly at risk were toddlers 1-years-old to 4-years-old, who most likely swallowed their parents' medications and older teens who abused the drugs or attempted suicide..."

Many municipalities are organizing information sessions for the public because it really is a growing and tragic problem. It affects people all over our nation and at every level of our society, including our own back yards. There's no barrier to heroin use. I read online a report by the Mayor of Sea Isle City that a renowned speaker John Kriger, recently spoke to an open meeting there sharing his knowledge about this growing addiction. There are many experts locally who can address these concerns and we need to learn as much as we can.

Mr. Kriger highlighted the great danger in the overuse of prescribed pain medications; how your prescription drugs need to be secured so visitors can't raid your medicine cabinet, and how young people are using drugs at parties and other social gatherings which often leads to heroin use. It is important to realize, according to Mr. Kriger, that addiction often begins with the use of prescription medications. It just so happens that heroin is cheaper and easier to obtain than the prescription pills.

May God grant strength and healing to all who are suffering. May we not be blind to the needs and concerns of our brothers and sisters and the steps we might take. And, may we be willing to do what we can to help them as well as to make a difference in our society and culture.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken



The 2016 Schedule for our Pilgrim Virgin Statue home visits has some openings.

Consider signing up to host Our Lady's Statue for a week special to you and tell your friends and family about this devotion. To reserve your week contact Kevin at [610-489-4412](tel:610-489-4412). We will deliver/pick up the Statue for those who can't manage its size/weight.

October 30 through December 18: Open

RCIA ~ Sessions on and about the Catholic Faith



Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:00

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

There is no commitment required. Any adult, interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, or interested in joining the Catholic Church, or a Catholic wishing to complete the reception of their Sacraments, is invited to join us.

If you couldn't make it on October 13th, please join us on any other Thursday **in Vianney Hall, the basement of the Parish Center and Offices** (the former Rectory). We look forward to meeting you. Any questions, please call the parish office, 610.489.1647.



FORMED is here! Formed offers free downloadable books, Bible studies, video and movies with a Catholic focus. Log on at www.formed.org and sign up using your e-mail address and the Parish Code: HJEEM3.

Feast of St Luke the Evangelist **Program: Lectio: Evangelization** **(Session 1 – Why Study ACTS)**

This program talks about signs of our modern times—sobering reminders of how desperately our world needs a restoration of a biblical worldview. It also looks at the missionary character of the Church and answer the question: How can the evangelization efforts of the early Church help us today?



FOR OUR DECEASED: Marilyn Molter; Mary DellAngelo, mother of Barbara Lundgren; Emma Fedeli, mother of Settimio; **FOR OUR SICK:** Ann Marie Allen, Nathan

Allen, Joseph Art, Jr., Elizabeth Ashenfelder, Kathleen Bani, Lisa Caruso, Lori Bani, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Kathleen Beaudoin, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Deacon Manny Beltran, Brooke Bielski, Jackie Bielski, Arthur Buben, Jennifer Buczkowski, Diane Burg, Sandy Burns, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Monica Cipriani, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Kathy Cronin, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Vince DiDonato, Pat DiPiano, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, Claire Esposito, Vito Fabiano, Dorothy Fairbanks, John Fitzgerald, Neil Florio, Sandy Forcine, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Virginia Heinz, Joseph Heller, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Carisa Koziol, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Mike Creeden, Leona Kretzu, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Nate Lentz, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Joe Lutz, Tom Lytle, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Mary Mahoney, Marie and Sarah, Barbara Marosky, Agnes McCarver, Jaime McNutt, Doreen Keckley Meader, Allison Leo Mitchell, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Chuck Nelson, Marion Niedzolkowski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Lorraine Osisek, Marla Pennypacker, Steve Pinto, Ed Pressler, Carol Ann Price, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Jack Russo, Joseph Russo, Linda Sauer, Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, Dorothy Sloan, Joe Somers, 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: Brandon Gallagher, Baby Corey Gramazio, Maggie Lutz, Baby Nicholas Manzi, Kiera McMahon, Baby Zachary Sinnk, Philomena Stendardo, Isaiah Thoxton, Baby Dell Tolas, Justin Wichner

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



Are you a BUSINESS OWNER or SENIOR EXECUTIVE?

