



St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Parish

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 2023



Eucharistic Procession with Blessed Carlo Relic

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

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

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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

Blessed Carlo Acutis, teenager and patron of those who use the internet...pray for us.

A tremendous word of thanks to everyone who prepared, participated, and prayed for the spiritual success of the Blessed Carlo Acutis weekend that took place on our beloved property on August 26th and 27th. It was a moment of Divine Grace to be in our beautiful church before the Blessed Sacrament and to be in Msgr. Grant Hall to see and touch the Holy Relics of Bl. Carlo & St. Pope John Paul II, and to view the 157 panels that this young saint created.

Over 600 people attended the two days of festivities, and how blest we were to welcome them. Thank you to everyone who opened their arms and hearts to our parishioners, visitors and guests. It was great to see so many find a moment of spiritual rest here.

To the Columbiettes and their team...you created a great moment of spiritual joy and prayer...thank you all for your dedicated faith in bringing Jesus to the people, especially the youth of our parish and diocese this past weekend.

A statute of Bl. Carlo Acutis will be placed in the School Chapel...a gift from Angel Crossing Religious Goods Store in Elsmere.

St. Elizabeth, pray for us...ruego por nosotros.
St. Benedict, pray for us...ruego por nosotros.
St. Scholastica, pray for us...ruego por nosotros.
St. Pope John Paul II, pray for us...ruego por nosotros.
St. Carlo Acutis, pray for us...ruego por nosotros.

STEWARDSHIP + OFFERTORY

August 27		\$4,573.00
Online		\$1,649.50
Total		\$6,222.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS 9/2-9/10

Sat	4:00 pm	Carol Everett
Sun	7:30 am	James & Helen Setting People of the Parish
	10:00 am	Deceased members of St. Mark's H.S. class of 1980 Joseph E. Ryan, Sr. Sr. Vincent Schroeder
Mon	12:15 pm	Marguerite Kane
Tues	7:15 am	Patricia Monaghan
Wed	7:15 am	Paul Sullivan
Fri	12:15 pm	Mary Connor
Sat	8:15 am	Edward & Mary Devlin and Family
	4:00 pm	Anna Hickey People of the Parish
Sun	7:30 am	Philomena McCoubrey
	10:00 am	Joseph Bannack Ignatius & Emily Szafranski

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.

Commemorative Candles for the week of September 3

In memory of Shirley Millis

In memory of Mary Elizabeth 'Betty'
Glynn, SEHS c/o 1951

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ST. ELIZABETH DEVOTION



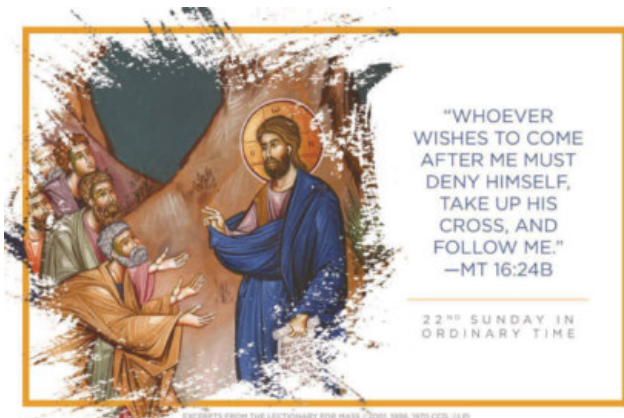
Our St. Elizabeth Devotion is a time to gather in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, to encounter the Word, Benediction, and the St. Elizabeth Prayer, Litany and Hymn. We celebrate this devotion to honor our patroness, to learn from her story and to strengthen us to be a community that stands up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

Join us Monday, September 11 at 6:00 PM. Moved this month due to holiday.

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, 9/23** 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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Jack McDermott, III
Herman McDermott
Kathleen Matarese
Darlene Bargelski
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Maryann Berry
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Debbie Buchler
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Jolynn Maniscalc
James Creedon
Jack McDermott, I
Claudette Bargelski
Kathy McDermott
Timothy Helm

St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church is forming a Legion of Mary Chapter (Praesidium).

We would therefore like to extend an open invitation to you to our weekly meetings

Saturdays at 9 a.m.

in the Church's Altar Server Sacristy
809 S. Broom St., Wilmington, DE

If you are interested, please contact Deacon Ken at the parish office: 302-652-3626.

