

St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Parish

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 2023



MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil

Monday 12:15 pm
Tuesday 7:15 am
Wed 7:15 am

4:00 pm Friday 12:15 pm

Saturday 8:15 am

Sunday Holy Hour

7:30 am Monday & Friday

Confessions

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.

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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



Missionary Sending

The end of the Gospel of Matthew recounts the saving and astonishing resurrection of Jesus from the dead. There, full of glory, Jesus commands the disciples who have been with him throughout his public ministry, "Do not be afraid! Go and tell my brothers to set out!" and later, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations!" (Mt 28:10, 19).

"Jesus is not a personage from the past; he is a person living today. We do not know him from history books; we encounter him in life" (Pope Francis, Homily for the Easter Vigil, April 20, 2019). The life of Jesus did not happen years ago; it is something that is still happening now. As Christian disciples, we are called to bring this ever-present Life of God into the world.

But the way we invite matters. Think about a time when you were invited somewhere new. What made you go? What made you unafraid? It is a good practice to anticipate how someone else would receive an invitation from you, to think about and pray through how someone might desire or want to be invited. Jesus was the master of this, offering to make Peter, a fisherman, a fisher of men (Mt 4:18-20, Mk 1:16-18, Lk 5:1-11); identifying Nathaniel under the fig tree; and calling Matthew at the customs post. Jesus knew how to encounter another in their place of comfort while inviting them to more.

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Mass Intentions 7/1-7/9

Sat	4:00 pm	Louis Fiorella
Sun	7:30 am	Eugene Maloney People of the Parish
	10:00 am	Mary Pacchioli Angelina "Ginny" Lewis
Mon	12:15 pm	Nick Gallucio
Tues	7:15 am	Mary Connor
Wed	7:15 am	Marjorie Czwewinski
Fri	12:15 pm	Dianne Godwin
Sat	8:15 am	Angelina "Ginny" Lewis Mary Pastuszka
	4:00 pm	Emily A. Rutkowski People of the Parish
Sun	7:30 am	Joseph Dawson
	10:00 am	Robert DelCollo Mary Pastuszka

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.



The parish office will be closed Monday, July 3rd & Tuesday, July 4th in celebration of Independence Day.

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

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.

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 toxt: 302 584 5434

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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.

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.

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.

SACRAMENTS 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.

LITURGY

MUSIC MINISTRY

Marion Jacob Director

mjacob@steparish.org

Jean Scalessa Funeral Coordinator jeanscalessa@gmail.com



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.



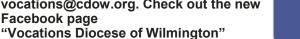
SEEKING GOD AS A BENEDICTINE OBLATE

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) 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 or vocations@cdow.org. Check out the new Facebook page



A STUDY COMMISSIONED...

...by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Word of Life

"O God our Creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society."

> United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Prayer for 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!



HB 140, the bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide, could come before the Delaware House this week! This is the last week of session!

On Monday afternoon, the Delaware Catholic Advocacy Network sent a third action alert (two were sent in May) to members urging them to email their Representatives in Dover. On Tuesday, The Dialog sent a Angelus email message to over 6,000 people and the Communications Office sent a Flocknote to over 14,000 people, urging them to take action. Please urge your parishioners to visit www.cdow.org/StopAssistedSuicide for more information. And PRAY!

RETROUVAULLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

LET FREEDOM RING PRAYER SERVICE

Deacon David Feaster will lead a Let Freedom Ring Prayer Service on Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4 at St. Francis Xavier Shrine at Old Bohemia Mission in Warwick, MD. The service will start at 1:30 PM. Let Freedom Ring was established to revive the spirit of patriotism and provide a dignified ceremony for millions of Americans who love their country and have faith in its future. The celebration is the only federally-mandated Independence Day ceremony. In accordance with U.S. Congressional Resolution Number 25, passed in 1963, bells across the country are rung 13 times at exactly 2:00 PM (EDT), in honor of the thirteen original states. Charles Carroll, from Maryland, was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence so it is fitting to celebrate at this historic site, the earliest permanent Catholic foundation in the English Colonies outside of the Jesuit establishments in Charles and St. Mary's counties in lower Maryland. The rectory museum will be open at noon for tours. The Shrine is located at 1690 Bohemia Church Road in Warwick, MD. Email OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com or call 302.545.2126 for additional information.

