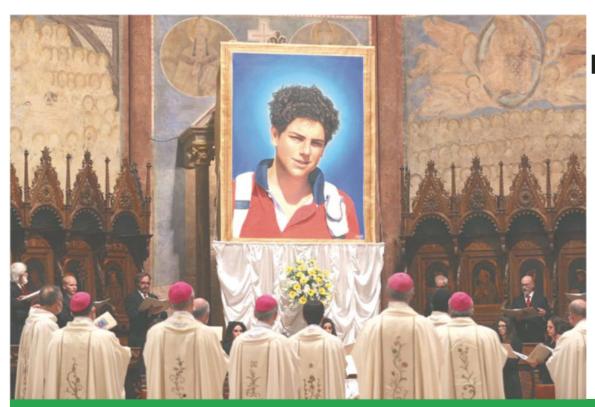


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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 2023



Beatification Ceremony of

> Blessed Carlo **Acutis**

Assisi, Italy

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 12:15 pm Tuesday 7:15 am Sat. Vigil

Wed 7:15 am

Friday 12:15 pm

Saturday 8:15 am

Sunday

4:00 pm

Holy Hour

Monday & Friday 12:45-1:45 pm

7:30 am

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
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St. Hedwig I St. Joseph I St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
St. Patrick I St. Paul I St. Thomas the Apostle

Carlo did much of his work in his last year of life. In early October 2006, at fifteen, Carlo was diagnosed with acute pro-myelocytic leukemia. Right after that, Carlo's health got worse quickly and shockingly. He received the sacrament of the anointing of the sick on October 10, 2006. The next day, he went into a coma. Carlo died on October 12. He had wanted to donate his organs, but the leukemia had ruined them.

Incredibly, in only one and a half decades and just weeks after his diagnosis, a teen who had set his world on fire for Christ was gone. He was an original, not a photocopy. And while his life for Christ was brief, through the grace of God he did so much for so many.

The calls for Carlo to be recognized as a saint came almost right away. For Carlo's family and friends, this was a bit of a surprise. They had known he was an extraordinary young man, but seeing the countless people who had been touched by Carlo's witness moved them. Some were classmates whose families had gone through divorce. Carlo had supported them with prayer and kindness. Others were people who had fallen on hard times, and Carlo had used his own resources to provide food and blankets. Still others had been affected in a positive way by his eucharistic miracles project.

In 2013, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints of the Catholic Church formally recognized Carlo Acutis as a Servant of God, meaning that the people who look into the lives of possible saints could proceed. That same year, a boy in Brazil who had been suffering from a pancreatic disease was miraculously healed after his mother prayed for Carlo to intercede (step in). The proposed miracle was sent to the people in charge of investigating Carlo's cause for sainthood. After experts in medicine and theology approved the case, the proposed miracle was approved on February 21, 2020. That meant Pope Francis could beatify him. Carlo Acutis had spent countless hours online telling people about miracles. Now, officially, he had participated in one!

The ceremony beatifying Carlo took place in his favorite town, Assisi, on October 10, 2020. He is now called "Blessed," putting him one step away from sainthood in the Catholic Church. One more miracle that is credited to his intercession is needed first.

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This week's second collection: Support the Cathedral of St. Peter

SECOND COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEKEND

The Cathedral of Saint Peter is the Bishop's own parish and the center of Catholicism in our diocese. It was built over 200 years ago – 50 years before the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington - and continues with a small but dedicated parish community and school. In 2015, the diocese instituted an annual special collection to support the maintenance and ministry of our Cathedral. More information is available at www.cathedralofstpeter.com. You can make a secure, online donation at www.cdow.org/ cathedral. We thank you for your generosity.



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

> Vigil Mass Monday August 14 6:00 PM

Tuesday August 15 7:15 AM 12:15 PM

Mass Intentions 8/5-8/13

Sat	4:00 pm	Olga Kassees People of the Parish
Sun	7:30 am	John Cutrona
	10:00 am	Robin Delle Donne Mary Pacchioli
Mon	12:15 pm	Marjorie Czerwinski
	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Tues	7:15 am	Mildred Boughton
	12:15 pm	Sue DiCamillo
Wed	7:15 am	Joseph Dawson
Fri	12:15 pm	Francis A. Brady, Jr. Jennifer Ferretti
Sat	8:15 am	Anna Virgilio
	4:00 pm	Elizabeth 'Betty' Annoni
Sun	7:30 am	Daniel Fucella
	10:00 am	Janice Davis 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.

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.

1,000 Hail Marys Devotion

Please join us on Saturday, 8/26 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.

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.

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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.

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

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 know and we can set up a training session and begin as a crossbearer to observe.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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 302-652-3626 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 all those called to priesthood and consecrated life, that they will have no fear in responding to Jesus as He calls them to

trust in Him and His choice of them. 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 Facebook page "Vocations Diocese of Wilmington"



A Misconception among...

...some Catholics is that the priest has an ideal job: he works one day each week, Sunday. They forget that the other six days a week, the priest works long and hard behind the scenes: bringing communion to the sick and elderly, counseling troubled families, visiting school classes, preparing individuals for sacraments. Often the job is frustrating, exhausting and thankless, but always of vital importance. Take some time this week and express appreciation to your priests for the difficult work they do.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Word of Life

"Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides

an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Aug. 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Through Mary Jesus came into the world. She nurtured him, witnessed his passion, and stood by the apostles at Pentecost. Mary's life mirrors God's relationship with us during times of bliss, agony, and fear. Despite being the mother of God, she focused on those in need; the lowly. Let go of self-importance today and be lifted up with Mary.

