

St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Parish

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Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

Fr. John Enemuo, CDOW's newest priest

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 12:15 pm Tuesday 7:15 am

Wed 7:15 am

4:00 pm Friday 12:15 pm

Saturday 8:15 am

Sunday

Sat. Vigil

<u>Holy Hour</u>

Monday & Friday

7:30 am 12:45-1:45 pm

<u>Confessions</u>

10:00 am

Saturday 8:45 am

4th Sunday of the month Filipino Mass at 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass will be live streamed at 10:00 AM through Facebook and posted after on the website.

PARISH OFFICE

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Notes from Fr. Roger Mensajes de Padre Roger



The Catholic Church in the City of Wilmington
Cathedral of St. Peter I St. Ann I St. Anthony of Padua I St. Elizabeth
St. Hedwig I St. Joseph I St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
St. Patrick I St. Paul I St. Thomas the Apostle

EXCERPT FROM MY HOMILY FOR FR. JOHN ENEMUO'S FIRST MASS

Now a word from St. Pope John Paul II...how could I not!

These words are from his 2003 Holy Thursday Letter to all Priests...it was the 25th year and anniversary of his pontificate... I offer you these two quotes found in one document to help you find a sense of harmony and balance in worship.

"In my numerous Pastoral Visits, I have seen, throughout the world, the great vitality which the celebration of the Eucharist can have when marked by the forms, styles and sensibilities of different cultures. By adaptation to the changing conditions of time and place, the Eucharist offers sustenance not only to individuals but to entire peoples, and it shapes cultures inspired by Christianity.

Our time, too, calls for a renewed awareness and appreciation of liturgical norms as a reflection of, and a witness to the One universal Church made present in every celebration of the Eucharist. Priests who faithfully celebrate mass according to the liturgical norms and communities which conform to those norms, quietly but eloquently demonstrate their love for the Church. No one is permitted to undervalue the mystery entrusted to our hands: it is too great for anyone to feel free to treat it lightly and with disregard for its sacredness and its universality.

All this makes clear the great responsibility which belongs to priest in particular for the celebration of the Eucharist."

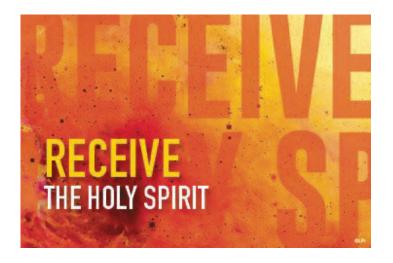
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Mass Intentions 5/27-6/4

Sat	4:00 pm	Elizabeth 'Betty' Annoni People of the Parish
Sun	7:30 am	Barbara Zack
	10:00 am	George Seraphin Mary Pacchioli
Mon	12:15 pm	Barbara Zack
Tues	7:15 am	Msgr. Thomas Cini
Wed	7:15 am	Barbara Zack
Fri	12:15 pm	Msgr. J. Thomas Cini
Sat	8:15 am	Dan Cantera Bruce Faulkner
	4:00 pm	Lynn Swiatek
Sun	7:30 am	Msgr. J. Thomas Cini People of the Parish
	10:00 am	Helen Bogert Mary Pacchioli

Mass cards are available in the Parish Office—\$10 Offering Please call or visit the parish office to inquire about dates.

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



Pray for...

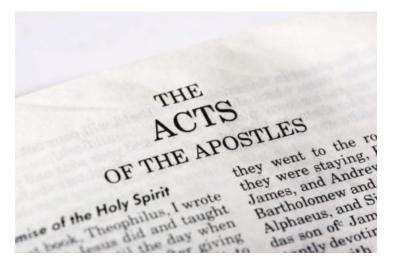


We believe in the power of prayer.

