



# St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Parish

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"Our Mother Mary" at Graduation

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 25, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Sat. Vigil**

**4:00 pm**

**Sunday**

**7:30 am**

**10:00 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.

Monday 12:15 pm

Tuesday 7:15 am

Wed 7:15 am

Friday 12:15 pm

Saturday 8:15 am

Holy Hour

Monday & Friday

12:45-1:45 pm

Confessions

Saturday

8:45 am

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## June 25, 2023

### NOTES FROM FR. ROGER MENSAJES DE PADRE ROGER

## City Deanery

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



### Robust Faith Formation

After three days they found [Jesus] in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers" (Lk 2:46-47).

Jesus captivated crowds by his teachings. "When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them.." (Mt 5:1-2). "He was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples. He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test'" (Lk 11:1-4).

At the heart of the Church's life is the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus, represented for us in the Holy Eucharist (see Ecclesia de Eucharistia, no. 3). Yet Christ came not only to suffer, die, and rise again for our salvation; he also came to instruct us on how to live, how to pray, and most importantly, how to love as he loves us.

**We all need this continual formation in the sacrament of love, the Holy Eucharist, so that we can be more effective servants of our Lord.**

### STEWARDSHIP + OFFERTORY

June 11		\$3,737.00
Online		\$3,329.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7,066.50</b>

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

### MASS INTENTIONS 6/17-6/25

Sat	4:00 pm	<b>Carol Everett</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
Sun	7:30 am	<b>John Cutrona</b>
	10:00 am	<b>James Watson</b> <b>Mary Pacchioli</b>
Mon	12:15 pm	<b>John Houghton</b>
Tues	7:15 am	<b>Judy McLaughlin</b>
Wed	7:15 am	<b>Bernadine Seraphin</b>
Fri	12:15 pm	<b>Marguerite Kane</b>
Sat	8:15 am	<b>William Rivers, Sr.</b> <b>Bruce Faulkner</b>
	4:00 pm	<b>Louis Fiorella</b>
Sun	7:30 am	<b>Eugene Maloney</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
	10:00 am	<b>Mary Pacchioli</b> <b>Angelina "Ginny" Lewis</b>

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.

### FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023—SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

To date, our parish has raised \$46,873.00 which is 90.14% of our goal of \$52,000.00. We have collected \$24,503.76. We must fulfill our pledges so our parish achieves the goal with the collected amount.

Did you know? The Faith and Charity Catholic appeal supports our Office of Vocations in the Diocese of Wilmington. A special call to shine the light of Christ is through the work of the Office of Vocations. This office encourages, nurtures, and guides individuals who will serve our communities as Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons, and lay ministers. Your support of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal helps us care for our people's needs and ensure the next generation of faith-filled leaders.

*Commemorative Candles  
for the week of June 25*

*Happy Birthday Dot Kappauf*

*In loving memory of Judy McLaughlin*

*Remembering Judy McGuire  
McLaughlin on her birthday*

*Speedy recovery William S.  
McLaughlin*

*Commemorative Candles - \$10 Offering  
- card available to send -*

*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 Maniscalco

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. 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

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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

**FROM SEPTEMBER—JUNE** 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  
SEPTEMBER—JUNE 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.





## 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](mailto:kenneth.pulliam@comcast.net)  
or text: 302-584-5434



## LITURGY

### MUSIC MINISTRY

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*Funeral Coordinator*

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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.

## SEEKING GOD

### AS A BENEDICTINE OBLATE

If you have a desire to seek God through prayer and community, please join us at 1 pm on August 19th at St. Gertrude Monastery (25 Gender Road, Newark DE 19713)

to learn about the Oblates of St. Benedict and who we are. On that day you will meet the Oblate Director and Dean, as well as some current oblate members, tour the monastery, learn what it means to be an oblate and begin a discussion about the Rule of St. Benedict. If you are interested in learning more about Benedictine Oblates, please RSVP via phone or email to Sr. Marylou Robino, OSB (phone: 302-416-0459 email: [marylourob\\_2009@hotmail.com](mailto:marylourob_2009@hotmail.com)) by Saturday, August 12.

## VOCATION REFLECTION

Pray that all Catholics will adore the great gift of the Holy Eucharist given to them by Jesus Christ at the hands of His priests and that those chosen to nourish His body as priests and in the consecrated life will inspire many more to follow Him. **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](http://www.cdow.org/vocations) or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org). Check out the new Facebook page "Vocations Diocese of Wilmington"**



## WHAT KINDS OF PEOPLE...

...become priests, sisters or brothers? Are they uncommonly holy, unusually saint-like? No. They are people who make mistakes, people who aren't afraid to be human while in God's service.

Are they people who can't face the competition and cruelty of the "real" world? No. They are people who believe that through ministry they can immerse themselves in the world and make positive changes.

Are they people who don't relate well with other people? No. They are people who love others — people who find real satisfaction chatting with a 93-year-old parishioner, holding the hand of a cancer patient, listening to the troubles of a streetwise teen.

They are people with the courage to touch lives, hearts and souls in a high-tech, unchurched world. Are you that kind of person?

