St. Eleanor Church

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October 22, 2017

Stewardship… giving back to God with a grateful heart

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—4:15 PM
(Wednesdays after Masses
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

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EDUCATION

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION *PREP:* After-school religious instruction for children in grades K thru 6. Classes held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Contact Ms. Teri Lahey, Director of Religious Education at 610-489-4677 ext. 31. *Children's Liturgy of the Word*: Offered to the younger children in the parish during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9AM & 10:30 Masses on Sundays.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 21
BVM
9:00 Ruth Cupo
4:30 Donnino Maieron (9th Anniv.)

Sunday, October 22
7:30 Charles P. Hafner, Jr.
9:00 The People of the Parish
10:30 Thomas Oakes, III
12:00 PM Stephen Hales
7:00 PM Charles and Kathleen Heil

Monday, October 23
Saint John of Capistrano, Priest
6:30 John P. Keffer, Jr. (7th Anniv.)
9:00 David Setley

Tuesday, October 24
Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
6:30 Sp. Int. of Linda Irwin
9:00 Richard Angelo III (21st Anniv.)

Wednesday, October 25
6:30 Albert and Nancy Viola
9:00 Shirley Waldron

Thursday, October 26
6:30 Special Intention of Patti and Anthony Putorti
9:00 Joseph Epifanio

Friday, October 27
6:30 Marla Pennypacker
9:00 Ann Waldron

Saturday, October 28
Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
9:00 Mary Dell Angelo
4:30 Mary Maieron (17th Anniv.)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 22, 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.

Connor Patrick Kassel son of Kevin and Lauren Kassel

Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, November 5th, at 2 PM in Vianney Hall .

First-time parents need to attend & may attend this program before the birth of your child. Baptismal paperwork is due **two weeks** prior to Baptism.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Bishop Michael L. Fitzgerald will celebrate Confirmation at St. Eleanor Parish on Saturday, April 7, 2018. All parents of children in 6th grade 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 610-489-4677 or tlahey@steleanor.com to make the proper arrangements.

Sacrament Dates

First Penance – Saturday, February 24, 2018
Sacrament of Confirmation – Saturday, April 7, 2018
First Holy Communion – Saturday, May 5, 2018

Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Sgt. Thomas Albany
1st Lt. Andrew Bone
Cpl. Bryan Luther
Andrew Somplasky
Ryan Somplasky
Michael Thomas
Cmdr Wendy Arnold, MD
1st Lt Brian Davis
CM/Sgt Charles Gordon
Sgt William Ronan
Jeremy Somplasky
Midn. 2Class Zachary Sermarini
Alexander Franke , SN
Specialist Michael Thomas
Private Nicholas Bielski
Lt Sean Feeney

Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

For the month of **October,** we will be praying for **Rev. Christopher C. Moriconi,** 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.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Our Youth Ministry has gotten off to a tremendous start. Both Matt Kirsch and Alex Price, our Youth Ministers, have been busy meeting with various groups, signing up our youth to participate, planning and executing a number of activities that are fun, catechetical and service oriented. It is a very exciting moment, as everyone who is participating is helping to lay the foundation for the future and contributing to the missionary zeal of being young disciples of the Lord Jesus.

There are now (October 17) 134 youth registered from *16 different schools*. More are added daily. The number is almost evenly divided between the junior high and the senior high level students. Matt and Alex have met with an adult advisory board who will meet quarterly to look at the successes and the challenges of youth ministry. More adults are needed in every capacity. So don't be afraid to reach out to them and to volunteer for whatever you are available for.

You may have noticed that the junior high group is named *4Thirteens* (from Philippians 4:13 ~ "*I can do all things through Christ who strengths me*.") and the senior high group is named *BOLD* (**B**ecoming **o**ur **L**ord's **D**isciples). They discuss some aspect of faith monthly, enter into prayer, Scripture reflection, praise and worship, Eucharistic adoration or guided meditations. The gatherings include icebreakers to warm the group up. Both groups also participate in various service projects on weekends and share in social activities as well. May God bless all those signed up already and all those participating in the various events throughout the year. Keep all of them in your good prayers. And may many more sign up for whatever they are able to do.