We look forward to praying with you.



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



HELP WANTED

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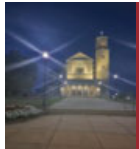
MUSIC MINISTRY

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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 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 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 that none of us will be a hindrance to those men and women called to take up their cross and follow Jesus as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life. **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"**



IN THE OLD TESTAMENT...

...Samuel was awakened from sleep by the voice of God calling his name. In the New Testament, Paul was knocked off his horse. Does God call in this way today? Usually not. One seminarian describes his experience of call, "I was very involved in my parish doing youth ministry and teaching C.C.D. and I was happy with that. But for some reason it wasn't enough. I had a nagging feeling that I wanted to do more for people." Do you feel you may be called to priesthood, sisterhood, or brotherhood?

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

WORD OF LIFE

"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Another Look at Abortion"
respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion

GOOD NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, September 9th, tune-in to learn about Blessed Carlo Acutis when Dr. Bill Ryckman is interviewed. 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](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofWilm). For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

Throughout the whole month of October, "Respect Life month," Birthright of Delaware hosts its Annual Bottles for Babies Fund-raiser. The weekends of October, baby bottles will be distributed after all the Masses. We ask you to Please take as many bottles as you would like and/or give it to a loved one. Fill the bottle with loose change, cash or a check then please read the insert, fill it out as neatly as possible (if you chose to do so for a Tax credit)! Return the bottle(s) at the end of October or sooner. Proceeds benefit pregnant women and their babies. On behalf of our mothers, Birthright staff and volunteers, we graciously Thank You!

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 are six meetings for this year:

September 24, 2023

Holy Cross, Dover
1pm - 3pm

October 15, 2023

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bear
1pm - 3pm

November 12, 2023

St. Margaret of Scotland, Newark
1pm - 3pm

January 21, 2024

St. Elizabeth, Wilmington
1pm - 3pm

February 11, 2024

Resurrection, Wilmington
1:30pm - 3:30pm* (Note time change)

March 10, 2024

St. John the Beloved, Wilmington
1pm - 3pm

In addition, the 14th Annual CYM Pilgrimage is Saturday, March 23, 2024.

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



2023 Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage

Saturday, October 7

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception,
Washington, D.C.

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



City Deanery Bus Transportation Available

Departs: St. Elizabeth Church – 7:30 a.m.

Returns: - approx. 6:30 p.m.

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Please reserve a seat for me on the City Deanery bus.

(Please print information and complete one form for each passenger.)

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Email Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Emergency Contact on Pilgrimage day (Name/Phone #) _____



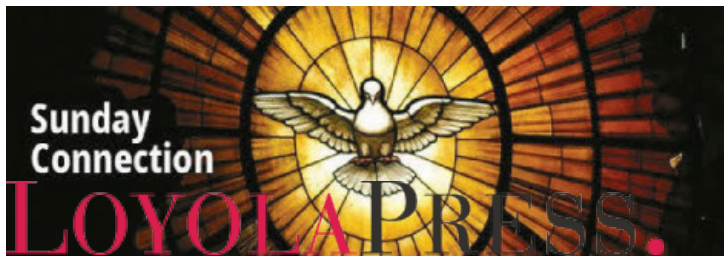
Make checks payable to **St. Elizabeth's Church** and be sure to write *Marian Pilgrimage* in the memo.



Checks can either be dropped off at the St. Elizabeth Rectory or mailed.



St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
809 S. Broom St.
Wilmington, DE 19805
Attn: MARIAN PILGRIMAGE BUS



Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

Family Connection

Peter was expecting a Messiah that would carry out a different plan than the one Jesus had explained. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We too have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 16:21-27. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that your family will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our human imaginings. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 63.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 63:2-6,8-9*

Our souls yearn for God.

Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-2*

Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWS

BENEDICTINE SPIRIT VIKING PRIDE

Read up on the latest issue of *The Trumpet* - a publication for St. E alumni and friends!

In this issue:

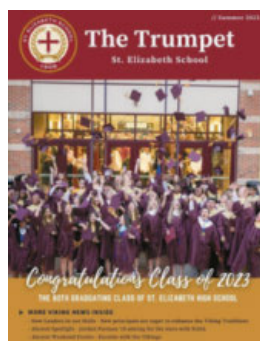
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Alumni Spotlight: Jordan Forman '18 aiming for the stars with NASA

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