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 Maryann Berry Tab Smith Debbie Buchler Harry Bargelski, Jr. Jolynn Maniscalc Anne Marie McLaughlin James Creedon Jack McDermott, I Claudette Bargelski Kathy McDermott Timothy Helm

BIBLE STUDY WITH BROOKS



Join our seminarian, Brooks, on Thursday evenings at 7 PM, **starting June 8th**. He will walk us through the Acts of the Apostles. We'll meet for 8 weeks for about an hour and a half each week in the school.

Any questions, please call the parish office 302-652-3626



SACRAMENTS



The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be offered on Saturday morning after the 8:15 AM mass, at 8:45.

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 11:00 AM. Please attend the 10:00 AM mass. Families should register 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.

St. Elizabeth Devotion



Every month we have our St. Elizabeth Devotion. It is a time to gather in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, to encounter the Word, Benediction, and the St. Elizabeth Prayer, Litany and Hymn. We celebrate this devotion to honor our patroness, to learn from her story and to strengthen us to be a community that stands up for life as Elizabeth did.

Join us the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM.

There is a Blessing of the Child in the Womb at the conclusion. If you have received the good news that you are pregnant, come for the blessing.

1,000 Hail Marys Devotion

Please join us on Saturday, 6/24 to pray the Devotion of the Thousand Hail Marys, starting at 9:00 am (after the 8:15 mass). This devotion takes about 5 hours, however you do not need to be able to stay the entire time. Light refreshments are provided.

The Thousand Hail Marys is a "super rosary" well meditated on all the mysteries of our salvation, which bring many graces to all participants. Consider praying with us for all your personal intentions.



Dear Parishioners of our beloved St. Elizabeth Parish,

I write this note on behalf of Bp. Koenig, our Shepherd, here in the Diocese of Wilmington.

Each year, he conducts the Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal, which supports the Diocese of Wilmington with many of its activities and missions to keep alive the Message of Jesus and the Life of the Catholic Church here in Delaware.

He and I humbly ask that you support this yearly effort. We have just under 1,000 families registered in our parish and thus far, 110 families/households have donated. Please pray and find it in your heart to offer your pledge this year.

There are pledge cards in the pews of the church, or you can mail a donation to the parish and we will forward it to the Bp.'s office for you. This is a sacrifice for all of us in these difficult times.

Together we can make the Bp.s goal for us of \$52, 000. Thus far, we have collected \$36,000. We have the ability and the faith to make this happen for our parish. We can be proud of our efforts and the Bishop will be most grateful to all of us and our beloved parish.

With the deepest respect to all of you for your ministry and your families.

St. Elizabeth, St. Benedict, St. Scholastica,

St. Pope John Paul II, pray for us. Amen.

Fraternally, Fr. Roger

L The three-year Eucharistic Revival has begun! The Church in the United States is responding to the bishops' call for us to be healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist-and then sent out on mission "for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51). We are invited to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ, Our Lord, through the celebration of the Eucharist, so that we can be set on fire for the mission our Church needs so desperately.

Year of Diocesan Revival June 19, 2022-June 11, 2023 Year of Parish Revival June 11, 2023-July17, 2024 **National Eucharistic Congress** July 17-21, 2024 Year of Going Out on Mission



The Eucharist is the greatest gift that Jesus has given us because it contains his very self. At the Last Supper Jesus says to his Twelve Apostles, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13). Then he makes that statement real in the gift of the Eucharist when he says, "This is my Body given up for you... this is my Blood poured out for you" (Lk 22:19-20). He gives this saving self-gift-his Paschal Mystery--an enduring presence in the Eucharist, so that for all ages we would be able to receive this gift and learn to make a gift of our own lives: laying down our life for him, as he did for us.

On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi this year, June 8, 2023, we will begin the Eucharistic Revival's parish year (June 2023-July 2024). This year promises to be the most impactful phase of this multi-year response to the Holy Spirit. For the Eucharistic Revival to be successful, parishes must fulfill their key role in boldly proclaiming the Gospel. With Pope Francis, we must understand that "the parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community" (Evangelit Gaudium, no. 28)."

