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# St. Eleanor Church

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### January 15, 2017



#### **PARISH STAFF**

Msgr. Michael T. McCulken, Pastor

Rev. John A. Franey, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Christopher C. Moriconi, Parochial Vicar

Msgr. Thomas A. Murray, In Residence Deacon John A. Hasson

Deacon John A. Hasson Deacon Edward T. Hinson

Mrs. Linda Coyne, Finance Director

Mr. Matt Kirsch,

Director of Parish Services

Mr. Dan Weckerly, Music Director

#### **OFFICE STAFF**

Mrs. Susan Gordon Mrs. Jean Phillips Mrs. Melissa Sinner Mrs. Madelyn O'Hara

Ms. Casey Semenza

#### 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**

<u>BAPTISMS:</u> 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.

<u>MARRIAGES:</u> 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.

<u>HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:</u> Communion is brought to the sick in their homes. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

<u>PARISH REGISTRATION:</u> 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**

<u>RCIA</u> (<u>Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults</u>): 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. 2232. 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.

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

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



# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**JANUARY 15, 2017** 

#### MASS INTENTIONS

	Saturday, January 14
4:30	George Wert (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

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7:30	Joyleen Branco (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv)
9:00	Elizabeth Smith
10:30	Francis Thomas

12:00 PM Michael Belisario

7:00 PM For the People of the Parish

#### Monday, January 16

6:30	Stanley Gerczyk
9:00	Doris Reese

# Tuesday, January 17 St. Anthony

6:30	Robert J. Swantek
9:00	Michael Belisario (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv)

#### Wednesday, January 18

6:30	Marge Hogentogler
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### Thursday, January 19

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6:30	Francis Thomas
9:00	Frederick W. Koehler

# Friday, January 20 Saints Fabian & Sebastian

6:30	Frank Rauch
9:00	Frank Anuzelli

#### Saturday, January 21 St. Agnes

9:00	Francis P. Thomas, III
4:30	Delia A. Smith

There will be NO 7PM Mass on Sunday, February 5, 2017.

#### **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:



- ~ Colton Thomas, son of Greg and Caitilin Beatty
- ~ Juniper Marie, daughter of Nathan and Ellen Bungard

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, February 5, 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 <u>two</u> <u>weeks</u> prior to the Baptism. \* previously known as the rectory

#### Rose for Life

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



#### Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:

~ Timothy Wallace on the anniversary of his death, given by mother Theresa Wallace

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 **January** we will be praying for **Deacon Edward T. Hinson** 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,

A WORD

FROM THE

Here we are back in "Ordinary Time" of our liturgical year. This title is a bit misleading, since spiritually there is nothing ordinary when worshipping God

and celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. These are extraordinary realities, indeed! What the title points out is simply that we are not in one of the unique liturgical seasons, that of Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter. So in this "Ordinary Time" we continue to experience the extraordinary graces and blessings of salvation from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May we grow daily in every virtue and grace by responding to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit and surrendering our wills to our loving and merciful Father!

Our Gospel this weekend focuses our attention on the testimony of John the Baptist, certainly a prophet and an evangelizer, the one who announces the greatest of news: that the Son of God has come into the world. We are recipients not only of this announcement but of the full Gospel that Jesus is the savior and redeemer of the world. As the prophet Isaiah (our first reading) makes known, Jesus is the one of whom the Father says, "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

In this year of 2017, you and I are called as disciples to make Jesus known by our life: our words, thoughts and deeds. The Gospel has gone to all the corners of the world but we must ask ourselves if the fullness of the Gospel has gone into every corner of our hearts and souls. We are the gate keeper to our hearts and souls. Jesus knocks and seeks entrance into our very depths. But it is up to us to open ourselves to Him, to invite Him in, spend quiet time with Him, listen to Him and allow Him to empower us to do all that the Father asks of us. When we pray, "Here I am, Lord; I come to do you will!" we must consciously take the steps to open ourselves to the Lord so that His grace can be effective upon us and through us.

In this world filled with so many shadows and so much darkness, Jesus is the only light that shines forth, overcoming the darkness. Let us not look around this world for the help that we need and the help this world needs. Let us allow the light of Jesus to shine upon us, within us and through us so that as passionate disciples we will joyfully bring Jesus and His light to one another and others.

