



St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Parish

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24
2023

Relics of
Pope St. John Paul II
& Bl. Carlo Acutis with
Fr. Roger's Ordination
Chalice

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil

4:00 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

10:00 am

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

4th Sunday of the month Filipino Mass at 4:00 PM

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

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 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,

This weekend, 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>.

Faternally,

Fr. Roger

STEWARDSHIP + OFFERTORY

September 17



\$5,412.50

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS 9/23-10/1

Sat	4:00 pm	Jack Gardner People of the Parish
Sun	7:30 am	Natalie O'Connor
	10:00 am	Robert DelCollo Mary Pacchioli
Mon	12:15 pm	Henry Bonifacino
Tues	7:15 am	Anna Cutrona
Wed	7:15 am	Anso & Mary Venturena
Fri	12:15 pm	Edith, Jo Ann, and Joseph Stephano
Sat	8:15 am	Raymond Costello
	4:00 pm	Isabelle M. Swarter
Sun	7:30 am	Rose Piccirelli People of the Parish
	10:00 am	Mary Pacchioli Alfred Nai

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



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. 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.

Unfortunately, there will not be a St. Elizabeth Devotion in October.

"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with His grace." (Pope Francis)



**Monday, October 2, 2023
6:00-7:30 PM**

**The 10 parishes of the City
Deanery invite you to:**

**St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
809 S. Broom St,
Wilmington, De 19805
Office@steparish.org**

<https://www.facebook.com/StElizabethChurchWilmington>

Eucharistic Adoration Workshop

Presented by: Nanik Oei

Followed by:

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Lead by: Fr. Roger DiBuo

(there will be a small reception in Msgr. Grant Hall)

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease." (St. John Paul II)

*Commemorative Candles
for the week of September 24*

In memory of Rita Aldridge
Healing Prayers for Sean Giles

Special Intention

*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
James Creedon
Jack McDermott, I
Claudette Bargelski
Kathy McDermott

1,000 HAIL MARYS DEVOTION

Please join us on **Saturday, 9/30** 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 Roman Catholic Church is forming a Legion of Mary Chapter (Praesidium)

We would like to extend an open invitation to all the men and women of our parish to our **weekly meetings**

Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the Church's Altar Server Sacristy. 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.



**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 from Church at 7:30 a.m.
Returns approximately 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$40

The bus has a restroom on-board.

*Please stop in the parish office to fill in a registration
form to secure your spot on the bus.*

Contact: Edith Ryan

703-328-0495 Edith_dallas@hotmail.com

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.

PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir is just kicking off their 2023-2024 season, **and welcomes new members!**

The choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm for rehearsal and sings at the 10 AM or 4 PM mass, with a call time 1 hour beforehand.

For more information, please reach out to our music director, Marion Jacob at mjacob@steparish.org or to Fr. Roger at rdibuo@steparish.org

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MUSIC MINISTRY

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Director

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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

(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 there will be an abundance of laborers chosen by the Lord to serve as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life in this vineyard of the Diocese of Wilmington. **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"**



WHAT IS A SISTER?

A Sister lives in a religious community that follows a constantly renewed tradition, patterned on the life and teaching of the founder of the community. The work she generally does will depend upon the ministries of that community as influenced by the needs of the Church and its people — for example: teaching, social work, administration, nursing, peace and justice ministry, etc. Does the lifestyle of a Sister sound attractive to you? Contact the diocesan vocation office for more information.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

WORD OF LIFE

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Every Suicide is Tragic"

BOTTLES FOR BABIES BEGIN OCTOBER 1!

First Annual Alumni Week

October 4 - October 8

- ✓ Viking Guest Bartending Night
- ✓ Field Hockey & Soccer Reunions
- ✓ Football & Cheerleading Reunions
- ✓ Alumni Volleyball Game
- ✓ Alumni Mass & Legacy Pinning Ceremony
- ✓ Alumni Block Party

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SCAN ME!



St. E
ALUMNI

GOOD NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, September 30th, Fr. Brian Lewis will discuss the upcoming Marian Pilgrimage (10/7) and Mr. Michael Connelly will tell us about the upcoming Blue Mass (10/6). 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](https://www.youtube.com/DiocesefofWilm). For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

ECUMENICAL CANDLE-LIGHTING SERVICE FOR THE VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Please join an ecumenical candle-lighting service to commemorate the victims of gun violence in our community. Anne McWalters of Moms Demand Action, State Representative Sherry-Dorsey Walker and Rev. Mark Gardner (keynote) Chaplain Ferris School will share a message with the assembled.

All are welcome.

Event Details

- Date: 10/11/2023
- Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Location: St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
- Organization: Ministry for Black Catholics
- Organization Website:

<https://www.cdow.org/catholic-diocese-of-wilmington-offices-and-ministries/cultural-ministries/ministry-for-black-catholics/>

- For Information Contact:

Brenda Burns
302-573-3104 | bburns@cdow.org

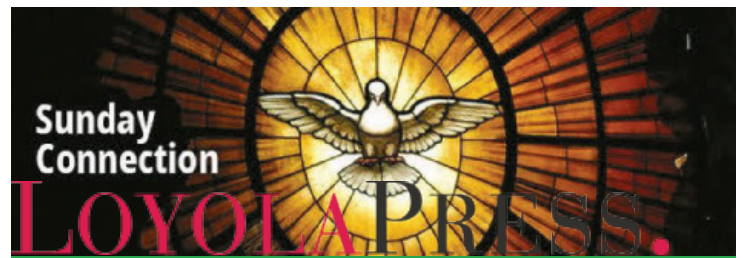


As a public health service and nonprofit, the programs of the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition (DBCC) educate the community, provide screening assistance, and offer breast cancer survivors resources and services to enrich the lives of those living with breast cancer while promoting a healthy community. 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!



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18

God is near to those who call upon him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

Family Connection

The workers in this parable sound very much like squabbling children, comparing what they have each been given and making complaints to the parent. Among children there is a tendency to equate love with gifts and material things. This tendency can devolve into a spirit of entitlement, which runs counter to the spirit of gratitude. Any effort we make to overcome this tendency, to keep love from being entwined with gifts and possessions, will enable our children to accept completely the love that God gives freely and generously.

Observe together any tendency within your family to make comparisons. Are children sometimes heard saying that another child received a greater portion of a favorite food at dinner or dessert? Does one person complain that a parent spends more time with one child over another? Ask if such comparisons are helpful. Discuss together why such comparisons are made. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16. Consider these questions: Why do the workers grumble? Is the landowner's assessment accurate? Unfortunately, we are sometimes like these workers when we make the comparisons we discussed earlier.

Conclude in prayer together remembering that love cannot and ought not to be measured. Sit quietly together acknowledging God's great love for each person as individuals and for your family. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 145, or the Lord's Prayer.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWS

BENEDICTINE SPIRIT VIKING PRIDE

We officially welcomed back our students by celebrating the opening school mass together with the entire student body. Our high school students, led by seniors Julia Verton, Chase Milnes and Felicia Vitelli, processed in with various items representing all aspects of student life at St. Elizabeth School. Our students led us through the readings, intentions, offertory and our cantors led us in song.



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Did you know that we offer part-time and full-time options for our Pre-K program? Do you have a child that will be enrolling in Pre-K3, Pre-K4 or Kindergarten next school year? Get a jump start on your admissions journey and learn more about St. Elizabeth's Early Childhood Education program at our Open House on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:00pm.

Pre-register here: www.steschools.org/admissions



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