In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus is being put on the spot about taxes to the emperor. It is a trick question. About the coin used to pay the tax, Jesus asks a simple but direct question, "*Whose image is this and whose inscription*?" Of course, it is Caesar's. Then Jesus lowers the boom, "*Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God*." We can almost see the perplexity on the faces of his interrogators and perhaps the glee on His disciples faces. But the reply is spoken to you and me as well.

How do we use what God gives to us? Not just our talents and gifts but even our monetary blessings? It is an important and life changing question. In the Catholic World, there have been countless capital campaigns, countless collections for special needs, innumerable requests for help to pay bills, to reduce debt, to raise money for special needs. But all of that is short lived. And all of that is missing the point. We should not give to needs as pressing as they may be. We should give because we have received, and in gratitude share what we have received by giving. Ultimately, as human beings we have the need to give, to share what we have with others. That is what God does! And we are made in His image and likeness.

Search the Scriptures, there are plenty of passages that speak to our need to give, listen to Jesus who explains to us the reason why we are to give. Study the Saints, they give plenty of evidence as to why and how it is important to our spiritual lives that we give charitably to the needs of others. Think about it in your own individual lives. What percent do you put aside to give back to God? Did you ever take a quick look at your income tax return, comparing your income to your charitable donations and working out the percentage?

Among Christians, we Catholics tend to be on the bottom of the barrel. We certainly can say that we've accomplished a lot. But that is not the point. We need to give back graciously, joyfully and in gratitude. What are we giving?

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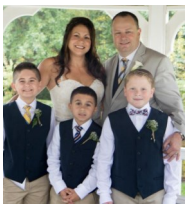
Personal tithing is a sure and easy way to biblically respond to the overwhelming goodness of God. If we are currently giving 1% of our income ~ why not increase it to 2%? If we are giving 1.5% of our income charitably, why not increase that to 2.5%? What does that 1% increase amount to? Is it a few Starbucks? A night at the movies? I am guessing that it is less than taking the family to the Eagles, or to dinner at a fine restaurant. Will we really miss it?

When we give back to God, God rewards abundantly because HE WILL NEVER BE OUTDONE IN GENEROSITY! Just think on it and then pray on it and then act on it.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken

Save The Date!
Sacrament Sunday- Celebrate Jesus



November 12, 2017
2:00 - 3:15 PM
A special gathering for families who have children receiving Sacraments in 2018

Welcome our Speakers
The Boyle Family and
Sister Janet Baker

Mass for Healing

Tuesday, November 21st 7:00 PM

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

Mass for the Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, October 28th
1:00 PM

Any parishioner or friend of Saint Eleanor Parish, who is seriously ill or infirmed in body, mind or spirit is welcome to receive the healing presence of Jesus Christ in this Sacrament. If you wish to be anointed, contact the Parish Office at 610-489-1647

Light refreshments provided by the Hospitality Committee in the Narthex following Mass.

Mass of Remembrance
November 5th
12 Noon Mass

Saint Eleanor Parish family cordially invites you, your family and your friends to the annual "Mass of Remembrance" Liturgy.
RSVP to Parish Office by October 30th (610-489-1647)

FOR OUR DECEASED:
Ralph Russo, brother of Stephen Russo

FOR OUR SICK: Catherine Alexander, Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Betty Anne Aquilante, Joseph Art, Jr., Elizabeth Ashenfelder, Kathleen Bani, Lori Bani, Lisa Caruso, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Deacon Manny Beltran, Jackie Bielski, Anna Bozzelli, Arthur Buben, Diane Burg, Florence Burkett, Sandy Burns, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Monica Cipriani, Mary Clinton, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Ed Coyle, Lori Craig, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Marie Cunningham, Mary Ann Daley, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Isabella DeSimone, Vince DiDonato, Ron DiNicola, Pat DiPiano, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, John Doyle, Claire Esposito, Vito Fabiano, Dorothy Fairbanks, Mary Filippini, John Fitzgerald, Neil Florio, Sandy Forcine, John Fritz, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Elizabeth Groff, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Helen Hart, Marjorie Hebard, Virginia Heinz, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, Margaret Lange, Bud Leo, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Nate Lentz, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Marion Lukens, Joe Lutz, Tom Lytle, Francis Magee, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Mary Mahoney, John Mancini, Marie and Sarah, Barbara Marosky, Agnes McCarver, Ed McDade, Kathleen McFadden, Paul McFadden, Jaime McNutt, Allison Leo Mitchell, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Gabe Muscella, Bob Newton, Marion Niedzolkowski, Maria Olszewski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Lorraine Osisek, Francis Panfile, George Pastino, Ed Pressler, Rachel, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Carolyn Rider, Marjorie Rigg, Kathleen Riggs, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Betty Rowlands, Linda Sauer, Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, David Sebok ,Angela Shinal, Bob Smith, Joseph Smith, Anne Marie Stoudt, Yoshiko Strohlein, Dennis Sullivan, Howard Taormino, Ron Tautkus, Maggie Terrance, Michael Troemel, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Cristina Utti, Dominic Vacanti, Jr., George Vermuth, Billy Watts, Nancy Wenrich, Marge Westhe, Barbara Witman, Pat Willits, Albrette Zvarik

