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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 12:15 pm

Sat. Vigil

Tuesday 7:15 am

Wed 7:15 am

4:00 pm Friday 12:15 pm

Saturday 8:15 am

Sunday

Holy Hour

Monday & Friday

7:30 am 12:45-1:45 pm

Confessions

10:00 am

Caturday

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
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St. Hedwig I St. Joseph I St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
St. Patrick I St. Paul I St. Thomas the Apostle

When the Filipino Catholic community gets together for a feast, expect a celebration that almost aways includes prayer, food and dancing.

So says Filipino priest Efren Esmilla, the newly appointed auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who for the last year has been celebrating a monthly bilingual Mass at St. Elizabeth Church in Wilmington. The Mass is bilingual as it is celebrated in Tagalog and English,

He returns for the monthly Mass in Wilmington Jan. 21, a special day among Filipino Catholics. An annual feast honoring Santo Niño called "Sinulog" is celebrated on the third Sunday in January in the Philippines. It includes a religious image of the Christ child widely venerated as miraculous.

"It is a big celebration and a continuation of the Christmas season in the Philippines, honoring and adoring our Santa Nino," Bishop-designate Esmilla said in a telephone interview. "There is a lot of dancing and prayers. It is not only the Filipinos now. There are also some Americans who are joining the Mass.

"The Filipinos after the Mass always have fellowship," he said. "There is always food after the Mass. That's part of the culture." The Mass also includes music from the Filipino choir, which was led for more than 30 years by Norma Abrenica.

"She is a woman of great faith and very much enjoys working with parishes and choirs," said Father Roger DiBuo, pastor of St. Elizabeth in Wilmington and former pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bear. "She has been a leader in the Filipino community and has been very well-known in many parishes over the decades. The choir brings beautiful Filipino music to the Mass."

The bishop-designate said he hopes to continue his monthly commitment in Wilmington.

"As long as I'm available, I would like to continue my service there," said Bishop-designate Esmilla, who is also pastor of two parishes in the archdiocese. "As my mother always said, I'm here to serve."

From The Dialog

MASS INTENTIONS 1/13-1/21

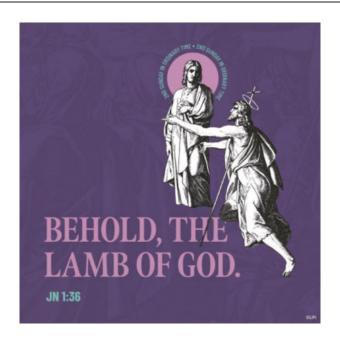
Sat	4:00 pm	Sharon Patterson
Sun	7:30 am	Doris Winkelman
	10:00 am	Mary Kozicki People of the Parish
Mon	12:15 pm	Jane Seward
Tues	7:15 am	Phil Hill
Wed	7:15 am	Helen & Louis Zappa
Fri	12:15 pm	Terrie Barnett
Sat	8:15 am	Philip Hill Bruce Faulkner
	4:00 pm	Diane Saienni People of the Parish
Sun	7:30 am	Thomas Conaty
	10:00 am	Patrick Smith

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.

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Announcement from our Boy Scout Troop SCOUT SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 4

Christopher Joseph Culley, Jr. has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award a youth can earn in the Boy Scouts of America. Chris is a member of Troop 285, which is sponsored by St. Elizabeth Church. Chris joined the troop in 2015 and moved through the seven ranks over his tenure. He attended eight summer camps over his career in the Scouts. In 2020, he became the Senior Patrol Leader, the highest position and leader of the Troop. He completed his Eagle Scout project at Bellanca Airfield Museum, New Castle. Chris, with the help of his troop, family, and friends, repainted interiors, reorganized artifacts, and scrapped and prepped the doors of the Airfield Service Hanger. Following the completion of the project, Chris passed a formal review and received national approval. In May 2023, he graduated from the First State Military Academy, Dover. He is currently a freshman at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va. His family are parishioners of St. Elizabeth Church. Chris will receive his award at a special ceremony on Scout Sunday, 2/4/2024, in Grant Hall, following 10am

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, February 5 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.

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.

1,000 Hail Marys Devotion

Please join us on Saturday, 1/27 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. Consider praying with us for all your personal intentions.



The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be offered on Saturday mornings 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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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Religious Ed. classes (Grades 1-8) Sundays from 9:00-9:50 & 10:00 AM mass

Barbara Maddams, Coordinator Ed Graney, Confirmation Prep

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 beginning their 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 one 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

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

"Come, and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, 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...

Whether you are in eighth grade, high school or college, this is "decision time." This year is not just another year in school, but a special time in your life. This is a great opportunity to develop your gifts and talents.

So, work hard, do and be your best. Shape your own

dreams and goals by using the rich talent with which the Lord has blessed you.

As you look at your future, consider a life of service in the Church. Think seriously about taking at least a part of your life and giving it to other people in the name of our Lord and through the Church. Even more than that, consider priesthood, sisterhood and the religious life. What a great contribution you could make to the world and God's people!