LIVESTREAM HELP WANTED

Would you be interested in livestreaming the 10:00 AM mass? We'd like to recruit some volunteers so that each

person would only be responsible for the livestream once every month or every other month!

Please reach out to Deacon Ken Email: kenneth.pulliam@comcast.net

or text: 302-584-5434

SCHOOL NURSE SUBSTITUTE

If you or someone you know is a registered nurse and would like to substitute for our school in the school's nursing office, please contact:

Marian Flores via email at mflores@sehs.org or by phone at 302-656-3369 x 3030

A current nursing license and current Basic Life Support card would be necessary to fill this paid position.

LITURGY

MUSIC MINISTRY

Marion Jacob Director mjacob@steparish.org

Jean Scalessa Funeral Coordinator jeanscalessa@gmail.com

Parish Choir

If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Marion Jacob, mjacob@steparish.org.
Rehearsal is on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the church.
The choir sings at the 10 AM mass and occasionally the 4 PM mass.



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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(302) 652-3626

Religious Ed. classes (Grades 1-8) Sundays from 9:00-9:50 & 10:00 AM mass

Barbara Maddams, Coordinator Eileen Lisowski, Sacramental Prep

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.

FAMILY PROMISE

Would you like to prepare and share dinner with families currently at Jesus House with Family Promise? For more information about this ministry please reach out to the parish office.

VOCATION REFLECTION

Pray for an increased devotion to the Holy Spirit among our young people, as He leads them in their prayerful discernment to discover their vocation 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"



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WORD OF LIFE

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

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Background on the Gospel Reading

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34

God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Family Connection

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or an issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's Psalm or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another a Sign of Peace.



St. Elizabeth School News

BENEDICTINE SPIRIT VIKING PRIDE

While the school year may be winding down, our students are not 1500 Cedar Street Wilmington, Delaware 19805 slowing down! This week our National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) students visited Ronald McDonald House of Delaware to volunteer their time to help clean some of the common areas and play areas for the families and children. Thank you to Mr. Turulski and Katie Soja Johnson '03 for coordinating our service trip!



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Early Childhood Program & Elementary Pre K 3-8

> Dr. Tracey Rush, Principal trush@viking.pvt.k12.de.us

St Elizabeth High School 9th-12th grade

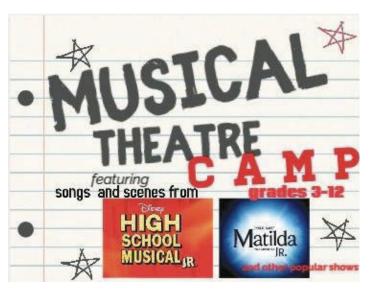
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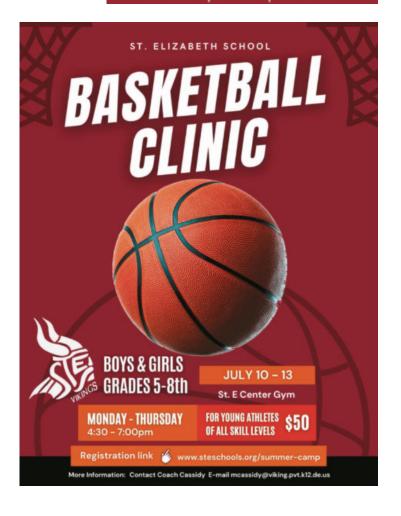
EDUCATE TENGAGE TEMPOWER



An exciting opportunity for students in grades 3rd - 12th who are interested in the performing arts!

Mrs. Daley, our Director of Performing Arts, is hosting a Musical Theatre Camp June 19th - 23rd. Join us at St. E for a magical, musical, and exciting summer camp experience!

Whether you're a singer, dancer, actor, or in the tech booth, there's a place for YOU! Girls and boys in grades 3rd - 12th are all welcome to attend. Please contact Mrs. Melissa Daley at mdaley@sehs.org to learn more and how to register.





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