



St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Parish

Parish Established 1908 • Church Dedicated 1947

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023

Confirmation Class "Reading"
the Facade of the Church



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

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours—Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

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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

Wednesday, November 1st is a Holy Day
of Obligation for all Catholics.

Masses will be held at

7:15 am, 12:15 pm and 6 pm.

Please try to attend with your families and children.

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Hallows, the Solemnity of All Saints, and Halloween, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown.

From the 4th century, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs were held in various places, on various dates near Easter and Pentecost. In the 9th century, some churches in the British Isles began holding the commemoration of all saints on the 1st of November, and in the 9th century this was extended to the whole Catholic Church by Pope Gregory IV.

In Western Christianity, it is still celebrated on November 1 by the Roman Catholic Church as well as many Protestant churches, such as the Lutheran, Anglican, and Methodist traditions. The Eastern Orthodox Church and associated Eastern Catholic and Eastern Lutheran churches celebrate it on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Syro-Malabar Church and the Chaldean Catholic Church, both of which are in communion with Rome, as well as the Church of the East, celebrate All Saints' Day on the first Friday after Easter Sunday. In the Coptic Egyptian Orthodox tradition, All Saints' Day is on Nayrouz, celebrated on September 11. The day is the start of the Coptic new year.

The diversity of the Catholic Church in its celebration of the dates of Feasts and Solemnities is amazing and life-giving for local communities of faith.

MASS INTENTIONS 10/21-10/29

Sat	4:00 pm	Steve Sanna People of the Parish
Sun	7:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. William G. Wintrup, III
	10:00 am	Mary Pacchioli Jerry Blavat
Mon	12:15 pm	Edward Banck
Tues	7:15 am	James Joseph Hahn
Wed	7:15 am	Jennifer Forester
Fri	12:15 pm	Anna Cutrona Tom Hutchison
Sat	8:15 am	Laurie Roncone
	4:00 pm	Elizabeth 'Betty' Annoni
Sun	7:30 am	Bruce Mulrine, Sr.
	10:00 am	Mary Pacchioli People of the Parish

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.

SACRAMENTS

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be offered on Saturday morning after the 8:15 AM mass.

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.

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 11:15 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.



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
Lorraine Talmo

Commemorative Candles for the week of October 15

Happy Birthday Raymond DiCamillo
In memory of Regina 'Queenie' Tyler
Happy Anniversary Phil & Regina Matarese

Commemorative Candles - \$10 Offering
- card available to send -

Statement of Revenue & Expenses

St. Elizabeth Parish

Fiscal year July 1 - June 30

OPERATING REVENUE/ EXPENSES	22/23 Actual	23/24 Budget
REVENUE		
Offertory Collections	\$ 431,390	\$ 484,200
Program Fees	14,474	17,000
Gifts/Donations/Fundraiser Income	7,372	15,000
Other Revenue	22,524	10,400
TOTAL RECEIPTS	475,760	526,600
DISBURSEMENTS		
Administrative Expenses	164,446	172,362
Program Expenses	59,968	60,100
Fixed Costs	94,132	90,250
Facilities & Maintenance	78,573	83,000
Diocesan Assessment	62,463	60,000
Other	8,587	8,200
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	468,169	473,912
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	7,591	52,688
SCHOOL SUPPORT	(10,000)	(50,000)
OPERATING NET TOTAL	(2,409)	2,688
CAPITAL FUNDING/EXPENDITURES		
Capital Fund/Grant Income	\$ 23,050	\$ 30,000
Capital Fund/Grant Expenditures	(21,714)	(40,000)
CAPITAL NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 1,336	\$ (10,000)

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.

Please join us
Monday, November 6 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, 10/28** 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.

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..

STEWARDSHIP + OFFERTORY

October 15	\$3,507.00
Online	\$2,449.50
Total	\$5,956.50

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Four evenings of Spiritual and Personal Reflection

Entitled: BEAUTIFUL DAY / AMAZING LIFE

Hosted by:

Rob Hindt, a parishioner here at St. Elizabeth,
beginning on Tuesday, October 24th at 6:30
in the Church Meeting Room.

Stressed OUT, tired, Frustrated, struggling,
Not Enjoying Life?

I've been there! But it doesn't have to be that way!
I will share with you some tips and techniques that will help
you enjoy life more.

Come spend just an hour and a half out of your week and
learn how to Love Life More, to move - from Frustrated to
Fulfilled, from Jaded to Joyous.

If the thought "I don't have the time" crossed your mind -
All the more reason to be there!
robhindt@gmail.com

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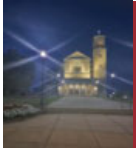
MUSIC MINISTRY

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.

PARISH CHOIR

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

The choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00
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 rdibu@steparish.org

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
Ed Graney, Confirmation 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 growth in reverence for the gift and mystery of vocations
to the priesthood and consecrated life and a readiness to give to
God what is God's in response to His call. **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"**



PADRE SERRA SAYS...

As a lay person, you can serve the Church in several ways.
Your vocation could include service at the diocesan or parish level,
as a director of religious education, as a church musician, or as an
administrator of social services. If you want to do volunteer work,
such service is usually for a year or two in a mission of the Church
either in the United States or overseas.

