



St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

Parish Established 1908 • Church Dedicated 1947

March 20, 2022 | Third Sunday of Lent



"Sir,
leave the fig tree
for another year;
perhaps it
will bear fruit."

Luke 13:8-9

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Monday—Thursday

5:00pm

7:00 am

Friday

Sunday

12:00 pm

Saturday

7:00am

8:30 am

9:00am

Confessions

Saturday

11:00am

9:15am

Sunday Mass will be live streamed
through Facebook on
Sundays at 9:00 am
and posted after on the website.

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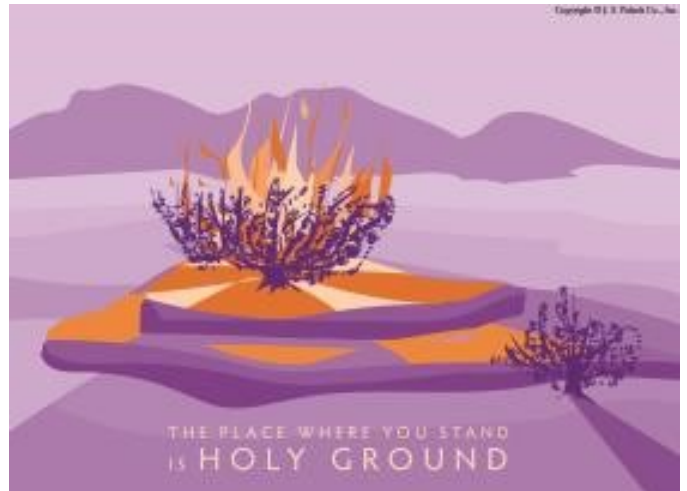
A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Like generations before us we try to understand how God works, what God does and does not do. The first reading tells us that God came and made His presence known to Moses in a burning bush. A voice spoke and identified itself as "I am who am." The One who has always been and who created all things was making Himself known to Moses and to man desiring to be known through all generations. Paul reminds the Corinthians that those who believed found life and those who did not were struck down. Jesus then tells the people that there is no correlation between what happens to people and God's favor. God is merciful and is always ready to forgive but when He calls He wants a response. Like the parable of the fig tree God is patient but not does not want to be ignored. Many acknowledge God as a presence to be reckoned with but too often live with the attitude that they will get to that, God can wait like so many things on our to do list. God does not want to be put aside on a list and does eventually have His limits. Is it time to check in, to go deeper?

Through Christ Our Lord. Fr. Carroll

STEWARDSHIP + OFFERTORY

March 13		\$4,542.00
Online		\$2,614.25
Total		\$13,746.25
Latin America/Catholic Relief Services		\$665.75
Collection for Ukraine		\$1,070.00



DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST (Part-time)

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church (Wilmington, DE)

The Director of Music, in collaboration with the Pastor, is responsible for planning and providing sacred music, directing the cantors/choir, and promoting the full, active, and conscious participation of the faithful in accordance with the Church documents on sacred music. This is a part-time position. For more information and application email a cover letter and your CV to bjwasilewski@aol.com or ncaroll@steparish.org.

Tomorrow, Monday, March 21 is the Feast of St. Benedict's death. Because of our roots, we will honor and celebrate him. St. Benedict, an Italian Monk, is revered in our Church in a statue to honor the faith of our German immigrant parishioners. To understand that connection you need a little history. St. Benedict established monasteries all over Europe. When Sacred heart Church opened in Wilmington it was German Benedictine priests and sisters who staffed the parish serving a German immigrant community. When the next generation moved up the hill to St Elizabeth they brought their connection to Benedict given to them by their priests and sisters with them. We share that history because the same German Benedictine community of Sisters opened out school.

Our school intentionally chose this Feast of St Benedict as a Day of Giving. See the school website for more information.



MASS INTENTIONS 3/19–3/27

Sat	5:00 pm	Steve Sanna
Sun	7:00 am	Intentions of Rev. Joseph Cocucci People of the Parish
	9:00 am	Elizabeth Rivers
	11:00 am	Francis Blaschke
Mon	7:00 am	Thomas Lynch
Tues	7:00 am	Intentions of Edgar C. Jones
Wed	7:00 am	Gary Ciszowski
Thurs	7:00 am	David Vassalotti
Fri	12:00 pm	William Bristow
Sat	8:30 am	Gary Ciskowski
	5:00 pm	Duane Benson & Alain Jourdier
Sun	7:00 am	Patricia Cutrona Hall
	9:00 am	Josef & Franziska Ernst People of the Parish
	11:00am	Gregg Mayhart

*Mass cards are available in the Parish Office
Celebrated in the parish—\$10 Offering
Celebrated outside the parish—\$10 Offering*

**Please call or visit the parish office
to inquire about dates for 2022.**

Masses can be said for birthday's, anniversaries,
special intentions, etc.

The 2023 mass book is open.

Pray for...



We believe
in the power of prayer.

Please notify the office
of changes in yours or a
loved one's health so
that we might properly
focus our prayers.

