

St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Parish

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Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

Noah helps his grandfather, Deacon Ken, at a family Baptism



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 12:15 pm Tuesday 7:15 am Wed 7:15 am

Friday 12:15 pm 4:00 pm

Saturday 8:15 am

Sunday

Sat. Vigil

Monday & Friday 12:45-1:45 pm

Holy Hour

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 AM on Facebook and posted on the website.

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Notes from Fr. Roger Mensajes de Padre Roger



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 Hallowmas, 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 10/28-11/05

Sat	4:00 pm	Elizabeth 'Betty' Annoni
Sun	7:30 am	Bruce Mulrine, Sr.
	10:00 am	Mary Pacchioli People of the Parish
Mon	12:15 pm	Corey J. Pote Bruce Linton
Tues	7:15 am	Patricia A. Joyce
Wed	7:15 am	Carole Sullivan
AII	8:30 am	School Mass
Saints	12:15 pm	Kenneth Rhoades
Day	6:00 pm	Sharon McNesby
Thurs	7:15 am	All Souls' Intentions
All Souls'	12:15 pm	All Souls' Intentions
Day	6:00 pm	All Souls' Intentions
Fri	12:15 pm	Intentions of Ed & Cathy Jones on their 50th Anniversary
Sat	8:15 am	Special Intention Bruce Faulkner
	4:00 pm	David 'Tripp' Halliday People of the Parish
Sun	7:30 am	Sharon McNesby
	10:00 am	Harry Biddle 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.

WHY DO CATHOLICS CELEBRATE ALL SOULS DAY?

The Church is composed of the faithful living upon the earth and those who have gone before us. The latter includes the Saints in Heaven and the faithful Souls being purified in Purgatory. Just as on November 1st we honor those who are with God, on November 2nd Catholics celebrate a Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Also known as All Souls Day, on this day we honor them for their fidelity in life, as well as pray for them, since they are being purified before entering the All Holy Presence of God. As Revelation 21:27 says of the Heavenly Jerusalem, "... nothing unclean shall enter in."

Please Join Us for Mass on All Souls' Day Thursday, November 2—7:15 AM, 12:15 PM, or 6:00 PM, when we will remember in a special way all who have passed this year in our community.

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 Maniscalc James Creedon Jack McDermott, I Claudette Bargelski Kathy McDermott Lorraine Talmo

Commemorative Candles for the week of October 29

In memory of Vicki A. Millis
Happy Birthday Rowan DelValle
In Thanksgiving for
Vicki Twardowski's 100th Birthday

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

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.

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.

Msgr. Grant Council KoC 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, teethers, 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 weather, socks, neutral color blankets. Monetary donations will be used to purchase much needed infant car seats that all clients of A Door of Hope need to bring their newborn home from the hospital. Checks can be made payable to Monsignor Grant Council KofC put baby in the memo line.

A GENTLE REMINDER:

Please continue to make the Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal payments pledged by us as parishioners to Bp. Koenig's annual campaign. If there is someone who would like to support the parish in this effort, there are still envelopes available...please see Fr. Roger.

Please support our St. Elizabeth Feast Day Celebrations by returning the notice and your donation to the Parish Office. We hope that all parishioners will support this important endeavor.

Please remember that "year-end giving" is always a welcomed gift to the parish...and a tax deduction.

Please continue to pray for the "Vibrancy" of the parish as Bp. Koenig has asked us to do.

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October 22



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Thank you for your continued generosity!

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
We would like to extend an open invitation to all the

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..

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.

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 I 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

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 that men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbor with the love of the Heart of Christ and follow Him generously when chosen to serve others as a priest, deacon or in

the consecrated religious 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"



Padre Serra Says...

How will you work out your life response to God?

The National Coalition for Church Vocations has distributed a pamphlet containing general information on some of the many ways to continue God's work. The following are some excerpts from that pamphlet. "Community" describes the life religious brothers and sisters choose. Community enables the individual to reach out to others with the strength and courage that comes from knowing, "I don't have to do it alone. Others stand with me in this. My abilities are complemented by their gifts, confidence, wisdom and vision." In community, sisters and brothers live out their vowed commitments, knowing that, though each member is unique, the binding force in life is each one's personal and communal relationship with Jesus.