FOR OUR LITTLE ONES: Elizabeth DePaul, Damien John Erskine, Brandon Gallagher, Baby Corey Gramazio, Maggie Lutz, Baby Nicholas Manzi, Madeline Marzen, Kiera McMahon, Baby Zachary Sinnk, Isaiah Thoxton, Baby Dell Tolas, Justin Wichner, Baby Evan Gerhold, Kate Greco

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

Bulletin Deadlines

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

Holiday Bulletin Submission Deadlines:

Bulletin Date	Due Date
11/26	11/10
12/24	12/11
12/31	12/15

Pray the Rosary With Us
All are welcome

Monday through Friday- after the 9:00 AM Mass
Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM
Chapel

Legion of Mary

October 22nd is the third anniversary of Mary, Mother of Divine Mercy Praesidium at St. Eleanor Parish. Grateful to the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother for their abundant graces and to Msgr. McCulken for his support, the Legion of Mary continues to work in our parish. We continue weekly home visits. From October 2016 to October 2017, Legionaries have made 2,318 home calls. In addition, we are currently visiting Catholic residents weekly at the elder care facility on Route 29, The Landings. A good number of non-Catholics have also attend our meetings at the home. Non-active members of the Legion of Mary, called auxiliaries, support the active Legionaries by their daily rosaries and prayers. A Junior Legion has been formed in the parish and is very active in promoting devotion to our Blessed Lady and preforming various spiritual works of mercy.

On the weekend of **October 28th and 29th,** members of both the Senior and Junior Legions will be present in the narthex to answer questions about the Legion of Mary. If you are interested in growing in personal holiness and responding to the Church's work of promoting the good news of salvation through Mary, the Legion may be for you. Stop by our table and learn more about the Legion. For more information, please call Ray Hritz at 610-489-4167 or contact Laura Jusko for the Junior Legion at 215-390-0933 or email laura-jusko@gmail.com.

Tweeted by Pope Francis on October 15th:

Along with the Saints, let the joy and beauty of living the Gospel shine through the witness of our lives.

Counting Our Blessings

Week Ending October 6, 2017

Regular Collection	$ 26,646
Other Collections	$ 288
Annual Fall Collection	$ 6,760
Total	$ 33,694
Diocesan Collections	$ 330

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date*

July 1, 2017—October 6, 2017	$380,373
July 1, 2016—October 6, 2016	$369,843

YTD Tithing

July 1, 2017— October 6, 2017	$10,612
July 1, 2016– October 6, 2016	$10,371

St Vincent de Paul Society /St Eleanor Conference

Serving our local community & surrounding neighborhood families in need of emergency assistance.

- Operate a Food Pantry to community of need • Clothing • Job Direction • Transport
- Rent/Mortgage, Utilities, • Assistance w/Medical Expenses • Holy Cross Prep Scholarship program
- Participate in Haiti Adopt-a-Student program

How can you help?
1. **Join us and get involved!!** 2. **Pray** for our clients and our conference **Donations Needed Too** 610-489-1647 x 43

PLEASE help our local families & friends in need and help fill our PANTRY. We appreciate ALL new, non- perishable donations. Things we are most in need of: Soaps & Shampoos, Detergents, Toilet Paper, Tissues & Paper Towels, Tuna, Snacks, Juice & Coffee, Kid's Cereal

Special Request—One of our clients is in need of a car to get to work. Contact Kathy Zavrotny(610) 489-3911.