PARENTING POINTERS

"A woman...was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth." (Revelation 12:2). Perhaps you who are mothers experienced great pain in giving birth. Perhaps not. Perhaps you who are fathers joined emotionally in the angst of giving birth. Either way reflect together today about what bringing a new life into the world has meant for you.

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!

GOOD NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Due to the Relevant Radio Pledge Drive, there is no new Catholic Forum program on August 19th. You can listen to past programs anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum or on your favorite podcast platform.

The CYM Office is looking for two dynamic young leaders (age 9th -12th grade) from each parish and school to join the Diocesan Youth Leadership Team (YLT) for the 2023-2024 school year! Leaders should display first and foremost a desire to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and a willingness to learn the skills to bring their faith into active roles in their parish and community. No prior experience necessary!

There sire six meetings for this year YLT members will engage in team building exercises, engage in leadership training, design and implement faith-sharing activities, and assist with the annual CYM Pilgrimage, Recognition Dinner, and Diocesan youth events. Any young person in the age group can sign up, but must be approved by their pastor or principal. Returning YLT members must still submit a new registration. The cost is \$50 per student leader, ordinarily paid for by the parish or Catholic school that the student represents.

The deadline for the Youth Leadership Team application and all appropriate forms is Sunday, September 17, 2023!

Interested young people should register themselves at https://www.cdowcym.org/forms/youth-leadership-team-registration-2023/Questions? Contact Dan Pin at dpin@cdow.org



St. John the Beloved "Year of the Eucharist" Pilgrimage

Join us on an extraordinary pilgrimage from October 22nd to October 28th, 2023, where the Bible comes alive! Experience spiritual activities, televised Masses at EWTN, and meet Fr. Mitch Pacwa. Explore the splendor of Mother Angelica's Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine, John Paul II Eucharistic Center, Noah's Ark Encounter, St. Mary's Basilica, and more. Enjoy dinner at St. Bernard's Abbey, lunch with the Sister Servants of EWTN, witness a stunning sunset view from Burrett Mountain, and visit St. Anthony's Chapel with Catholic relics dating back to the Apostles. Be part of this awe-inspiring journey and connect with like-minded men and women. Don't miss the Power Point Presentation on Thursday, August 17th at 6:30pm in the St. John the Beloved Bosco conference room located at 907 Milltown Rd., Wilmington. We are now accepting reservation deposits. Reserve your spot and obtain a brochure by contacting Helen Holroyd at helenshorizons@gmail.com or 610-213-4141. We can't wait to embark on this unforgettable adventure with you!

DIOCESAN MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, October 7
Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC
Interested in going? Call the Parish Office at 302-652-3626
We're looking in to the possibility of getting bus transportation, fee would apply.

A Door of Hope

In the fall of 2022, the Monsignor Grant Council held a baby item drive at Saint Elizabeth Church. The parishioners of Saint Elizabeth donated baby clothes and items valued at more than \$2,000 that were donated to A Door of Hope on Lancaster Pike in Wilmington. A DOOR OF HOPE Pregnancy Center is a faith-based, medical facility operating under the direction and supervision of a licensed physician. Through the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council's Aid and Support After Pregnancy Program, Monsignor Grant Council was granted \$400 to present to A Door of Hope for their mission. On July 26, 2023 Father Roger and Larry Gardner presented Rachel Metzger, Executive Director the check. Rachel and her staff gave a presentation on how the center uses Ultrasound Machines to help pregnant women hopefully make decisions to carry their child to birth. Rachel also showed the area where the baby items are stored and displayed for mothers to pick from. Monsignor Grant Council would like to thank the parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Parish for the donations to the baby item drive and also the special collection held last year to help the Knights of Columbus who donated three ultrasound machines to Delaware pregnancy centers in 2022.





Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a

The Lord appears to Elijah in a whisper.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9-14

The Lord is the source of salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Paul speaks of the blessings that have come to the Israelites.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

Family Connection

The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Jesus. The family, the domestic church, participates in this mission too.

Talk about how your family participates in the mission of the Church. Discuss ways in which you seek to reach out to your neighbors and people in need through acts of kindness, mercy, and justice. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 14:22-33. Talk about how Peter wanted to be like Jesus, to walk on water like Jesus did. Note that Peter was successful for a time, but then he doubted Jesus, and he began to sink into the water. Talk about how your family's acts of mercy and justice are rooted in your faith in Jesus. Pray together that Jesus will continue to work through your family to prepare the kingdom of heaven. Pray together the Morning Offering or the Lord's Prayer



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You must be 18 or older to attend the event

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Guests may bring in food and non-alcoholic beverages. Our licensing prohibits alcohol at this event. Snacks and beverages can be purchased at the event.

All proceeds benefit St. Elizabeth School

Register at www.steschools.org/alumni/alumni-events

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The Parent and Alumni Events Planning Committee is looking for sponsors for our upcoming Designer Bag Bingo this fall. Each sponsorship is \$200.00 and all proceeds go to support our great school. Your business, school class, loved one, or other designation of your choice will be advertised at the event. Please contact Maggie McNulty at mags40892@gmail.com for questions and if you wish to be a sponsor.

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