Have a great year in school. Do your best. Make your education have such a positive effect on you that other people in this world will benefit from you and your talent.

In the meantime, in your daily prayers, pray for your vocation.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

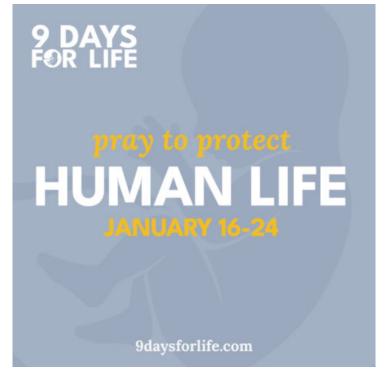
WORD OF LIFE

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

9 Days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life, Tuesday, January 16 – Wednesday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!



GOOD NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, January 20th, we talk with the Executive Director of La Plaza Delaware, Mary Dupont, and learn about their work in support of Latino entrepreneurs in Sussex County. 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. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicForum, @CatholicForum.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday beginning between 10:30/11:00. It usually takes volunteers between 1 1/2 and 2 hours to deliver, depending on the number of stops on the route. If you are interested: mealsonwheels@cityfare.org, 302-293-0008 or 302.421.3731.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

What happens when someone dies without a will? Lots of Americans are about to find out. According to one recent study, 68 percent of U.S. adults do not have a will or any other estate planning document. If you die without a will or intestate, the laws of the state, not you, decide who gets your assets. Could you resolve to make 2024 the year you get your affairs in order? Remember: Estate planning is for everyone. Consider a legacy gift to our parish. For your complimentary Estate Planning Guide, please email cfacciolo@cdow.org. or call the Development Office of the Diocese at 302-573-3121.

BECOMING WOMEN OF THE WORD: HOW TO ANSWER GOD'S CALL WITH PURPOSE AND JOY One-Day Retreat for Women January 27, 2124 Featuring Sarah Christmyer

About Sarah

Sarah Christmyer is a Catholic author, Bible teacher, and speaker with a special love for lectio divina and journaling as ways to draw close to Christ in Scripture. She is the co-developer and founding editor of The Great Adventure Catholic Bible study program and author or co-author of more than a dozen books and Bible studies. Her latest book is Becoming Women of the Word: How to Answer God's Call with Purpose and Joy (Ave Maria Press). Sarah serves as an adjunct faculty member at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and as a board member of the Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. She blogs at ComeIntoTheWord.com.

WHEN: Saturday, January 27, 2023 9:00 am-3:00 pm (optional Mass at 8:30 am)

WHERE: St. Mary of the Assumption Church 7200 Lancaster Pike Hockessin, Delaware 19707 St. Mary's Room COST: \$35

which includes all retreat materials, continental breakfast and boxed lunch

Register online at: smachurch.com/retreat Since registrants will be choosing from a lunch menu during the online registration process, we are discouraging mail-in registrations. If you are unable to complete the online process and must register through mail in, please call the parish office at 302-239-7100.

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE DIOCESAN MASS 2/3/24

The diocese will commemorate World Day of Consecrated Life on Saturday February 3, 2024 at 5:00 PM Mass at Holy Family Parish, 15 Gender Road, Newark, Delaware. Bishop Koenig will preside at the parish liturgy where the Religious will renew their vowed commitments to a life of prayer and service. Laity are invited to liturgy. This experience is a witness to the people of the parish of their dedication to their vocations.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass being held on World Marriage Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 1:00PM at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, DE. Reservations are required by February 2, 2024.

Bishop Koenig will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. Questions may be referred to the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302-295-0657 or by emailing OMFL@cdow.org. Registration can be completed by using the following link –https://cdowcym.wufoo.com/forms/k1uxe9k20m649mn/



RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 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.



Background on the Gospel Reading

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel

according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother. Simon, to Jesus, Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

Family Connection

In today's Gospel we learn about one of at least two family relations that appear among Jesus' first disciples. Andrew is the brother of Simon, whom Jesus renames Peter. In next week's Gospel, we will learn about the brothers James and John, the sons of Zebedee. We know from the letters of Paul and other witnesses to the early Church that it was a common occurrence for an entire household to be baptized together. From the very beginning of the Church, families helped one another to know and follow Jesus. We hope and pray that this continues to be true in our family life.

Before your family gathers, look around your house and gather some items that your family might have that remind you of your faith. Perhaps you have a cross or crucifix displayed in your home, a statue of Mary, or statues or other art depicting saints. In today's Gospel we learn about how Andrew led his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Read today's Gospel, John 1:35-42.

In our family life, we also help to lead one another to Jesus. Talk together about the items that you gathered, discussing what these items mean to you and how you might use them during the day for prayer. Pray that your family will continue to help one another grow in our faith in Jesus. Pray together the Glory Be to the Father.



This Sunday's Readings

The Lord calls Samuel.

A prayer of commitment to follow the will of the Lord.

Paul reminds the Corinthians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God,

and Jesus receives his first followers.

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