Doris Wilds
Jack McDermott, III
Herman McDermott
Kathleen Matarese
Darlene Bargelski
Joseph Korup
Margaret Wertz
Karen Gallagher
Maryann Berry
Tab Smith
Barbara Zack
Debbie Buchler
Harry Beagelski, Jr.
Kristi Lepkowski
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Anne Marie McLaughlin

*Commemorative Candles
for the week of March 20*

In memory of Anne Matarese
In loving memory of Nellie Haggerty Glynn

*Commemorative Candles - \$10 Offering
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SACRAMENTS



The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be offered on
Saturday morning after the 8:30am mass and not at
4:00pm.

The **Anointing of the Sick** may be requested after mass
if you are preparing for surgery. "Last Rites" can always
be requested at home or at the hospital. It is best to do
so when the person is still able to participate in the
prayer.

Funerals - Funeral directors will contact the church and
make arrangements for you. Visitations in church are at
the pastor's discretion and parish membership. Eulogies
in church are discouraged by Diocesan Policy.

Weddings - Call for scheduling and PreCana. Couples
should contact the parish at least 1 year in advance.

Baptisms - Baptisms will be celebrated on the 2nd and
4th Sundays at 12:30. We will limit these celebrations to
two families. Families must be registered in the parish.
Discuss dates with Lisa in the parish office when you are
ready. Participation in one preparation session is
required. This can be done before the birth of your child.

VOCATION REFLECTION

Pray that like Moses, our young people will enter more
deeply into conversation with the Lord in prayer as they
seek to discover their vocations in Christ. **If you think
God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, religious
brother or sister, contact Fr. Carroll. 302-
573-3113,
www.cdow.org/vocations
or vocations@cdow.org.**
**Check out the new Facebook page
"Vocations Diocese of Wilmington"**



IN A WORLD...

...waging war on poverty, choose to live as Jesus did —
simply. As part of our call to be holy, we are called to be
good stewards of the gifts God has given us. How do you
use your gifts?

PARENTING POINTERS

Figuring out blame is a trap that it is easy for even loving couples to fall into. One of the sweetest phrases I hear from my husband is, "Honey, you were right." Said honestly, it can be a healing balm.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Parenthood is not limited to one gender. Male and females both carry responsibility for their child. If you are the primary caregiver, give yourself a break. If you are not a single parent, perhaps you can provide some respite for a single parent that you know.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(302) 652-3626

CCD classes (Grades 1-8) Sunday from 9:30-10:45

Barbara Maddams, Coordinator
Eileen Lisowski, Sacramental Prep

OUTREACH

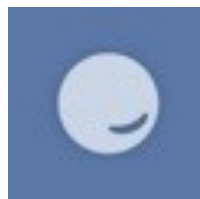
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This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15*

God speaks to Moses from the burning bush and sends him to the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 103:1-4, 6-7, 8, 11*

A prayer in praise of God's mercy

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12*

Paul teaches that the Scriptures were written to set an example for us.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 13:1-9*

Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.

Family Connection

We may be unfamiliar with fig trees, but we might know about the growth of spring flowers. Perhaps we have looked at a dry, brown flower bulb and wondered how this produces the colorful tulip or daffodil blossom that we expect to bloom in the spring. Perhaps we've even thought about the patience and hope that are required to plant flower bulbs in October. We don't have to be gardeners, however, to know about patience and hopefulness. As parents, we practice these virtues each day with our children. We may become frustrated and even angered by their willfulness and lack of cooperation. Yet we continue to offer our attention and guidance in hope that one day our efforts will bear fruit. Today's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. As parents, we know God's kindness when we find evidence for our hope for our children. Does God find such glimmers of hope as he works with us?

Gather your family and show a spring flower in bloom. Recall that in the fall this flower was a dry bulb (if a flower bulb is available, show this as well). Talk about the hopefulness and patience shown by those who plant flower bulbs in the fall in the hope that they will bloom in the spring. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 13:1-9. Compare the parable of the barren fig tree to your discussion about spring flowers. Consider the patience and hopefulness that God has with us as he works with us, calling us to return to him when we sin. Offer prayers of thanks and praise to God for his patience and hopefulness towards us. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 103.