If so, you may be eligible for membership in Legatus, a unique, international Catholic association of business leaders.

Legatus is the only organization in the world designed exclusively for Catholic business leaders and their spouses. Legatus membership is comprised of CEOs, Presidents, Managing Partners and Business Owners who, with their spouses, meet on a monthly basis to strengthen their faith. Legatus was founded in 1998 and has provided a rich environment for members to become "ambassadors" (legates) for the Catholic Faith. Philadelphia is blessed to have its own chapter and has a strong membership base from all areas in the Philadelphia region.

During our monthly dinners, members listen to lively and engaging speakers on a variety of topics relevant to faith, family and business. Legatus members also have access to "Legatus Forums," which are private business peer groups (similar to Vistage and YPO), where members can benefit from the wisdom of other business owners. To learn more about Legatus, contact: John Knowles at (215) 262-3832, jknowles@legatus.org or <http://legatus.org/legatus/>.



Jubilee Year of Mercy – God the Father, Rich in Mercy

The director of the Christian rehab facility was explaining its approach. "Around here we don't talk about God the Father," he said. "Fathers have too bad a reputation. Instead of loving their families well, many have deserted their families, or are abusive. "Father" brings up bad memories. So it's all about Jesus for months until they're ready to hear."

What a tragedy! As many others can attest, fathers who live up to their calling—even if they're not perfect—help us to see the face of our heavenly Father. The best fathers, by mirroring God's love to their children, are faithful, kind and merciful. But even when they're not, God the Father is all of these things. He is love, and there's no end to his mercy.

What does that mean? When God revealed himself to Moses at the burning bush, he didn't just say, "I AM." He began to explain: "I have seen" the afflictions of my people, he said. "I have heard" their cry. "I know" their sufferings, and "I have come down" to deliver them. That is mercy! In Latin, misericordia: "miserable heart." Fr. George Kosicki, CSB, describes it as "having a pain in your heart for the pains of another, and taking pains to do something about their pain." God is the same today. He sees our need, he hears our cries, he knows our sufferings, and he has come down to deliver us. His mercy never ends.

So many people have "father wounds." We long for someone to see and hear and know us -- and love us unconditionally. Our own fathers may fall short, but God does not fall short! He is the ultimate Father. And because he is who he is, because he lavishes his mercy on us, we can be merciful too. –Sarah Christmyer, St. Norbert Parish, Paoli, Catholic author and speaker

Quote from Catholic Tradition: "God is a Father who never abandons his children, a loving Father who supports, helps, welcomes, forgives, saves, with a fidelity that immensely surpasses that of men, opening up to an eternal dimension... The love of God never fails, never tires of us, it is a love that gives to the extreme, even to the sacrifice of His Son. Faith gifts us this certainty, which becomes a sure rock in the construction of our lives so that we can face those moments of difficulty and danger, experience those times of darkness, crisis and pain, supported by the faith that God never abandons us and is always near, to save us and bring us to life. It is in the Lord Jesus that we fully see the benevolent face of the Father who is in heaven." -Pope Benedict XVI
To continue reflecting on this theme, consider one of these resources!

- Recommended Book for the Month: Abba's Heart, Neal Lozano
- Lighthouse Catholic Media CD: To Hell and Back: Divine Love and the Cross by Anne Marie Schmidt

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Pray for Those Serving Our Country

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

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

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending October 7, 2016

Regular Collection	\$ 29,066
Other Collections	\$ 2,989
Total	\$ 32,055
Diocesan Collections	\$,50

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date

July 1, 2016—October 7, 2016	\$ 364,417
July 1, 2015—October 7, 2015	\$ 360,269

Amount Available for Tithing the Tithe

July -	\$ 3,684
August -	\$ 3,298
September -	\$ 3,389



The Divine Mercy theme for the month of November is “**Humility.**” Jesus once told St. Faustina, “With no other soul do I unite Myself as closely, and in such a way as I do with you, and this because of the deep humility and ardent love which you have for Me.”

