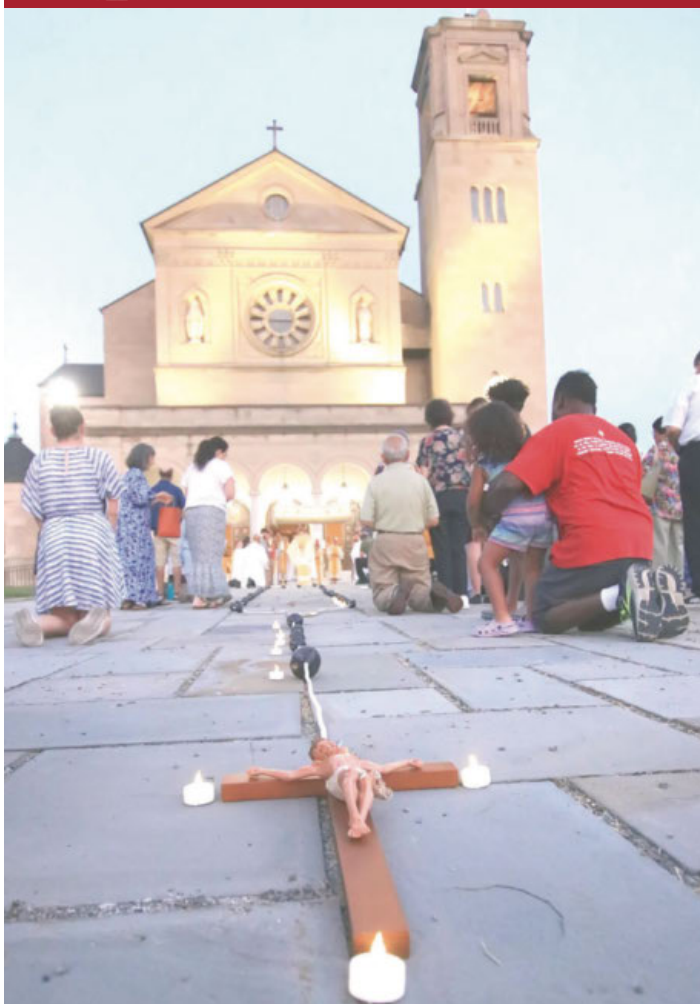




St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Parish

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023

Illuminated Rosary in honor
of Blessed Carlo Acutis

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.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 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

Dear Parishioners,

The weekend of September 23 & 24, parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of a Catholic education a reality for many struggling Catholic families. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition.

Through this collection, our Bishop is reaching out to believing and worshipping Catholics like you to assist him in ensuring the Catholic commitment to the total education of our children does not fade away because people cannot afford it. The Church has the mission to educate and this mission directly affects the quality of life we experience as Catholics, all of us have a stake in Catholic education.

I ask you to generously support the Share in the Spirit collection. God bless you for your ongoing goodness.

To learn more about the Share in the Spirit collection and its importance, go to the diocesan website at <https://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit>.

Fraternally,

Fr. Roger

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| September 3 | | \$4,878.00 |
| Online | | \$4,489.50 |
| Total |  | \$9,367.50 |

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS 9/9-9/17

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|----------|----------|---|
| Sat | 4:00 pm | Anna Hickey People of the Parish |
| Sun | 7:30 am | Philomena McCoubrey |
| (Sports) | 9:00 am | Ignatius & Emily Szafranski |
| | 10:00 am | Joseph Bannack |
| Mon | 12:15 pm | Joseph P. Larnick |
| Tues | 7:15 am | Patricia Lynn Pratta |
| Wed | 7:15 am | Rodney Godwin Adam Kozicki |
| Fri | 12:15 pm | Lindsay Peltz |
| Sat | 8:15 am | Stephen Harkins |
| | 4:00 pm | Patrick Smith |
| Sun | 7:30 am | Eugene Maloney People of the Parish |
| | 10:00 am | Margaete Stoeher Joe & Ethel Krajewski |

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.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins
against you, go and tell
him his fault between you
and him alone. If he listens
to you, you have won
over your brother."
- Mt 18:15

*Commemorative Candles
for the week of September 10*

In memory of Adam Kozicki

*Commemorative Candles - \$10 Offering
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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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Herman McDermott
Kathleen Matarese
Darlene Bargelski
Joseph Korup
Maryann Berry
Tab Smith
Debbie Buchler
Harry Bargelski, Jr.
Jolynn Maniscalco
James Creedon
Jack McDermott, I
Claudette Bargelski
Kathy McDermott

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.



Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics
who, with the sanction of the Church and under the
powerful leadership of the Blessed Virgin Mary, serve the
Church and their neighbor on a voluntary basis since 1921
in about 170 countries.