God bless you, God love you, Monsignor McCulken

#### The 2017 Schedule for our Pilgrim Virgin Statue home visits has lots of 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. We will deliver/pick up the Statue for those who can't manage its size/weight.

#### RCIA ~ Sessions on and about the Catholic Faith ~

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.

Please join us on any 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.

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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time **Happiness**

All of us seek happiness. This program is a perfect start for the New Year. Join two young adults as they interview celebrities, psychiatrists, physicists, scholars and priests to uncover the deeper answers to life's most profound questions. Great for starting meaningful conversations with family and friends.

Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.





**FOR OUR DECEASED:** Biagina Chifari, aunt of Joseph Magazzolo; Richard LeFlar, father of Kathy DiLeva

FOR OUR SICK: Catherine Alexander, 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, Mary Bruno, 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, Mary Filippini, John Fitzgerald, Neil Florio, Sandy Forcine, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Anthony Greco, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Virginia Heinz, Joseph Heller, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Carisa Koziol, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Mike Creeden, 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, Don Mangialardi, Marie and Sarah, Barbara Marosky, Elaine Maxcy, Agnes McCarver, Jaime McNutt, Doreen Keckley Meader, Allison Leo Mitchell, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Chucky Nelson, Marion Niedzolkowski, Marie Olszewski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Steve Pinto, Ed Pressler, Carol Ann Price, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Jack Russo, Ralph 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: Elizabeth DePaul, Brandon Gallagher, Baby Corey Gramazio, Maggie Lutz, Baby Nicholas Manzi, Kiera McMahon, Baby Zachary Sinnk, Philomena Stendardo, Isaiah Thoxton, Baby Dell Tolas, Justin Wichner

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



The Divine Mercy theme for the month of January is "Mercy." Jesus told Saint Faustina: "My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them, and

that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the Tabernacle as King of Mercy."

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.

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Education Program

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Edward Deliman will celebrate Confirmation at Saint Eleanor Parish on **Saturday, April 1, 2017.** All parents of children in 6<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:tlahey@steleanor.com">tlahey@steleanor.com</a> to make the proper arrangements. Thank you!



#### 2017 Sacrament Dates

<u>First Penance</u> Saturday, February 25, 2017

Confirmation Saturday, April 1, 2017

First Holy Communion Saturday, May 6, 2017



#### Week Ending December 16, 2016

Regular Collection \$ 37,219 Other Collections \$ 6,340 Total \$ 43,559 Diocesan Collections \$ 315

#### Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date\*\*

July 1, 2016—December 16, 2016 \$ 659,951 July 1, 2015—December 16, 2015 \$ 642,927

> YTD Tithing 2016-17 \$ 17,792 2015-16 \$ 5,798

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



# Pray for Those Serving Our Country

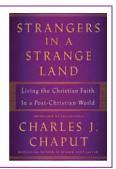
Sgt. Thomas Albany
1st Lt. Andrew Bone
Lt. Sean Feeney
Bryan Luther
Jeremy Somplasky

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

Midn. Zachary Sermarini

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is proud to announce that Archbishop Chaput's latest book, *Strangers in a Strange Land: Living the Catholic Faith in a Post-Christian World*, will be released by Henry Holt and Co. on February 17, 2017.

Throughout his text the Archbishop offers guidance on how Christians, and particularly Catholics, can live their life vigorously within the challenging context of today's public square. You can learn more about the book, see endorsements, and pre-order your copy here <a href="http://us.macmillan.com/static/holt/strangersinastrangeland/">http://us.macmillan.com/static/holt/strangersinastrangeland/</a>.





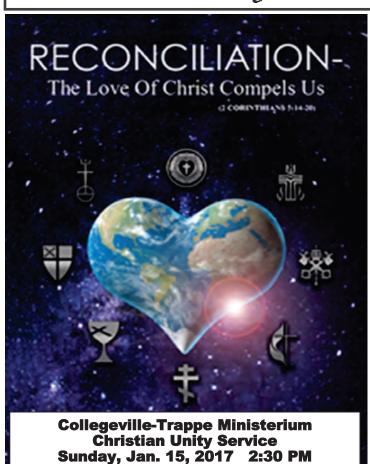
Our religious calendars for 2017 are available at all the doors of the Church. We are grateful for the kind generosity of Moore, Snear and Ruggiero Funeral Home for sponsoring this calendar and making it available to our parishioners.

# Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly

This gift book has been made available to our parishioners through the generosity of Mr. Richard Holcombe, Holcombe Funeral Home.

We are grateful for his support.





**Evansburg United Methodist Church** 

**Festival of Combined Choirs** 

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017

In the exercise of prudence during this cold and flu season, the distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass has been suspended. Thank you for your understanding.



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January 8 was National Choir Appreciation Day, a day set aside to honor the talent, sacrifice and dedication of choral singers all across the country. Although the

celebration focuses on choirs that perform repertoire of all kinds, it provides an opportunity to highlight music ministry at St. Eleanor Parish. Our parish choir has a decades-long record of service in singing praise to God. But there is always room for more participants. Now that 2017 is here, please consider adding your voice to its ranks. Men and women are welcome, and the ability to read music is not a requirement. Teens and young adults are especially encouraged (PJP and Spring-Ford students who are members of school chorus, why not strengthen your voices by joining us?). Rehearsals are each Thursday evening in church, beginning with prayer promptly at 7:15. Contact Music Director Dan Weckerly (610.574.1605) for more information.

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for January will be on **January 21.** 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. Moriconi.



Mass for Healing Tuesday, January 17

We are continuing our monthly **Mass for Healing**. Our next one will be on **Tuesday, January 17** 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@steleanor.com

#### Looking Ahead Important Dates

Saint Eleanor
Easter Egg Hunt—
Saturday, April 15 at 11 AM
(more info to follow)



Sunday, April 16-Easter Sunday-No 7PM Mass St. Eleanor CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) is open to **ALL** St. Eleanor parishioners. Therefore, if you are a St. Eleanor parishioner, and regardless of the grade school, middle school or high school your son or daughter attends, your child can participate in ANY and ALL CYO sports. CYO sports include; volleyball, field hockey, soccer, football, cross country, basketball, track & field, tennis, golf and lacrosse. For additional information please visit our web site at http:// cyo.steleanor.com/ or contact Jim DeBald at idebald@yahoo.com. CYO Spring Sports (JV & Varsity Baseball, JV & Varsity Softball, Girls JV & Varsity Lacrosse, Boys Varsity Lacrosse, Track, Pee Wee Track, JV & Varsity Tennis, Varsity Golf, HS Coed Volleyball). Registration began Sunday, January 8th and ends on Sunday, January 22nd. • Spring registration is open to registered St. Eleanor's Parishioners only that are currently in 1st through 8th grade boys and girls. 1st thru 3rd graders are only eligible for Pee Wee Track and 4th thru 8th graders only for Varsity Track. Other sports vary on which we offer for boys and girls. Registration and payment are only available through the CYO website: http://cyo.steleanor.com/. • Please update your family information, including e-mail address. This is how CYO Registrar, AD, &/or your child's coach will contact you for meetings, practice schedule, etc. • If you are interested in a position as a head coach for one of the teams, contact Vince DeFlavia, Athletic Director, at vinman6399@comcast.net ASAP.

SE CYO DANCES: CYO sponsors monthly dances throughout the school year. Individual Dance Pass are available for Purchase: Cost \$7- per dance. Please visit our web-site for more information and to purchase dance passes: <a href="http://cyo.steleanor.com/">http://cyo.steleanor.com/</a>. 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, February 11th. Contact Dan Cordrey with any questions: mailto:myah22700@comcast.net. Has your email address changed? If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed. <a href="http://cyo.steleanor.com/">http://cyo.steleanor.com/</a>

**United Way** is an important source of funding for our program. Please consider us when you are completing your donor card. Our number is 08018. Thank you!

Remember to Like Us On Facebook!



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

Please contact Laura with any questions at 215.390.0933 or <u>laurajusko@yahoo.com</u>.

Christmas Flower donation in memory of John Wiseman; Bob Ahern, Nancy & Harold Harmon; Shelli Lafferty; Frank Rosalia, Giacomo Angela, Margueretta, Giovanna, Nimfa, Margherita, Vincenzo, Sebastiano, Rosario Rosi; Bud Allen; Ann & Jeff Milligan; Monika Gardyasz; John McCann, Jr., John & Catherine McCann, Steve & Mary Clayback, John & Carrie Coscia, Fred & Mary Giovonizzi; Family Members of Joanne Efird; Ralph & Margaret McLaughlin, Paul & Virginia Fusco; Anne Marie Tate; Connell and Scheiter Families; Nicholas J. Mastrocola, Sr.





Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop



January 15, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fulfilling the Church's mission of mercy and the Gospel call to love others as we love God, The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection funds six Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, the organizations supported by the CRS Collection act from their belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ's love and care.

The annual Catholic Relief Services Collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see "Jesus in disguise" in the faces of the poor, and to support ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote the collection.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the weekend of January 21 and 22, 2017. The American Catholic community and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in particular, have always responded very generously to this annual collection.

I am grateful to you for your compassionate response. May you be blessed for your faithfulness to living the Gospel and recognizing Jesus in those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mest Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. Archbishop of Philadelphia



Open House at Holy Cross Regional School Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 10:00 - 11:30

Come and meet our highly engaged faculty and students, tour our spectacular facility. Learn why Holy Cross Regional Catholic School would be the perfect place for your child to grow in academics, but more importantly - in faith, hope and love.

# **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@steleanor.com.

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#### **HELP NEEDED!**

Here is your opportunity to join a great ministry! We are in need of people to help clean Our Lady Chapel.

If you work during the week and have been unable to volunteer in the past, this is your chance. Cleaning will consist of running the vacuum cleaner and dusting. It should take less than an hour. Cleaning of the chapel will be done by two volunteers every Saturday. Your turn would come around once a month or less. If interested please call Ginny Emery at 610-539-9543 or e-mail rm\_angelo@hotmail.com. Please consider joining us!

Dear Friends at St. Eleanor,

Thank you so much for your generous donations of Christmas gifts for hank you Mom's House children and clients. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. Your contribution makes it possible for us to continue to provide free childcare and support so that our young mothers can achieve their educational goals and make a better life for their families.

Sincerely,

Wendy J. McKeon, Executive Director

# 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.





The January Blood drive at St. Eleanor will be held on Saturday January 28, 2017, from 10:00AM to 2:45PM in Vianney Hall. This blood drive is being coordinated with the help of the Knights of Columbus 3633.

There is a new feature on the Red Cross blood donation website. On the day of donation you can now complete all the necessary information and question on-line before donating. This can save as much as 20 minutes when donating blood. This feature is called RAPIDPASS.

It's simple! You visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass
Read the information. Answer the questions . Print the pass or email it to yourself. Also we will have the double red cell machines available. We encourage donors to try the double cell donation. For your convenience there is a sign up sheet at the main entrance of the church. We make every effort to schedule people so that everyone can get through the process as quickly as possible. The Knights of Columbus will also be calling to schedule appointments. Please contact Larry DiPiano @ 610-489-7761 or Joe Klobusicky @ 610-653-0829 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



Looking for a inspiring way to share your faith? A Baby's Breath Crisis Pregnancy Center has several opportunities

available for Donations Coordinating. What does this position do, you might ask? It's a regular position meaning that a weekly commitment of time is best. It's a computer job mostly - inputting donations, volunteer/client information. If you or someone you can recommend would like to help at our Collegeville or Jeffersonville centers, please contact us at 267-275-7712.



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.

# SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY LECTURE SERIES

Cardinal Foley Lecture "The Power of the Word: Catholic News Media and Spiritual Formation"
Greg Erlandson
January 30, 2017 7:00 P.M.
Saint John Vianney Hall
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary
100 East Wynnewood Road Wynnewood, PA

The Cardinal Foley Lecture Series brings speakers of national and international prominence to the Seminary to address current topics in the world of Social Communications. This lecture will provide insight into the important role that the Catholic news media has in the faith formation of Catholics, our nation and its citizens. Greg Erlandson is the Director and Editor-in-Chief of the Catholic News Service. He is the former editor, president and publisher of Our Sunday Visitor, and editor of National Catholic Register. He served as president of Catholic Press Association and has received numerous awards and national honors.

