St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Parish

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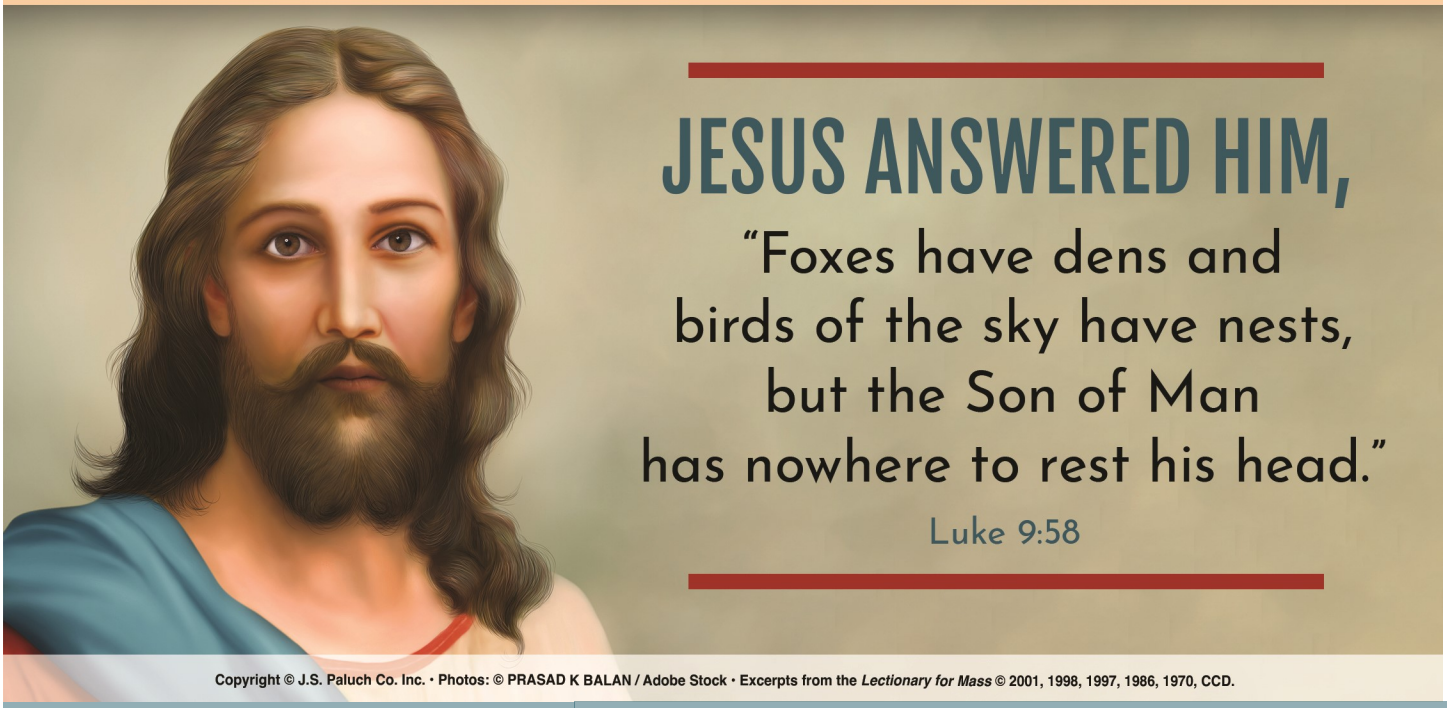
June 26, 2022

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	Monday—Thursday
5:00pm	7:00 am
Sunday	Friday
7:00am	12:00 pm
9:00am	Saturday
11:00am	8:30 am
	Confessions
	Saturday
	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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Call the Office

www.steparish.org

Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
June 25-26

A Word from your Pastor

Greetings and Blessings to the parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish.

Fr. Norm and I have been friends and brothers in the priesthood of the Diocese of Wilmington for over two decades. It is an honor for us to now work so closely together with each other for both of our parishes. We are committed to this and, with God's grace, the tradition, strength, and faith of St. Elizabeth Parish and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will continue to grow for the spiritual and physical good of all who enter our churches.