Today, the three vows (celibacy, poverty and obedience) which most religious make in a public way, may seem to be out of step with an age of sexual revolution. They are considered inconsistent with the popular demand for more and better "things," and with the ultimatums for the individual's "personal rights."

Celibacy is a gift and a promise to love very deeply and to express that love for others without using those physical expressions proper to marriage. The lives of many men and women religious are rich and loving within the context of celibate love as are the lives of happily married couples.

In a world waging war on poverty, men and women religious choose to live as Jesus did — simply. Because they share expenses and try to keep their personal and communal needs simple, they can get along very well on very little.

Then, there's obedience. The obedience of sisters and brothers is to the God they love, and the ways to this love are not obscure.

God's voice is heard in the many voices of community.

Everyone has a vocation; pray for yours.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Word of Life

"Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because 'remaining' by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end."

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



OCTOBER 2023

Four evenings of Spiritual and Personal Reflection

Entitled:

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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!
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Pastoral Planning Parish Survey Compete 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.

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.





This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 18:2-4,47,51* **The Lord is our strength.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

Family Connection

Children learn about love from real, concrete examples witnessed in family life. We can help children to love God and love their neighbors by showing everyday acts of love, generosity, and kindness—our own expressions of our love for God. These acts, small and large, are the expression of what Jesus identified as the two greatest commandments: love God and love neighbor.

Make a poster together as a family. Write the words Love God in the center of the poster and write the words Love Neighbor near each of the four sides of the poster. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 22:34-40. Talk about how Jesus taught us that our love for God is revealed in the love that we show to other people. On the poster, use pictures and words to show some of the ways that your family shows their love for other people. Pray together that your family will continue to express your love for God by loving others. Pray the Act of Love.

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

St. Elizabeth School News

BENEDICTINE SPIRIT VIKING PRIDE

High School Wrestling Coach, Eddie Quinn, is forming a Youth Wrestling Club 1500 Cedar Street Wilmington, Delaware 19805 at St. Elizabeth. The Viking Wrestling Club is open to boys and girls in grades 1st through 8th.

The Wrestling Club will practice on Mondays & Wednesdays, November 20, 2023—February 8, 2024. Registration and first practice is Monday, November 20th at 6:00 PM in the St. E Center Wrestling Room.

\$75 per wrestler payable online or by check on the first night. Checks can be made payable to St. Elizabeth School. A USAW membership (\$17) is required to participate this year. The USAW membership can be purchased at https://www.usawmembership.com/. When registering, please mark down "Viking Wrestling Club".

Click Here to Register for the Youth Viking Wrestling Club at St. E: www.steschools.org/athletics/CYM-youth-sports



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EDUCATE TENGAGE TEMPOWER

We are extremely grateful to be named as a grant recipient of the Anthony Penna Charitable Fund in support of the performing arts program at St. Elizabeth School. Thanks to the generosity of the Anthony Penna Charitable Fund we are able to continue to enhance the arts for our talented students!

The performing arts program offers our students the opportunity to experience the arts at a young age. So many students, who would normally seem shy

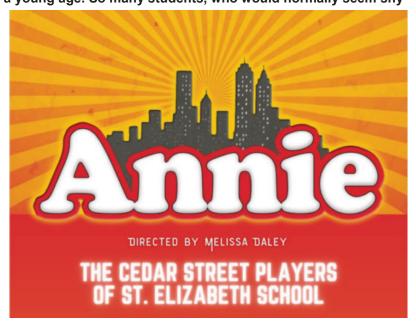
and introverted, have been transformed into vibrant, confident, and outgoing individuals as they encountered the positive power of theatre for the first time in our school. Students also gain practical knowledge and experience with technology and practices of theater operations in our Stage Crew program. We are thrilled to be able to see our students shine on stage thanks to the unwavering

The Cedar Street Players are gearing up for our fall musical, "Annie"! Tickets are selling fast, be sure to purchase tickets and reserve your seat for this highly anticipated show which includes performers from grades 3-12!

support of the Anthony Penna Charitable Fund!

Three Chances to Watch this Cedar Street Player Performance! Friday, November 17th at 7:00pm Saturday, November 18th at 7:00pm Sunday, November 19th at 2:00pm

> Purchase tickets in advance: www.steschools.org/the-arts





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