Perkiomen Valley Council 3633 ***Knights of Columbus*** *serving the parishes of Saint Eleanor and Saint Mary.*

Meets 2nd Sunday of each month. Call GK Robert Donaghy at 215-783-4106 or 610-287-0794 *bob.donaghy@hpe.com*
www.kofc3633.org

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Call Kevin at 610-489-4412 to schedule a week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We will deliver/pick up the Statue for those who can not manage its size and weight.

The Divine Mercy theme for October is: "Eucharist".

If you would like to know more about St Faustina, please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in Our Lady Chapel.

For more info, call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622.

WICS - Women in Catholic Service

We will have our first meeting on **Tuesday, October 24th at 7:30 in**

Vianney Hall.
All are welcome.

St. Eleanor Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration In Our Lady Chapel

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration." – *St Teresa of Calcutta*

If you would like to commit to an hour, the following hours are open:
Monday 1AM, 2AM, 4AM, 3PM
Tuesday 3AM
Wednesday 4PM
Thursday 12AM, 7AM
Friday 12AM, 2AM, 8AM, 4PM
Saturday 4AM, 5AM

Please contact Erin Finkelmeier for more information at efinkelmeier@gmail.com

Altar Server Alb Ministry **Volunteers serve approximately once every three months, especially before Christmas, Easter and Forty Hours. On their scheduled week, the volunteers have from Monday through Friday to collect, launder and return the albs. This takes approximately three hours of their time.**

If you are interested in becoming a member of this ministry, please contact Fr. Chris Moriconi cmoriconi@steleanor.com or (610) 489-1647.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

DAY and EVENING sessions starting October 5th

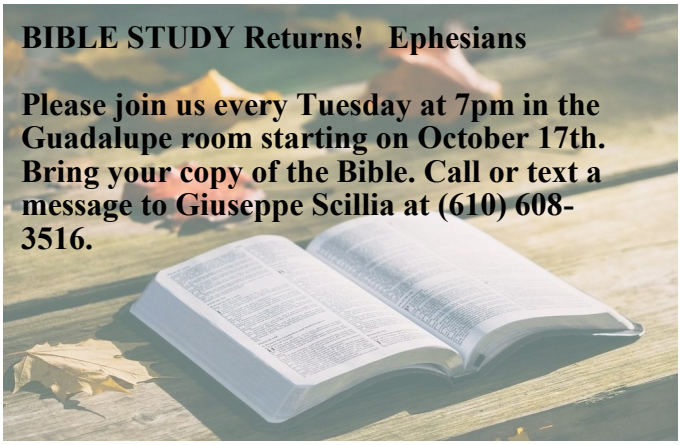
THURSDAYS 12:30pm - 2:15pm & 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Opening Your Heart (offered day and evening) is our foundation Bible study, and we recommend all new participants to begin here, regardless of previous Bible study experience.

Touching the Divine (daytime only) draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on Christ's personality through the study of the Gospel of John.

Fee: $75 includes study guide and meeting expenses. Full and half scholarships available. No questions asked.

For more information or RSVP—contact Maureen Bulwicz at MBulwicz@gmail.com or 610-454-0650 or go to www.WalkingWithPurpose.com



RCIA

Each week, on Thursday from 7:00 -8:30 PM, we hold sessions to share with others the truths of our Catholic faith and fellowship of our Catholic family. Sessions are held in the Kateri Meeting Room, in the modular building between the parish office and school, for those who would like to look into the Catholic Church and its teachings.

These sessions are open to people who are not baptized, those who are baptized Christians from other denominations or backgrounds as well as baptized Catholics who have not received their First Communion or Confirmation. They are free and do not imply commitment on your part to join the Catholic Church. We are inviting you to learn what the Church teaches and to meet some of our parish members who are joyful disciples of Jesus. These sessions are also opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask any questions you may have about our Lord Jesus and the Catholic Church.

Please give us a call if you have questions or would like further information. You can reach us at 610 -489-1647 or email church@steleanor.com or contact Eileen at 610-597-4150 or eileen.hedrick@gmail.com

Holy Cross Regional Catholic School Basket Raffle.

Friday, November 10th

Pope John Paul II High School

Doors open at 6:00pm, Raffle starts at 8:00pm
Tickets: $20.00 Advance; $25 at the door
Over 200 baskets, 50/50's and Grand Prizes

Bring your own snacks and drinks this year!

To order tickets call Melissa at 610-952-7875 or Email basketraffle@hcrc.school

Kingdom Kids Program

Begins October 15th!!

