



St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

The beauty of our Church...
and Jesus says... "be living
stones" of God's house



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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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

Palm Sunday Weekend: Eucharistic Event **Friday, 3/22/2024**

12:15 pm: Mass with Bishop Fulton Sheen's chalice and blessing with relics of +Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Benedict
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm: Adoration
6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm: Sine Nomine concert
7:00 pm: Potluck dinner and presentation by Jeffrey Daley on +Blessed Carlo Acutis and the Eucharistic Miracle Panel Display
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Eucharistic Miracle display and veneration of relics of +Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Benedict

Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:15 am: Mass with Bishop Fulton Sheen's chalice and blessing with relics of +Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Benedict
8:45 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and rosary
8:45 am - 2:00 pm: Adoration with 1,000 Hail Mary Group
9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Eucharistic Miracle display and veneration of relics of +Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Benedict
4:00 pm: Mass and blessing with relics of +Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Benedict
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Eucharistic Miracle display and veneration of relics of +Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Benedict

Sunday, March 24, 2024

7:30 am: Mass with Bishop Fulton Sheen's chalice, blessing with relics of +Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Benedict, talk by Jeffrey Daley
10:00 am: Mass with Bishop Fulton Sheen's chalice, blessing with relics of +Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Benedict, talk by Jeffrey Daley
11:00 am - 2:00 pm: Eucharistic Miracle display and veneration of relics of +Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Benedict
*Jeffrey Daley will speak in Grant Hall
*Video of Eucharistic Miracles will be shown in Grant Hall

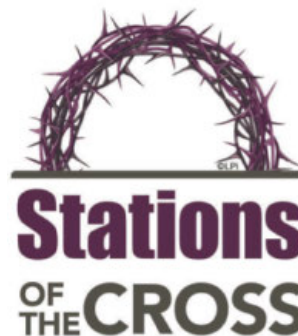
MASS INTENTIONS 3/2-3/10

Sat	4:00 pm	Josephine Lukowski People of the Parish
Sun	7:30 am	Natalie O'Connor
	10:00 am	Christopher Fortugno
Mon	12:15 pm	Christine Paraskewich
Tues	7:15 am	William Maxwell, Sr.
Wed	7:15 am	J. Raymond Bamberger
Fri	12:15 pm	Joel Houghton
Sat	8:15 am	Rodney Godwin
	4:00 pm	Edward Banack
Sun	7:30 am	Gary Ciskowski People of the Parish
	10:00 am	Joseph Morvell

We have masses available as soon as March 12/
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 25	\$5,229.50
Thank you for your continued generosity!	



**Fridays
in
Church
at
6:00 PM**



*Commemorative Candles
for the week of March 3*

In memory of Natalie O'Connor

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

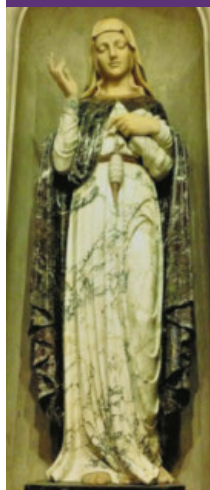
Pray for...



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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
Luke Vannicola

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.

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!



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.

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.

**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, 3/23 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.

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.

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 mjacob@steparish.org
Director
Jean Scalessa jeanscalessa@gmail.com
Funeral Coordinator



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 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

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. **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"**

WORD OF LIFE

The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (The Gospel of Life 5).

HELP WANTED

F/T and P/T positions available immediately for Lead Teachers in our Early Learning Center at St. Anthony's Community Center. TECE 1 and/or 2 required or Early Childhood Education credits.

Salary: From \$17/hr.
and pay commensurate with education and experience
Health, Dental, Vision, Life, & Paid time off
among benefits available.

If interested: stacc@comcast.net or 302-421-3721

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Thank you to all who attended the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass with Bishop Koenig at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. The pictures have been placed on the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington website under the Office for Marriage and Family Life. **Please visit <https://www.cdow.org/religious-education/office-for-marriage-and-family-life/> and click on the red link to access the pictures.** Any questions can be directed to the Office for Marriage and Family Life – 302-295-0657.

Pass the WORD 2024

03/14/24

Register through your parish priest, principal or youth/campus minister.

An event
for High School boys

a day for discerning your future

What is your greatest love?

What compels you?