If you would like to know more about Saint 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 Gerry Daly at 610-454-7984.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

UPDATE as of 10/21/16
653 Pledges-3rd in Archdiocese
\$106,890-11th in Archdiocese
117% of goal
THANK YOU!



Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Edward Deliman will celebrate Confirmation at Saint Eleanor Parish on **Saturday, April 1, 2017.** All parents of children in 6th or above who attend a **Catholic Private School**, other than Holy Cross Regional Catholic School, and who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, should immediately contact **Teri Lahey**, at 610-489-9434, ext 2232 or llahey@steeleanor.com to make the proper arrangements. Thank you!

Sacrament Sunday Sunday, November 13 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Special gathering for parents of children receiving Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Keynote speaker this year is Reverend George J. Szparagowski. Please keep the event in your prayers.

Contact **Teri Lahey** at llahey@steeleanor.com with questions! Thank you.



2017 Sacrament Dates

First Penance
Saturday, February 25, 2017

Confirmation
Saturday, April 1, 2017

First Holy Communion
Saturday, May 6, 2017

Bulletin Deadlines

All information and announcements to be published in the bulletin need to be in the Parish Office by the Thursday that is ten days prior. Flyer inserts need to be in the Parish Office two weeks ahead of the desired bulletin date. Bulletin information and inserts should be e-mailed to jphillips@steeleanor.com.

Holiday deadlines:

November 27 bulletin-Deadline is Noon on November 14

December 25 Bulletin-Deadline is Noon on December 12

January 1 Bulletin-Deadline is Noon on December 16

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for November will be on **Nov. 19**. 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, November 16

We are continuing our monthly **Mass for Healing**. Our next one will be on **Wednesday, November 16** at 7:00 PM.

We warmly invite everyone to this Mass, family members, friends and neighbors.



SCRIP NEWS

SCRIP SELLERS NEEDED

Position Description: The Scrip Team needs volunteers to sell Scrip before and after weekend Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Volunteers work 3 different shifts.

Time Commitment: 2 hours once or twice a month

Talent to Share: Attention to detail for monies collected and information taken

Contact Person: Madelyn O'Hara, 610-489-1647, ext. 25, mohara@stleanor.com

THANKSGIVING

There will be **no Scrip Sales** from Thursday, November 24 through Sunday, November 27.

CHRISTMAS

Starting Saturday, November 6, we will have special small denomination gift cards available—perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift-giving. The following cards will be available: \$10 Amazon, \$10 AMC, \$5 Barnes & Noble, \$10 Regal Cinema, \$5 Panera, \$5 Starbucks, and \$10 Target. **December 11** is the last day to order special gift cards for Christmas. Please plan ahead and keep this in mind so that you have all the scrip you need on time.

If you should have questions, please contact Madelyn O'Hara at 610-489-1647, ext. 25 or mohara@stleanor.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: cyo.stleanor.com.



CYO DANCES: SE CYO sponsors monthly dances throughout the school year. Visit our web-site for more details. **Annual Dance Passes Will Be For Purchase:** Cost \$35 and will admit you into all 7 dances. Individual Dance Pass: Cost \$7- per dance. Please visit our web-site for more information and to purchase dance passes: <http://cyo.stleanor.com>. **We will continue to do a food collection at each dance.** Each child is asked to bring at least one canned good which will be donated to the St. Eleanor Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your help with the worthy cause. **The Next Dance of the 2016-2017 school year will be held in Saturday, November 12th.** Contact Dan Cordrey with any questions—myah22700@comcast.net. **Fall JV Sports Mass will be held on Saturday, November 5th at 4:30pm** followed by pizza in the school. All Fall athletes and their families are invited to attend.

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

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!



The Perkiomen Valley Council 3633 of the Knights of Columbus of St. Eleanor and St. Mary Parishes are offering two scholarships to The Pope John Paul II Catholic High School. Each scholarship is for an entering freshman and is limited to a one-year award of \$1500.00. These competitive Scholarships are available to any Catholic eighth grade student enrolled in either St. Mary School or the Holy Cross Regional School, or belonging to St. Eleanor or St. Mary Parish, regardless of where or how they complete their elementary education. The applicant must have made a request for admission to Pope John Paul II High School and received notification of eligibility prior to the awarding of the scholarship.

