



St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Parish

Parish Established 1908 • Church Dedicated 1947

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

*Lent invites us to a new
journey of faith*

*Ash Wednesday
is February 14th*



Church Driveway

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.

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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

Saint John the Baptist is an important saint in our faith. He serves as a key figure in Jesus' ministry and works, and is known for baptizing Jesus.

Before Saint John was born, the Angel Gabriel appeared to **Elizabeth** and Zachariah to tell them that they would have a son and they would name him John. While they were skeptical at first, John leapt in **Elizabeth's** womb at the sound of Mary's voice - and from then on, **Elizabeth** knew that Mary was carrying Jesus, and she was carrying John.

Saint John lived a quiet childhood, until he started working in ministry. He was known for attracting large crowds together and baptizing each individual. One day, when Saint John was baptizing a crowd of people, Jesus appeared and asked to be baptized. At first, Saint John said Jesus should be baptizing him, but Jesus insisted that Saint John baptize him instead. When he did, the voice of God spoke to them saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." From that day forward, Saint John asked his followers to believe in the "Lamb of God" (Jesus).

While Saint John serves as an extremely powerful and moving figure, many quotes have been attributed to him over the years that demonstrate his loving spirit and message of hope and inspiration. We're sharing five quotes that truly inspire us and remind us of his works,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world."

"He must increase, but I must decrease."

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

These powerful words from Saint John the Baptist remind us of his commitment to inspiring others, while serving as a model of love and faithfulness. We can draw strength and courage from his teachings as we strive to live out our own faith in Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS 2/10-2/18

Sat	4:00 pm	Brian Sharkey People of the Parish
Sun	7:30 am	Rafael Ruiz
	10:00 am	Edward Banack
Mon	12:15 pm	Mary Pulliam
Tues	7:15 am	Sandra Werner
Wed	7:15 am	People of the Parish
	8:30 am	School mass, parishioners welcome
	12:15 pm	Joseph B. Durney, Sr.
	3:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word & dist. of ashes
	6:00 pm	Mary Pulliam
Fri	12:15 pm	Paul Kozicki
	6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	8:15 am	Bruce Faulkner
	4:00 pm	Brian Sharkey
Sun	7:30 am	Marian Bridget McCool People of the Parish
	10:00 am	Lawrence Cylc

We have masses available as soon as February 19.

Mass cards are available in the Parish Office—\$10 Offering

Masses can be said for birthday's, anniversaries, special intentions, etc.

Please call or visit the parish office to inquire about dates.

STEWARDSHIP + OFFERTORY

February 4	\$5,841.50
Online	\$4,521.50
Total	\$10,362.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Tax statements have been sent to parishioners who have requested them in the past and all who called thus far.

If you would like a tax statement from the parish for your offertory donations, please call Lisa in the parish office at 302-652-3626. The statement can be emailed or printed and mailed or picked up from the office.

*Commemorative Candles
for the week of February 11*

In memory of Christopher Fortugno

In memory of Natalie O'Connor

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary

Joe & Edna Krajewski

*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
Lorraine Talmo
Madison McDermott

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, March 4 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.

FUN FACT ABOUT BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY #2

Did you know that St. Joseph Church on French Street in Wilmington was founded by the Josephites in 1889? The religious order of St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart, otherwise known as the Josephites, "is a religious community of Catholic priests and brothers, committed to serving the African American community through the proclamation of the Gospel and [their] personal witness." While the Josephites no longer serve here in the Diocese, St. Joseph Church in Wilmington remains a vibrant community of predominantly African American Catholics.



St. Elizabeth YouTube Channel

Our Facebook page, "St. Elizabeth Parish" has been hacked.

At this point, no one connected to the parish is able to manage the page. We are working to see what our next steps are.

For livestreamed, and recorded, masses please check out our YouTube page. Use the YouTube app or youtube.com and search for 'St. Elizabeth Church Wilmington DE' or scan the QR code.

Please share this information with anyone who follows us on Facebook. Thank you!

SACRAMENTS



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.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

The Knights of Columbus are collecting nonperishable food & household items drive at all Masses. Items needed: soup, pasta products and sauces, cereal, stews, tuna, jelly, rice, beans, peanut butter, coffee, tea bags, juices, canned fruit, soap, tooth paste, toilet tissue and laundry detergent.

Monetary donations accepted and used to purchase supplies to provide, prepare and serve

lunch at Emmanuel Dining Room by Msgr. Grant Council on the 31st of each month with 31 days. Please make checks payable to: Monsignor Grant Council KofC. All contributions will be gratefully appreciated.



INVITATION TO JOIN TROOPS OF ST. GEORGE

St. Elizabeth is formally welcoming a new Catholic scouting organization for dads and sons called the "Troops of St. George" (TSG). Specifically, St. Elizabeth is happy to introduce you to Troop 302! Our local troop reflects our area and its official name is Troop 302 – an area code nod to our base of operations. St. Elizabeth parish officially sponsors Troop 302 and the State of Delaware recognizes Troop 302 as an official 501(c)3 non-profit. Troop 302 forms sons and dads in their Catholic faith through camping/hiking events, repairing church property, and liturgical events such as Eucharistic Adoration & processions. Troop 302 convenes every 4 – 6 weeks with half-day activities that impart Catholic theology along with outdoor and athletic skills. If interested in learning more, please feel free to reach out via Troop302.org or talk to Fr. Roger after Mass.

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.