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 refresh-
ments 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



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 the 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.

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!
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or text: 302-584-5434



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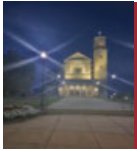
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Director

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Jean Scalessa
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.

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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 a deeper participation among families in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among their children, knowing that Christ is in their midst. **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"**



PRAYER IS A MOVING FORCE...

...in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

"Lord, your Church is in need.

Touch the hearts of many within our parish
with the desire to serve you.

Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons,
priests and lay leaders.

Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust
into adult commitment.

May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers
for your Church, your people and your world.
Amen."

WORD OF LIFE

"By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God."

USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts" Bulletin Insert

BIRTHRIGHT—BOTTLES FOR BABIES

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!

GOOD NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, September 16th, tune-in to hear an interview with Dr. Mary Healey and learn about her upcoming healing service at Holy Angels Church in Newark, Delaware. 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/DiocesefofWilm. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Some couples feel lonely, frustrated, or angry in their marriage, often feeling shut off from one another. Other couples experience severe conflict and never-ending arguments. Retrouvaille offers hope for all these marriages by teaching couples to communicate in a deeper, more meaningful way, healing hurts and rebuilding trust and intimacy. No relationship is beyond help. The next program will be held 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.

As a public health service and nonprofit, the programs of the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition (DBCC) educate the community, provide screening assistance, and offer breast cancer survivors resources and services to enrich the lives of those living with breast cancer while promoting a healthy community. For assistance with scheduling a mammogram or to connect with DBCC's survivorship services, call us at 1-888-672-9647.

DBCC also invites you to two local fundraisers who will be donating proceeds to DBCC:

Monster Mile, a family-friendly 1 mile walk through Homestead Gardens in Smyrna on October 21st. Support our cause and enjoy live music, food, and fall themed fun!

Deer Park Goes Pink 5K at the Deer Park Tavern in Newark: Register with family/friends and enjoy continental breakfast and an all-inclusive, post-race party!



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.



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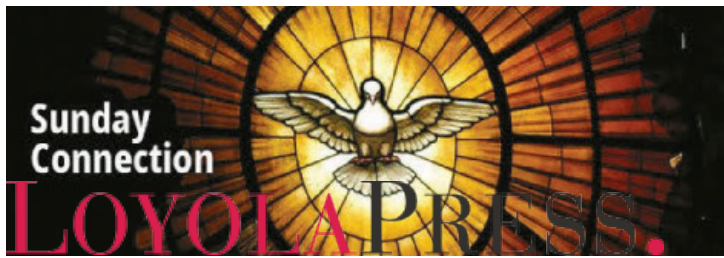
Make checks payable to **St. Elizabeth's Church** and be sure to write *Marian Pilgrimage* in the memo.



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



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Wilmington, DE 19805
Attn: MARIAN PILGRIMAGE BUS



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9*

Song of praise to God, our salvation.

Second Reading: *Romans 13:8-10*

**The Law is summarized in the commandment to love
your neighbor as yourself.**

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18:15-20*

**Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in
the Church.**

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

Family Connection

Conflict and disagreements are a natural part of family life. Yet, within our family, we have an important opportunity to learn how to resolve disagreements fairly by treating people with love and respect.

As you gather as a family this week, discuss the procedures for resolving disputes in your family. What kinds of things produce disagreements in your family? Do children frequently request the assistance of the adults when a disagreement arises? How do the adults respond? In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples the way in which they are to handle conflict within the Christian community of the Church. Read together this Gospel, Matthew 18:15-20. Invite family members to summarize the steps that Jesus proposes for resolving conflict. How might today's Gospel inform your family's handling of disagreements? If you have time, your family might choose to role play how Jesus' teaching about conflict resolution might be applied to a disagreement that sometimes occurs in your household.

In today's Gospel, Jesus also promises that he will help those who pray to him with their needs. Pray together that each member of your family will learn to handle conflict in a Christian manner. Pray together the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

PEACE PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying
that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

While often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, the Peace Prayer wasn't written by the saint. However, it remains a popular traditional prayer.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWS

BENEDICTINE SPIRIT VIKING PRIDE

Sharing some smiles from the first week of school! Please join us in praying for a great year ahead for our students, faculty, staff and administration.



Dear Lord,
As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.
Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good
Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.
Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.
Give their teachers patience and understanding
and help them teach what is just and true.
Send your angels to guide and guard our
children and to keep them from all harm.
Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and protection.
Hold them in the palm of your hand
and bring them home safely at day's end.
Amen.

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Purchase tickets here: www.steschools.org/bbq-and-brew



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