The application form will provide additional details. Applications and criteria will be available at Holy Cross School. If you have any questions or need assistance getting an application, please contact Joe Klobusicky at 610-653-0829. All essays and application must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2017.



St Eleanor Playgroup

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

We meet on Wednesday mornings from 9-11 AM in Vianney Hall. Each week we share fun songs and prayers and do a simple craft. Please join us with your infants, toddlers or preschoolers with plenty of time for the children to play and for the adults to chat.

Please contact Laura with any questions at 215.390.0933 or laurajusko@yahoo.com.

NATIONAL NOVENA

*Sunday, Oct. 30 – Monday,
Nov. 7 in prayerful preparation for
the election Prayer to Mary,
the Immaculate Conception,
Patroness of the United States*

In preparation for Election Day, the Knights of Columbus is calling its members and all the faithful to join together in a novena to the Holy Trinity through the maternal intercession of the Blessed Mother, under her title of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States.

On the nine days leading up to Election Day — beginning on Sunday, Oct. 30 and concluding on Monday, Nov. 7 — please join Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori in invoking the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Conception, for our country.

In 1791, America's first bishop, John Carroll, entrusted the country to the Blessed Mother, and in 1846 the bishops of the United States reaffirmed that dedication, declaring Mary as patroness of the United States under her title of the Immaculate Conception.



NOVENA PRAYER

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.

Imprimatur: +Patrick O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, May 8, 1959. Mosaic of the Immaculate Conception © Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Used with permission.

We encourage you to review these items in order to be informed and ready.



In order to know the views and positions of national and local candidates on a wide variety of issues, go to

- PA Catholic Conference—www.PACatholic.org
- Catholic Philly website—<http://catholicphilly.com/2016/10/2016-elections/voter-education-resources/>

If you have not yet checked these out, be sure to do so:

- “Voting from a Catholic Perspective”—Video of a homily given at the Phoenix Cathedral—<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=881aDDE5qFY&sns=em>
- Archbishop Chaput's timely column, “About Those Unthinking Backward Catholics” —<http://archphila.org/archbishop-chaputs-weekly-column-about-those-unthinking-backward-catholics/>
- Archbishop Kurtz's statement “The Gospel Serves the Common Good, Not Political Agendas” —<http://www.usccb.org/news/2016/16-132.cfm>
 - Booklet—“A Brief Catechism for Catholic Voters”
 - Pamphlet—“A Guide to Catholic Voting”



Hibernian Hunger Project 2016

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Officer Jack Duffy Division 6 will once again be holding our "Hibernian Hunger Project" food drive to benefit the St.

Vincent dePaul food pantry at Saint Eleanor before and after all Masses over the weekend of Nov. 12 & 13. We are seeking donations of pastas, can fruits & vegetables, soups, pasta sauces, & condiments. Please help us help those less fortunate during the upcoming holiday season.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 21-39)

THEOLOGY ON TAP
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016
AT 7 PM

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT



STOVE AND TAP RESTAURANT
329 W. MAIN STREET
LANSDALE

[HTTP://
WWW.METANOIAYOUNGADULTS.WEEBLY.COM/](http://www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com/)

Parkhouse Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Royersford is in need of volunteers to help residents participate in our Craft Room program. Volunteers are most needed on Thursday mornings, but other times are available. Residents need assistance with getting back and forth to the Craft Room in their wheelchairs, as well as with their many projects. Other volunteer opportunities are also available at Parkhouse as well. For more information, please contact Sally Hawk-Jones, Director of Activities and Volunteers at 610-792-2341.

CARES After School Program at Holy Cross Regional School has paid positions available for Childcare Assistant from 2:45pm-6:00pm Monday-Friday working with children ages 5 and older. Job duties would include some of the following: Serving students snacks, supervising students outside on the playground or in the gym, assisting students with homework, promoting recreational activities for students.