For Young Adults (18 to 35 years old) June 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration with Praise & Worship Hymns and Silent time Every last Tuesday of the month.

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Questions or to verify future monthly dates - contact us
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www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org/news-events/

GOOD NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, July 8th, tune-in to hear an interview with Maria V. Gallagher, author of the new book, "Mercy's Power: Inspiration to Serve the Gospel of Life." Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. You can see videos of select interviews at YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicForum @CatholicForum.

Father Ronald Giannone, OFM, Cap. and The Ministry of Caring Inc. invite you on the trip of a lifetime exploring Italy this November: Puglia Discovery: Unveiling the Mediterranean Jewel. With round trip flights from JFK, November 1 - November 11, 2023 this trip explores Bari, Lecce, and Matera. Cost: \$4,499 per person (based on double occupancy), with a single supplement of \$1,000. For further details contact Debbe Philips at The Ministry of Caring: (302) 652-552, or via email dphilips@ministryofcaring.org





Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded. Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm* 89:2-3,16-19

Sing God's praises forever.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10:37-42*

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

Family Connection

One can tell a lot about a family by the way they welcome others into their home. Despite parental efforts to elicit the best behavior from their children, family efforts to entertain guests are sometimes difficult. Practicing a spirit of Christian hospitality within the family can be an occasion to reflect upon the importance of this virtue. A family spirit of hospitality is a sign of faith.

When your family gathers, ask each person to consider the following questions about manners: What does it mean to be a good host? What does it mean to be a good guest? Invite each person to share their thoughts and experiences about being a guest or a host. When they have finished, read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:37-42.

Ask family members to describe what Jesus says about hospitality extended to his disciples. (Those who receive Jesus' disciples also receive Jesus himself; hospitality to Jesus' disciples will be rewarded.) Then encourage family members to talk about what it means to be a good guest or a good host. You might also talk about ways in which your family's hospitality might be improved upon. Conclude in prayer together that your family grows to be one in which Christian hospitality is experienced by all. Prav together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.



St. Elizabeth School News

BENEDICTINE SPIRIT VIKING PRIDE

Last chance to register for our Summer Basketball Clinic for Boys & Girls Grades 5-8th.

Monday, July 10, 2023 - Thursday, July 13, 2023 4:30pm - 7:00pm St. E Center Gym

4-night clinic hosted by St. Elizabeth High School coaches. Clinic Price: \$50 per person

Click Here to Register: www.steschools.org/summer-camps

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Early Childhood Program & Elementary
Pre K 3–8

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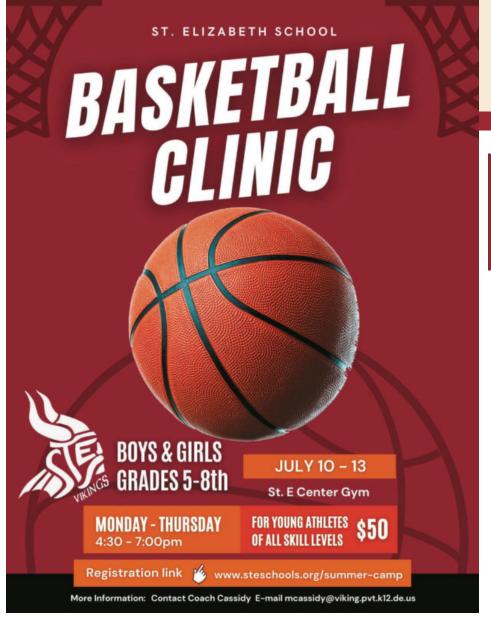
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