I grew up at St. Matthew's down the road from St. E's. I have always heard of the vitality and goodness of St. E's parish. I am filled with joy and gratitude, the Bp. Koenig has blessed me with the ministry of being your new Pastor for the parish and the school. As a priest for 33 years and a teacher in my early years, I promise to be dedicated to serving you to the best of my ability and faith.

On Wednesday evening, June 29th, I will arrive at the parish to begin my ministry.

I look forward to working with Brooks Jensen, our seminarian who is on his pastoral year with all of us. He is a blessing to St. E's parish and will be for us a good teacher and model of faithfulness.

Also, I look forward to living with Fr. Glen Evers as well. For us two priests to share in fraternity and support in the rectory will benefit us both. And, to minister to Deacon Ken and Deacon Walt will be a blessing indeed.

Fr. John McVoy, whom I have known for years as a friend, will celebrate the Masses with you on the Weekend of June 26th and some daily masses as well …as I will be in Italy to baptize my cousin's new baby, Luca. I look forward to introducing you to my Italian relatives as they visit here in De. Fr. John has ministered often at St. E' and Seton and I appreciate his help and friendship very much.

A new chapter and journey awaits us all. Let us travel together as one parish family, with our hearts open to the Word and one another. May Jesus guide our steps and inspire us in word and deed to celebrate and proclaim our Catholic Faith and Heritage.

With great respect to you all,

Fraternally,
Fr. Roger

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Stewardship + Offertory

June 19	$5,254.00
Online Giving	$3,278.00
Total	**$8,532.00**

Online Giving

We apologize if you have had issues logging in to Online Giving. Our link was changed and then we had to change the links on our website. Please call the parish office if you have any questions. Here is our new link:
https://www.osvhub.com/steparish/giving/funds

Mass Intentions 6/25-7/3

Sat	5:00 pm	**Steve Sanna**
Sun	7:00 am	**John Cutrona**
	9:00 am	**John Houghton**
	11:00 am	**Marion Feil** **People of the Parish**
Mon	7:00 am	**Betty Schmitz**
Tues	7:00 am	**Joseph P. Aviola, Sr.**
Wed	7:00 am	**Patricia Giannone**
Thurs	7:00 am	**All Souls in Purgatory**
Fri	12:00 pm	**Christopher Mitchell**
Sat	8:30 am	**Patrick Piekarski**
	5:00 pm	**Kathleen & George Walsh** **People of the Parish**
Sun	7:00 am	**Eugene G. Maloney**
	9:00 am	**Thomas P. DeLucia**
	11:00am	**Catherine Sparco**

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.
Jolynn Maniscalc
Anne Marie McLaughlin

Commemorative Candles
for the week of June 26

Loving Memory of Sr. Margaret Maureen Thompson, OSF
In loving memory of Judy McLaughlin on her birthday

Sacraments

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be offered on Saturday morning after the 8:30am mass .

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.

Are you a Minister of Holy Communion and interested in visiting the sick on a weekly or monthly basis? Post-Covid there are many parishioners who are homebound that we can reach out to and bring them the Eucharist. They faithfully view our live stream or Mass on a TV station. Your commitment can vary from 1 person when needed to more if you have the time. At he present time we have two faithful parishioners making weekly visits.

Call the Parish Office if you are interested. If you are not currently a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion we can make that happen too so that you can do this ministry.

Please consider supporting parishioner Mary Rivers as she prepares for a year of ministry with Christ in the City, a Denver-based nonprofit that trains young adults to support the chronically homeless. Missionaries form relationships with the homeless, addressing poverty at its core by showing them they are known and loved. Donate online at https://christinthecity.org/maryr/

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

Has Easter made you consider becoming Catholic? Have you been sitting in the pews with a spouse? Did something just draw you to this church? Do you want to find out about the RCIA process? Call the parish office or speak to Fr. Carroll, Deacon Ken or Deacon Walt.