All applicants are required to provide a current Pennsylvania Police Clearance and Child Abuse Clearance, attend a class on child safety (dates and times will be provided), submit a resume to jreynolds@hcrc.school along with days available.

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.



URSINUS COLLEGE CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The Ursinus College Choir and Meistersingers conducted by John French will perform works for choir and organ in honor of the 30- year dedication of the Heefner organ at their Fall Concert which will be held on Sunday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m. in Bomberger Hall, Main Street, Collegeville. All are invited to attend. The concert is free and open to the public.



Domestic Church Media, an affiliate of EWTN – The Global Catholic Network. Domestic Church Media (DCM) currently operates three full time Catholic radio stations in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. While 80% of their programming comes from EWTN, 20% is produced locally, featuring hosts, guests, stories and special programming from within the Archdiocese. Two programs airing on DCM are The Vocation Hour with Father Stephen DeLacy, which promotes vocations and the work of the Archdiocese, and La Voz de Dios en Las Voces de Nuestros Pueblos, a Spanish language program seeking to bring Hispanic Catholics closer to their faith. DCM can be heard on WFJS 1260 AM. Although there are many areas of the Archdiocese that do not receive the DCM radio signal at this time, anyone can listen via streaming audio and via their free mobile app. Pertinent links are below.

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St. Joseph's Preparatory School Interested 8th grade boys should sit for the Scholarship/Entrance Exam on Saturday, November 12, or Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Students are registered automatically upon completing an application. Academic scholarships and financial aid grants will be awarded to eligible students.



The **Academy of Notre Dame de Namur** will offer its Ninth Grade Entrance and Scholarship Exam on Sun., Nov. 13. Open House will be held on Sun., Nov. 6, 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. For more info, call 610-971-0498 or visit www.ndapa.org/admissions.



Neumann Adult Spirituality Ministry November 9, 2016 - 9:30 A.M. - Nativity of Our Lord Parish Conference Center, Warminster, PA. The Mass - The Sacrament of Unity - Uniting Us with Heaven - We will review the elements of our liturgical celebration in order to better understand Mass as the "source and summit" of Christian life. Presenter: Deacon James Duffy Cost: \$20 Brown Bag Lunch. Continental Breakfast Provided with Desserts at Lunch. Contact Cathy (215-262-0265).



Solemn Closing of the Cathedral Holy Door of Mercy Join Archbishop Chaput as he solemnly closes the Holy Door of Mercy at the Cathedral to end to the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Let us come together to thank God for all the graces we have received during the Jubilee! Sunday, November 6, 2016 - 6:30pm at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. More info: <http://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Closing-of-Holy-Door-Nov-2016.pdf>.



St. Teresa of Avila Christmas Bazaar, Friday, Nov 11, 2016 5PM to 10PM. Food, Vendors/Crafters, Basket Raffles, Silent Auction, Baked Goods, Cookie Walk and Kid's Activities. Phone 610-666-5820. <https://www.facebook.com/StTeresaOfAvilaChristmasBazaar2016>.



Memorial Mass for Parents of Deceased Children In recognition of November being the Month of the Holy Souls and in anticipation of the holiday season, St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, 256 Swamp Pike, Limerick will host a special Mass in memory of deceased children, from pre-born to adult. This liturgy will take place on **Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 PM**. All loved ones who have lost a child(ren) are invited to be part of this Memorial Mass. Anyone who plans to attend is asked to respond to Shawn Marie Brown, Director of Parish Services at dps@stteresacalcutta.com or call (610) 287-2525 ext. 100 for information and details. All are welcome! A light reception will follow the Mass.



Healing Retreat Renowned Retreat Director Kathleen McCarthy is returning to Malvern Retreat House for her Ad Lumina Christi Healing Retreat. The mid-week retreat, held Nov. 14-18, offers the opportunity for medical, emotional and spiritual healing. McCarthy has been actively involved in the healing ministry for more than four decades and has changed numerous lives with her documented healings around the world. Her message focuses on the "fire of the Holy Spirit" and the Eucharistic presence of Christ. For more info or to register, please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.