COLUMBIETTES

Do you have some time to help others? Are you interested in having fun? Do you want to be with other women who believe and practice the Catholic faith like you? We are Catholic women who, through sisterhood, service, and spirituality strengthen our faith while meeting the needs of our community and church. We are inclusive, respect life and support our Knights of Columbus. Learn more about the Columbiettes at www.decolumbiettes.com. Please email: piuscolumbiettes@gmail.com or contact Liz Zawisza at 302 922 2427 or email hopeliz1224@gmail.com for more information.

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

LITURGY

MUSIC MINISTRY

Marion Jacob
Director

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Jan 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.

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

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

"Do everything for the glory of God." Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.

IF YOU ARE MARRIED...

or soon to be married, you need to realize that your marriage is your vocation! Your marriage must come before all things except God!

WORD OF LIFE

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

GOOD NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, February 17th, tune-in to hear an interview with Father Alexander Pocetto, OFSF, author of the book: "Journey Through Lent with Francis de Sales." 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 most interviews at [YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofWilm). For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH (MIDDLETOWN) PRESENTS "WAY OF THE CROSS"

The Music Ministry of St. Joseph Parish will present a Cantata, "Way of the Cross," on Sunday, February 18, 2024, 4:00 pm, featuring the Parish Choir, Cantors, and orchestra. The work will feature John Sposato as reader and Vy. Rev. Mark Kelleher as president/cantor. It will be conducted by Rosemary Hadland, Director of Music Ministry. An optional Lenten supper in the Parish Hall will follow immediately after the performance.

"Way of the Cross" is composed by Vince Ambrosetti, renowned Catholic publisher, composer, and artist. A gorgeous musical setting based on St. Alphonsus Ligouri's prayerful Stations of the Cross; the cantata will allow those in attendance to participate in the sung responses for each station. The performance will highlight the newly restored Stations of the Cross featured in the nave of the St. Joseph Church.

"Way of the Cross" is approximately one hour long. It will be followed by a simple Lenten soup and bread supper in St.

Joseph Hall, provided by the Columbiettes Old Bohemia Auxiliary. The concert and dinner are free of charge; however, because of limited space, reservations are required for the dinner. To reserve a seat for dinner, please contact the Parish Office at 302-378-5800 no later than February 9, 2023.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

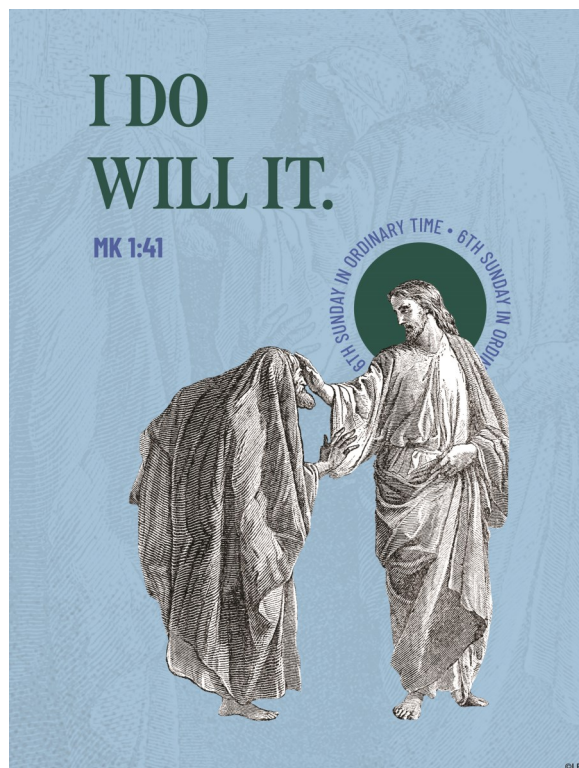
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.

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.





Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on) How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values? In today's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45. In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions. Pray together today's Psalm, Psalm 32, or pray the Prayer for Vocations.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46*

The Law regarding leprosy is given to Moses and Aaron.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 32:1-2,5,11*

A prayer of contrition and confession for sin.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1*

Paul urges the Corinthians to imitate him as he imitates Christ.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:40-45*

Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWS

BENEDICTINE SPIRIT VIKING PRIDE



In keeping with service traditions, St. Elizabeth partnered with the Blood Bank of Delmarva to host our annual blood drive on Friday, January 26, 2024.

The blood drive is a student-driven event that our high school blood drive members organize each year. For most juniors and seniors, this is the first time donating blood, an impactful experience that prepares them for donating in the future. In addition to our upperclassmen, many parents, faculty and staff members were in attendance to support our students and donate themselves.

Each pint of blood collected can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. We had 33 people donate, collecting around 30 pints of blood which can save over 85 lives! Many thanks to our student blood drive committee members, Daniel Konkle '25, Gabe Rabinovitch '25, Angela Cheyney '24, Julia Verton '24 and faculty coordinator, Ms. Kelly, for making our donors feel comfortable and attended to throughout the day.

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EDUCATE † ENGAGE † EMPOWER



candle makers

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Last Friday we wrapped up Catholic Schools Week celebrating the Feast of Saint Blaise. Our faculty and staff Extraordinary Ministers went around to classrooms to give the Blessing of Throats on the Feast of Saint Blaise, patron saint of wool combers, wild animals, and ailments of the throat.

Join us at our Open House and learn more about our NEW innovative curriculum designed to seamlessly merge St. Elizabeth High School's distinguished College Prep program with real-world, work-based experiences in the fields of Medicine, Education, Business, or Technology. Register Here:
www.steschools.org/admissions



VIKING PATHWAYS

College Prep & Career Ready

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 at 11:00AM