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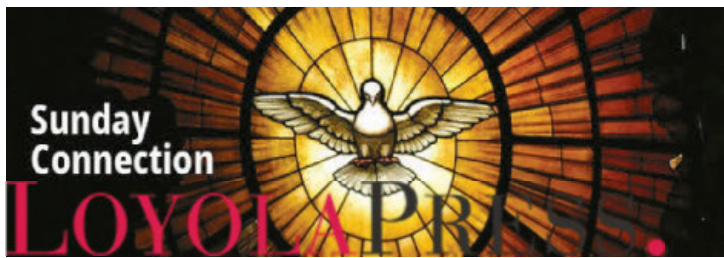
## WORD OF LIFE

"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"

## PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN MINISTRY

School's Out, Join Us! Looking for a Catholic Community to hang out with? Please join PWYCM - Parents With Young Children Ministry. We are a Catholic community of families that live in MD/DE/PA that enjoy potluck socials, family activities, women's faith sharing, date nights, Mom's night outs, guys service projects and more. We are trying to intentionally raise fun loving, faith-filled young people. Come check us out! Please txt Ruthie at 484-554-5618, we will add you to our email list!



### Background on the Gospel Reading

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel.

Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

### Family Connection

It is not only individuals who need reassurance about God's love and protection. Communities need this reassurance as well, including the community of the family. Children rely on the confidence of their parents for this assurance. Parents can help the entire family's growth in trust and confidence in God by witnessing ways in which daily family needs are entrusted to God's care.

As the family gathers, distribute pieces of paper to each person. Tell them to write or draw ways in which they believe that God's help is needed for each person and for the family as a whole. Each slip of paper can then be collected in a basket.

Invite one member of the family to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:26-33. Recall together how well God knows your family and thank God for this wonderful grace. Conclude by praying together for each of the needs identified on the slips of paper. After each need is read, pray together, "God, we trust you because you know us so well." Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father.

This practice might become a regular part of your family's prayer. Set the basket in a place of prayer and encourage family members to add other needs throughout the week. Perhaps your family can pray for these things together during a family meal.



### This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:10-13*

**Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.**

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35*

**God responds to the prayers of those in need.**

Second Reading: *Romans 5:12-15*

**Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.**

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10:26-33*

**Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.**



## ST. ELIZABETH VIKINGS ATHLETICS **COMMUNITY NIGHT**

Join us at Dom's Pizza for a night of food and fun. Come meet members of the Athletics community and High School/CYM coaching staff for various sports. Great opportunity get to know coaches and other athletes!

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# ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWS

## BENEDICTINE SPIRIT VIKING PRIDE

### *Congratulations to our graduating class, the Class of 2023!*

60 young men and women follow the Viking Tradition - Leaders in faith, Seekers of academic excellence, Students equipped with 21st century skills, Representatives of community service, spirited and loyal Friends for life.

- 60 graduates accepted to over 126 colleges and universities
- 35 graduates received 173 scholarships and grant awards
- \$7.5 million received in college scholarships and grants
- 60 graduates completed 60+ community service hours; 8 of those had 200+ hours
- The 2023 Senior Class completed 7,500 hours of community service through the MANNA program

On Monday, June 5, 2023, St. Elizabeth graduated it's 80th high school class. Students, faculty, families and friends gathered in the Sister Mary Ellen Arena to celebrate the commencement of their time at St. E. Senior speaker Carl Taylor gave a welcome address followed by the presentation of awards and conferral of diplomas. Senior speaker Jenna Bozzo gave a farewell speech. The ceremony concluded with closing remarks by the Most Reverend William E. Koenig and Mr. Papili, followed by the passing of the Alumni Flag from Tristen Hudson '22 to NHS President Jenna Bozzo '23 and the singing of our alma mater.

The Reverend Joseph R. McMahon Award for Excellence in Religious Studies:

**Bridgette Rivers**

The Edward and Helen Hussey Memorial Award for Excellence in English:

**Lauren MacAllister**

The Reverend William Temple Memorial Award for Excellence in Mathematics:

**Claudia Sweeney**

The St. Francis of Assisi Award for Excellence in Science: **Claudia Sweeney**

The Timothy Pringle Memorial Award for Excellence in Social Studies:

**Gianna DiStefano**

The Shirley Bounds Award for Excellence in Spanish: **Claudia Sweeney**

The Anthony Popitti Award for Excellence in Visual Arts: **Danielle Chapman**

The JoAnn Stephano Award for Excellence in Chorus & Vocal Activity: **Emily Anderson**

The St. Elizabeth Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Performing Arts: **Anthony Evangelist**

The St. Oscar Romero Award for Awareness of Global Issues: **Claudia Sweeney**

The Bloomberg Technology Award for a continuing interest in studying technology: **Joel Rodriguez**

The St. Sebastian Award for a scholar-athlete who demonstrates excellence in the classroom and on the athletic field:

**Farrah White & Joel Rodriguez**

Jennifer Forester Memorial Award for Benedictine Spirit and Viking Pride:

**Jenna Bozzo**

Shirley Bounds Award: Spirit of Giving:

**Alyssa Pope**

Sister Mary Ellen Hussey Award: Excellence in Leadership:

**Danielle Chapman**

Reverend Roger F. DiBuo Pastor's Award: Outstanding Service to Church and School:

**Tucker Maddams &**

**Bridgette Rivers**

St. Benedict Award:

Demonstrates the Pillars of St. Benedict:

**Bridgette Rivers**

St. Scholastica Spirit of the School Award: Witness to the Mission of St. Elizabeth School:

**Christian Nguyen**

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