St. Joseph Church in Ambler will have a **Mass on the eve of the Presidential Election** on Monday, November 7 @ 7:30 PM. Please join us in prayer. All are welcome!



St. Mary of the Assumption Cemetery Plot Sale Running Now Till Nov 30th. Black Rock Cemetery - Phoenixville Jacquie Marburger, Business Manager, St. Mary of the Assumption Phoenixville, Phone: 610-933-2526.



The **Miraculous Medal Shrine** Hosts the Annual Solemn Novena and Feast Day Mass, November 14 - 23, 2016. Free, secure parking. For Details and Full Schedule, please visit <http://MiraculousMedal.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cecbfe298ee6dae8158984395&id=cb9efc9257&e=e9680ec1c4>.

Divorced & Separated: You are not alone! is offered on Sundays evenings from 7:15-8:45 pm. at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. This 13-week series begins on **October 23** and runs (biweekly) through **June 11, 2017**. This is a Catholic ministry offering welcome, support and direction in navigating this most stressful, confusing and painful time. Topics covered include anger, depression, loneliness, forgiveness, finances, children, and more. **Contact:** Cathy Peacock, Program Director at **610.644.1655 ext. 141** or email stepsforhealing@gmail.com for more information or to register. Deacon John Lozano provides pastoral support at John@StNorbert.org.



Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Invite You To A Special Weekend Retreat *A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life*, Friday evening, November 11 — Sunday at Noon, November 13, 2016. The retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and EWTN Host of "Eucharistic Journey," and is held at the Ave Maria Retreat House in Doylestown, PA. This retreat includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours, and much more. For more information, please contact olme@olme.org or 610-582-3333 or visit www.olme.org.



LaSalle College High School in Springfield Twp, Montgomery County will administer its scholarship and entrance exam for 8th grade boys at 8:30 AM on Sunday, Nov. 12. For questions or additional info, please contact the Admissions Office at 215-402-4800 or admission@lschs.org. Register online at www.lschs.org.



The **Sacred Heart Silver Liners Senior Circle Fund Raiser**—Homemade Pierogi and Nut Rolls. Orders will be taken after all Masses on Saturday, November 5 thru Sunday, November 20 in the Sacred Heart Café or call Sara Nyce - 610-948-9116. Cost is \$ 8 a dozen for Homemade Pierogi, \$15 each large Homemade Nut Roll. Please pay when ordering. Pick-up: Saturday, December 10 from 9 a.m. - Noon in Sacred Heart Church Café, Royersford.



Men's Retreat, November 18 - 20, at Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ 08212. www.capemaymarianists.org or 609-884-3829. This weekend, open to men from all walks of life, focuses on unique male issues on the spiritual journey. The retreat will consist of Eucharist and other prayer, input, quiet time, small group sharing, socializing, and fun within a supportive, intentional community of men. Cost: \$130 per person, double occ.



St. Teresa of Calcutta Retreats Malvern Retreat House is hosting two retreats focusing on one of the church's newly canonized saints - St. Teresa of Calcutta. On Wednesday, November 16, a Day of Reflection will be directed by Monsignor Michael T. Mannion, S.T.L., who enjoyed a twenty nine-year friendship with Mother Teresa. Monsignor will be sharing his personal experiences with this newly proclaimed saint, as well as the spiritual insights that he gained from her. The day retreat will begin at 9am and conclude at 3pm. The cost is \$35, including continental breakfast and lunch. To register, please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information. A couple of days later the St. Teresa of Calcutta weekend retreat for women will begin. This November 18-20 traditional retreat will be directed by Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFM Cap and will be held in the beautiful McShain Horstmann Family Life Center. Please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information.




Saint Francis Parish Annual Christmas Bazaar in the School Gym 601 Buttonwood Street Friday, November 4, 2016 5PM—9PM and Saturday, November 5, 2016 10AM—4PM. With a special visit from Santa on Saturday Noon—3pm. Enjoy homemade baked goods, handmade linens and crafts, tombola, \$1000 Drawing, Chance baskets, Religious booth and New and next to new.

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