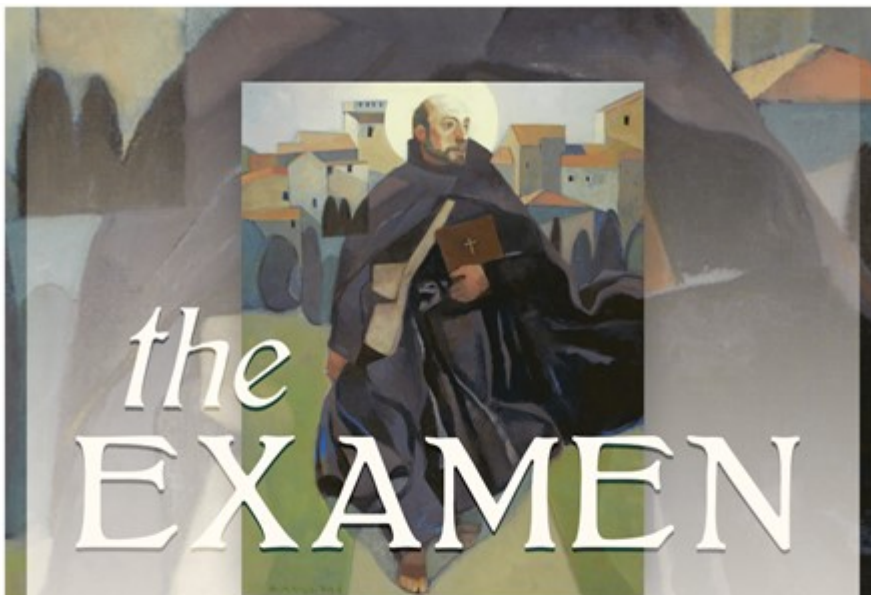
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THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD

PER CHRISTUM DOMINUM NOSTRUM

LENT 2022

See the many opportunities that we have for confession or make an appointment. Reconciliation Monday is an opportunity for the faithful to return to the Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Share this invitation with those you pray for in hopes of knowing God's love through the church.



the EXAMEN

The *Examen* is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God. It's actually an attitude more than a method, a time set aside for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life. It has five steps, which most people take more or less in order, and it usually takes 15 to 20 minutes per day. Here it is in a nutshell:

- 1** Ask God for light.
I want to look at my day with God's eyes, not merely my own.
- 2** Give thanks.
The day I have just lived is a gift from God. Be grateful for it.
- 3** Review the day.
I carefully look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit.
- 4** Face your shortcomings.
I face up to what is wrong—in my life and in me.
- 5** Look toward the day to come.
I ask where I need God in the day to come.

Version of the Examen from *A Simple, Life-Changing Prayer* by Jim Manning © Loyola Press

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation CONFESSION

Saturdays 9:15am

Saturday, March 25 4:00pm

Sunday, March 26 8:00 & 10:00

Reconciliation Monday - Holy Week

April 11 3:00pm - 8:00pm

In every Church in the diocese

Good Friday 12:30pm - (stations)

By appointment - call Fr Carroll

For confessions I have been using the first confessional on the left side of the church. It has been redesigned so that the right side offers an option to sit while the right side remains with a kneeler. The use of the confessional insures the appropriate safety of priest and confessor as well as the ability to be anonymous. If you prefer a face to face confession simply come to the door and ask and I will come and sit in the pew with you. While preparing or doing penance, please sit away from the confessional.

Fr. Carroll

THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD

PER CHRISTUM DOMINUM NOSTRUM

LENT 2022

PREPARE YOUR HEART
FOR EASTER

RECONCILIATION
MONDAY

APRIL 11 3-8 PM



THE
STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS

FRIDAYS - 6:00pm

Join us in Grant Hall following stations for potluck dinner. Bring something meatless to share.



Following the meal, Deacon Ken, Deacon Walt or Fr. Carroll will share a 15-20 presentation.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
WEDNESDAYS this LENT



5:00pm - 9:00pm

3rd WEEK OF LENT -
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ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

BENEDICTINE SPIRIT

VIKING PRIDE

Join us for a Pancake Breakfast following the Spring Sports Mass. Breakfast will be served 10am - 12:00pm in Grant Hall and all proceeds will go to The Delaware Foundation Reaching Citizens with Cognitive Disabilities (DFRC).

Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee and more with the VKNation! Faculty, parents and Blue-Gold Club members look forward to serving you!

Cost is \$10 per person or \$30 per family (2 adults + multiple kids). Kids under 5 years old are free.

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SUNDAY

20
MARCH

Grab a foursome & join us for a day on the green with your fellow Vikings!

Golf Tournament Day Schedule
Friday, April 29, 2022
Registration 10:00 - 10:45am
Shotgun Start 11:00am

Boxed lunches and on course drinks provided.

Cocktail hour, silent auction, and awards ceremony following play. All proceeds benefit St. Elizabeth Athletics. Please consider one of our sponsor-

ship levels to help further enhance our student experience.

Please register by Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

Registration and Sponsorship levels available online:

<https://www.steschools.org/alumni/alumni-events>

Vikings Together for 24 hours

On March 21, St. E Giving Day presents a special opportunity to bring other Vikings together to strengthen the VKNation. Why? Vikings helping Vikings is a St. Elizabeth tradition and with *your help*, we can unleash the full potential of St. E.

Giving Day is a unique opportunity to support the traditions and programs at St. Elizabeth that mean the most to all of us. Special challenges mean your gift goes even further on Giving Day. This opportunity for Vikings of all generations to come together only happens once a year!

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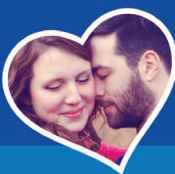
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