Liturgy

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jean Scalessa jeanscalessa@gmail.com
Coordinator

Are you in 4th grade or above and interested in being an altar server at Sunday Mass? If you are, let Fr. Carroll know and we can set up a training session and begin as a crossbearer to observe.

Choir Director

We are looking for a part-time choir director for an established choir at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Minimally the responsibilities are a weekly rehearsal Sept—May and a Sunday Mass. Additional opportunities could be possible. Contact Fr. Carroll, at ncarroll@steparish.org

Outreach

Outreach is aware that one of the biggest problems facing some members of our community is food insecurity. If you or someone you know is having trouble feeding their family please call 652-3626 and leave us a message by selecting the Outreach option. Please leave your name, phone number and best time to reach you.

Vocation Reflection

Pray that men and women called to proclaim the kingdom of God by their lives of service as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will have the determination to overcome every obstacle to their response through prayer and the practice of virtue. **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"**

All the Members…

... of the church are responsible for looking after vocations. "The duty of fostering vocations falls on the whole Christian community, and they should discharge it principally by living full Christian lives." (Vatican II) To have a full Christian life, listen to the Word of God, participate in the Eucharist, exercise charity and pray!

Marriage Moments

Sometimes the strife in our world can feel heavy and burdensome. May the love that you carry for each other prompt you to find one act you can do to relieve someone else's suffering this week.

Parenting Pointers

What clutters your home? Maybe you have many mementos of happy trips together. Maybe you have some tools, toys, clothes that are not being used. This week, ask your family to take a half day or hour to identify some clutter in a room or a drawer? Do something positive with it.

Word of Life

"O God our Creator… we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith."

USCCB "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"

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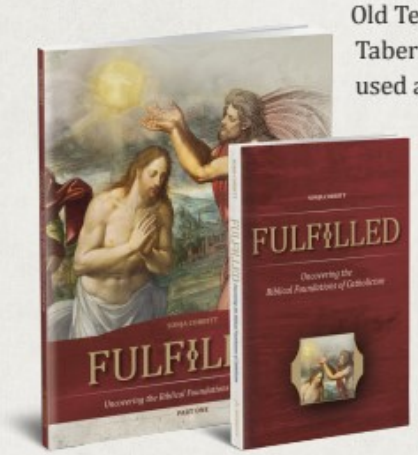

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We are hiring additional part-time employees for our Extended Care Program for the 2022-2023 school year! Visit our website to learn more: https://www.steschools.org/about-us/employment

Faith & Charity
Catholic Appeal

Our goal at St., Elizabeth Parish is $52,000.00—we have raised ***$45,620.00***! We invite all parishioners to participate in this important effort. Please make your sacrificial gift to help continue the mission of the Church here in the Diocese of Wilmington.

When our parish collects its goal amount, the parish will receive a rebate. All funds over goal—100% will be returned to out parish to foster our charitable and ministerial work.

To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org ; find "What Can I Do?" then click "Support the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal".

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

Religious Freedom Week 2022: Life and Dignity for All

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom. Please visit https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week for more information.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16b,19-21
Elijah anoints Elisha as his successor.
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11
I set the Lord ever before me.
Second Reading: Galatians 5:1,13-18
Christ has set us free.
Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62
Jesus resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerazim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plow you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back.

Family Connection

Parents are always striving to help their children to set priorities. Children need to learn to finish homework before watching TV or going out to play. They need to know that they have to finish their chores before they can go out with their friends. They need to know that paying attention to curfews for their safety is more important than being popular.

As a family, talk about these examples of setting priorities. Share examples of how you learned to prioritize as you were maturing. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about the importance of making him the number-one priority in our lives.

Read aloud Luke 9:51-62. Talk about how going to Sunday Mass as a family is an important way of keeping God at the center of our lives. Talk about other ways that the family can make Jesus a priority.

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