In addition, the Catholic Church has restored the order of
permanent diaconate. A deacon is a man 35 years of age or older,
married or single, who serves the people of God in the ordained
diaconal ministry. His ministry is liturgical (preaching), sacramental
(except Eucharist and Penance), pastoral and social.

To find out more about all three types of service, contact the
diocesan chancery in charge of each type of service.
Many opportunities are available.
Pray for vocations.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

WORD OF LIFE

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an
abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may
have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in
many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The
wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ... But do not give in
to discouragement and do not lose hope. ... The Father of mercies
is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the
Sacrament of Reconciliation."

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BABY ITEM DRIVE

Saint Elizabeth Parish and Knights of Columbus Monsignor Grant
Council are committed to serving moms in need and their babies
so we're hosting an item drive for pregnant women, moms, and
babies! All proceeds will benefit the life-saving work of A DOOR
OF HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER. To participate, bring new or
lightly used items to the church vestibule by November 26, 2023.
A list of items needed are: Boppy pillows, diaper bags, baby bath
towels and washcloths, nursing covers, 0-6 months new boys'
clothing, Nuk pacifiers, teething, rattles, small handheld toys, baby
nail clippers, brushes and comb sets, bottle washers, shampoos,
baby wash and lotions, bath wash cloths and towels, Dr. Brown
bottles, The Rhyme Bibles, size 3, 4, 5 and 6 diapers including pull-
ups, 18-24 months boys and girls new clothing for the cold weath-
er, socks, neutral color blankets.

Come Home To Saint Elizabeth's



The 11th Annual Feast of Saint Elizabeth

A Celebration of our Patroness,
our Parish Heritage, our Community

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Musical Prelude & Procession Formation

9:30 a.m.

Mass

10:00 a.m.

Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

For more information: † 302.652.3626 † www.steparish.org



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Pastoral Planning for Our Parishes and Schools

City Deanery



The Catholic Church in the City of Wilmington

Cathedral of St. Peter | St. Ann | St. Anthony
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St. Patrick | St. Paul | St. Thomas

Pastoral Planning Parish Survey

complete the six-minute survey at the link or QR code below

In May 2023, Bishop Koenig began a pastoral planning process for the parishes and schools of the Diocese of Wilmington: **United in Christ**. Having been our bishop for two years, he has travelled throughout our diocese and, through the Synod listening sessions, has heard from representatives of each parish. He has also met with and had extensive discussions with the priests of the diocese. These conversations led to the pastoral planning process, including this survey of all parishes in our deanery.

Where will this pastoral planning lead us and what is the desired outcome? Throughout this letter [United in Christ] I have used the word vibrant several times. I believe this word precisely describes what we are looking for in our parishes, schools, and Diocesan ministries. To say that our ministries will be vibrant means that they are spirit filled, alive, and adaptive to the everchanging needs of those they serve.

—Bishop Koenig

Pastoral Letter "United in Christ"

The first Catholic church in the City of Wilmington was established in 1816—the Cathedral. Many other parishes were later established to serve our Catholic population, with the most recent poised to celebrate its 100th anniversary next year—Saint Anthony of Padua. Since then, to say our parishes have changed greatly is an understatement. We no longer walk to our neighborhood church, with many of us driving in from the suburbs. In that time, our congregations have decreased in size. In the past 15 years alone, our Sunday attendance has dropped by more than half! And in the past 30 years, the number of priests serving our churches has as well, not to mention the fewer religious and retired priests available to fill in when our priests are sick or away.

Sunday Mass Attendance in the City



2007 5,200



2022 2,345

Priests in our City Parishes



1993 23



2023 13

We're profoundly grateful for the diligent efforts of so many faithful and dedicated people over the decades, but much of what we've known and always done is no longer as effective as it once was in handing on the faith. Sadly, the "way we've always done things" might now regrettably inhibit rather than serve the Church's unchanging mission and the formational needs of people today. Rather than "doubling down" on once effective but now inadequate models and strategies from a previous era, it is time for us, to courageously "cast into the deep" by letting go of some of the ways we have done things up to now—as challenging as it can be for all of us—so that with God's help we might reimagine and realign our parish ministries, programs, personnel, and other resources for the sake of evangelization, discipleship, and mission in our increasingly post-Christian culture and city. This is especially true if we are going to fulfill more faithfully Jesus' mandate to "Go make disciples" in the present as well as build a healthier and holier reality to leave for future generations.



To help us assess where we are and better ways to partner together for vibrant parishes, **complete a six-minute survey** by scanning the QR code, visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CityDeanerySurvey> or contacting the parish office for a hard copy

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWS

BENEDICTINE SPIRIT VIKING PRIDE



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At the core of the St. E experience is the sense of family and the Viking spirit rooted in pride, honor, and tradition..

The best way to see if St. Elizabeth is a good fit for you is to visit our campus. Since 1908, our “Beacon on the Hill,” overlooking the city of Wilmington, has served as an inclusive home for our Vikings. Will you be next to call VKNation home?

Current 8th graders and prospective high school transfer students are invited to feel the energy of VKNation as a Viking for a Day. Some of the highlights Viking Visitors will experience during their Maroon and Gold Day include:

- Being paired with one of our elite Viking Ambassadors
- Getting to know our students, faculty, staff, and campus through an interactive tour and scavenger hunt
- Participating in enriching lessons using a Viking Visitor iPad
- School assemblies, club and activity meetings, game days, and so much more
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- Lots of Viking pride!

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