9:00 AM Mass

Parents are welcome to drop their children (ages 6 months to 3 years) in Vianney Hall by 8:40AM and pick them up after Mass. All volunteers are cleared through the Archdiocesan Safe Environment process. Space is limited and paperwork will be required at the initial drop off. Parents must have a working cell phone with them and leave a diaper bag for the child if necessary. No snacks will be provided though you may leave something with your child. Contact Lisa Weaver at Lsoda08@yahoo.com for further information. Please pray for the launch and success of this amazing new ministry.

Playgroup and Mom's Group

Please join us in Vianney Hall on Wednesday Mornings from 9:00-11:00
All ages are welcome to join us for play and fellowship!

For more information contact: Shanna Vitullo

Youth Ministry

ST. ELEANOR PARISH

G.I.F.T. 4t:13 BOLD YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

GIFT (Growing in Faith for Teens) is Saint 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 at St. Eleanor Parish: https://tinyurl.com/y6vopyrt

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

October 21st/22nd—Operation Help the Homeless

October 22nd—4Thirteens Kick-Off 5:15-6:45 PM

October 28th—BOLD Haunted Hayride at Scream Mountain—6:30 PM

November 4th/5th—Clothing Drive

November 10—4Thirteens Movie Night—7:00 PM

See website for full details: **https://www.steleanor.com/youth-ministry**

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

Contact 215-390-0933 or laurajusko@gmail.com.

Sign up for the St. Eleanor Youth Choir!

Who can join? Children of the parish, Grades 3-8

When: Thursdays 6:15 – 7 PM

How do I join? Come to a practice on Thursday night. Contact Cindy at 610-489-1728 or CindyDurell@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Is held at both the 9:00 AND 10:30 Masses!!

CYO News

St Eleanor Catholic Youth Organization is open to all children of the parish—5th through 12th grades, with a pee wee program for 1st through 3rd grades. For all information, please go to our website

Basketball News— Open Gyms (10/22-29 in Holy Cross Gym) and Varsity/Parish Basketball Team Evaluations (11/2-3 –Girls-Holy Cross Gym; Boys Pope John Pall HS Gym) are coming up. Check website for details.
Tryouts are open to 7th & 8th graders.

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.

Winter Sports Meeting will be held on Thursday October 19th at 7:00 pm at Holy Cross Regional Catholic School (Cafeteria). A parent of each registered participant is expected to attend.

CYO Website for information
http://cyo.steleanor.com/

Next Dance—November 18th

CYO Dances: Come join us for our monthly dances through the school year—for 6-8 graders in our community. The doors open at 7 PM and the dancing ends at 10 PM sharp. Please visit our web-site for more information and to purchase dance passes: http://cyo.steleanor.com/ Please visit our website for more information, dress code etc and to purchase dance passes. **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.

St. Eleanor Parish
Holiday Schedule
(all held in the church unless otherwise noted)

~DECEMBER~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	W	Th	F	Saturday
17	**18**	**19** Parish Advent Confessions 7:00 PM	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23** 9:00 AM Saturday Mass Confessions (Chapel) 8:00—8:45 AM 3:00—4:15 PM Regular Sunday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM
24 4th Sunday of Advent Regular Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM only (no 12 Noon Mass) Christmas Vigil Masses 4:00 PM Church 4:15 PM Campion Hall 6:30 PM—Church 8:30 PM—Church	**25 Christmas Day** Masses 7:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM (No evening Mass)	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30** 9:00 AM Saturday Mass Regular Sunday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM
31 Feast of the Holy Family Regular Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM 12 Noon Vigil Mass 4:30 PM (No 7:00 PM evening Mass) Holy Hour 11:00 PM (Chapel) Benediction—12 midnight	**January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** Masses 7:30, 10:00 AM 12 noon (No evening Mass)					

Metanoia Young Adults
Of Montgomery County

Metanoia for Catholics in their 20s & 30s looking to deepen their faith & meet fellow Catholics. Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com or visit Facebook

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 24: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of The Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm
Friday, October 27 Pumpkin Carving at 1021 Cardinal Rd, Audubon **Bring your own pumpkin/carving supplies.
Please park in grassy area across street

FORMED

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

The Gift of Godparents
Being a godparent is more than a cultural or symbolic role played out on the day of Baptism. Godparents will understand the necessity and responsibilities of their role for teaching, living, and protecting the faith of the baptized.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

2017 Archdiocesan Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Blessed Mother, October 28 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. Program begins at noon and includes confessions, procession and crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the holy Rosary, and concludes with a Solemn Mass at 3:00 PM. Archbishop Charles Chaput, celebrant and homilist.