School of Theological Studies http://www.scs.edu/sts 610-785-6287

#### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** from March 21-31, 2017, \$3,749.00 /person including air from Philadelphia, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass daily at the Holy Sites. For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

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9th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Spirituality Conference Registration is now open for MAN UP PHILLY 2017! On Saturday, March 4, 2017 at St Joseph University Hagan Arena, the men of your parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the MANUP PHILLY 2017. Speakers include EWTN's Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, inspirational speaker, Kevin Reilly, former Philadelphia Eagle whose career was ended by a rare cancer that led to the removal of his left arm, and Damon Owens, director of JoyTOB and international speaker on the Theology of the Body. Acclaimed Irish tenor, Mark Forrest, will provide inspirational accompaniment during a special directed Eucharistic Adoration. Register now and save \$10 (Early Bird Special) at http://manupphilly.com/.

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MOM Heart of the Home Day of Renewal - March 18. Registration is OPEN for our 23rd Annual MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal. March 18, 2017 • 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester. Even if you're not a mom, you are still welcome! Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers Lisa Mladinich and Eleanor Farzetta. See our registration form for all details at http://www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html or call 484-798-7368 or 610-384-4933 for more information.

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Part-time Youth Minister at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Limerick Part-time Youth Minister to serve the 9-12 grade Youth Group and facilitate an 8th grade program. Both programs are in place and thriving. The Youth Group meets every other Sunday evening as part of 6:00 PM Mass with meeting to follow. 8th grade program is every other Monday evening. Steubenville Retreat is part of the Youth Group experience. Anyone interested in the position, please contact the Pastor: Fr. Paul Brandt at frbrandt@stteresacalcutta.com.

Monday, January 16, 2017 - 6:30pm Prelude; 7:00pm Prayer Service Event: 34th Annual Archdiocesan Commemorative Prayer Service in Honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Theme: A Dream in Black and White: Growing in Understanding as Catholics Location: St. Philip Neri Catholic Church; 437 Ridge Pike; Lafayette Hill, PA. More info: http://www.phillyevang.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Jan-16-SAVE-THE-DATE-MLK-2017.pdf. All are welcome! Light refreshments to follow prayer service

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Save the Date! Saturday, March 25, 2017, 1:30pm Event: **Archdiocesan Cultural Heritage Mass** Join us as we celebrate the Lord and the many cultures that make up His Church! Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia More information coming soon!

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"King's Dream" performance - Immaculata University will host a performance of "King's Dream" on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 16, at 1 p.m. This free event, held in the Great Hall on the University's campus, is open to the public. The performance, presented by Key Arts Productions, is a moving tribute to the Nobel Peace Prize recipient who led America's peaceful revolution for equal rights for all. Audiences will be both informed and inspired by this celebration of diversity, unity, and peace. For more information about this event, contact Eugene Smith, director of Immaculata's Office of Multicultural Awareness, at esmith9@immaculata.edu.

Valentine Evening of Reflection for Couples: On Sunday, February 12, 2017, from 5 pm to 9 pm, at Malvern Retreat House. Dinner, inspirational talks, Mass and renewal of wedding vows for married couples. Retreat director is Rev. Msgr. Ralph Chieffo, with Bonnie & Jim Clark. To register call: 610-644-0400, or visit <a href="https://www.malvernretreat.com/reaister">www.malvernretreat.com/reaister</a>.

As part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Fr. Dennis Gill will be leading a **pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes** on June 5-12, 2017. This Pilgrimage promises to be a deeply spiritual event in communion with the Mother of the Lord, with prayers for peace and healing for all of us, especially for the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For more on the 100th Anniversary of Fatima celebration, visit: http://archphila.org/fatima/

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Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith-based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Tuesday, January 17 we will meet for Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville. Doors open at 7:00pm; Talk Starts at 7:30pm; Speakers – Sandy and Denise MacMurtrie. Contact metanoiay-oungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) for more details.

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Father Zachary Navit, Chaplain at Saint Mary Center, Lansdale, invites you to join him in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima with a pilgrimage to shrines of Portugal, Spain, and France from September 11-21, 2017. Daily Mass, round-trip transportation with airport taxes and fuel surcharges, accommodations at four-star hotels, all breakfasts and dinners, private guide, baggage handling, and more included for \$3295. For more information, visit

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**Widow/Widower Social Group** - If you have an interest In joining the Widow/Widower's Social Group at St. Ann Parish in Phoenixville, contact Helene Kennedy at 610-933-0950 r <a href="https://hkennedy111@comcast.net">hkennedy111@comcast.net</a>.

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