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Fuel the Flame Program for church leaders, clergy and volunteers. Monday, October 30th, 7:00—9:00 PM, St. Charles Seminary, Vianney Auditorium. Mike Patin will present practical strategies for promoting vocations and heling to create a culture of vocations throughout the diocese. Event is free. Register at http://heedthecall.org/event/fueltheflame

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November 3 at 7:30PM **Rod Dreher Discussion** "The Benedict Option" Our culture is changing fast. How should Christians adapt? Bestselling author Rod Dreher proposes that parishes and schools need to become more intentional about catechesis and practicing our faith in an era when we can no longer assume a cultural background sympathetic to the faith. **Location:** Martin Saints Classical High School, 120 Allison Road, Oreland PA

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Weekend Retreat: *A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life*. November 3, Noon, November 5. Sister Joan Noreen, 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. olme@olme.org or 610-582-3333; www.olme.org

3rd Annual Run for Life
A Baby's Breath of Collegeville
October 28th
Pope John Paul II High School

abbcollegevillepc@gmail.com
610-489-0083

5K Walk/Run - OCTOBER 28th

Saint Mary Parish Youth Group will hold its 1st Annual Caped Crusaders 5K Crush on October 28th at the Philadelphia Folk Fest Grounds.

Come out and support our youth group by running or walking in your favorite superhero costume on the beautiful festival grounds . Professional chip timing & awards for top runners in each age group & awards for best costumes!

Questions? Contact Rachel Truckley at racheltruckley@gmail.com or 484-744-0184.

Ladies of Helena would like to invite you to their annual **Designer Bag Bingo** on Sunday, November 5, 2 PM to 5 PM at St. Helena Social and Recreation Center. Tickets are $25 for 14 games or $30 at the door. To purchase tickets email Carolyn Dittrich at lohdesignerbingo@gmail.com

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November 10, 2017, 7pm to 10pm**Young Adult Movie Night at the Seminary** Join us for a viewing of "I Confess," an Alfred Hitchcock thriller and a discussion to follow. Grow in your understanding of this great Sacrament as we celebrate the fact that God still calls men to be the priests who hear our confessions. Soft drinks and snacks will be provided! St. Charles Borromeo Seminary heedthecall.org/upcoming-events

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St Teresa of Avila Christmas Bazaar, Friday, Nov 10, 2017 5PM to 10PM. Food, Vendors, Basket Raffles, Silent Auction, Baked Goods, Cookie Walk and Kid's Activities. Phone 610-666-5820.

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Miraculous Medal Shrine Solemn Novena, November 13 – 21; Feast Day Mass, Wednesday, November 22 Join us in person or online for the 89th Annual Miraculous Medal Solemn Novena and Feast Day Mass at the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Philadelphia. Can't make it in person? Go online to MiraculousMedal.org/Novena to send in your intentions or watch the LIVE stream.

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Like to rekindle the excitement, passion, and romance from your honeymoon? Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is Nov. 17-19 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. For more information call 484-393-1645 or visit our website at www.wwme-philly.org

Education Related Events

Pope John Paul II High School **Annual College Fair** Thursday, October 26th, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

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Lansdale Catholic Fall **Open House** – LC will host their Fall Open House on Thursday, November 9 from 6:30 pm to 9 pm. Families of 6th, 7th and 8th graders are cordially invited to join us on that evening.

O L M C Italian American Club
HALLOWEEN HARVEST BINGO

Sunday, October 29 at 2PM (Doors Open 1PM)
Mount Carmel Social Club 'Crystal Room'
1210 E Ridge Pike * Plymouth Meeting
Admission: $20

Includes 10 Games, Dessert & Coffee
Cash Prizes. . . Door Prizes. . . Basket Raffle & 50/50
Hot Dogs/Snack Bags, Tomato Pie & Soda. . . $1 each

All are Welcome!
Questions call Gina @ 610.324.5188
*Prize for the Best Costume,,,,,
Join Us!