Could priesthood be a thought?

A day for reflection among peers at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bear, DE March 14, 2024
Thursday - 9:30am to 2:30pm with Bishop Koenig

All are invited to the 13th CYM Pilgrimage – “Blessed are They/Bienaventurados son ellos” – on Saturday, March 23, 2024, in Wilmington, DE. We hope to gather 1000 pilgrims this year to walk with Bishop Koenig through the route and encourage families to accompany their young people! The CYM Pilgrimage will be blessed this year by the presence of the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, which St. Elizabeth Parish will host throughout that weekend. <https://www.cdowcym.org/events/detail/pilgrimage-2024>. Questions should be directed to catholicyouth@cdow.org.


Synod Discernment Listening Sessions

Join Bishop Koenig in reflecting upon those things that encourage or hinder the Church's mission and ways that we as a Church can be helped in our ability to live and proclaim the Gospel. Two listening sessions will be held in the diocese as part of the universal Church's Synod of Synodality:

Monday, March 4, 6:30 pm
Saint Margaret of Scotland, Glasgow, Del.

or
Monday, March 18, 6:30 pm
Saint Francis de Sales, Salisbury, Md.

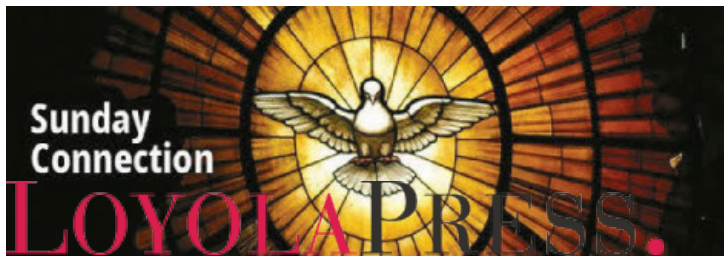
RSVP today at cdow.org/synod.



AN EVENING OF MUSIC WITH
CHRIS BRUNELLE

March 10th, 2pm
St. Ann Parish
2013 Gilpin Ave, Wilmington DE
Free concert - Free-will offerings welcome

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@ChrisBrunelle



Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect upon our worship of God. For Jesus and his Jewish contemporaries, the Temple was an important, holy place where they gathered to worship God. The Christian understanding of worship was transformed in light of Jesus' Resurrection. In the Christian understanding, God is worshiped in a person, the person of Jesus Christ. As we read in today's Gospel, Jesus is himself the Temple that will be destroyed, but in three days God will raise him up again.

As you gather as a family, talk about places and times when you have experienced God's presence. After his Resurrection, Jesus' disciples understood that Jesus was present with them as they gathered to pray and especially when they gathered to share a meal. Read together today's Gospel, John 2:13-25. Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that he is God's presence with us. Thank God for Jesus' presence with us, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Exodus 20:1-17*

Moses is given the Ten Commandments.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 19:8,9,10,11*

A prayer of praise to God

who gives us his commandments

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

Paul preaches Christ crucified to the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading: *John 2:13-25*

Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWS

BENEDICTINE SPIRIT VIKING PRIDE



Congratulations to our winter athletes who earned Diamond State All-Conference accolades for the 2023-2024 season. The Boys and Girls Basketball teams were both named Conference Champions!

DSAC Boys Basketball:
Conference Player of the Year: **Adien Tobiason**
First-team All-Conference: **JT Wright**
Second Team All-Conference: **Kenny Hunter**
All-Conference Honorable Mention: **Stevie Nixon**
Conference Coach of the Year: **Coach Mike Cassidy**

DSAC Girls Basketball:
Conference Player of the Year: **Ericka Huggins**
First Team All-Conference: **Za'Mylah Seda-Owens**
2nd Team-All Conference: **Makayla Sullivan**
All-Conference Honorable Mention: **Taniyah Reese**
Conference Coach of the Year: **Coach Tye Taylor**

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EDUCATE + ENGAGE + EMPOWER

Congratulations to our Viking wrestlers who competed at Individual Conferences. Junior Ryan McCormac placed 2nd in his weight class and will be advancing to the State Championships. Thank you to Coach Eddie Quinn and his staff for their guidance and dedication this season. Congratulations, Vikings!

Ryan McCormac 2nd (165)
Dan Konkle 6th (175)
Alex Soto 6th (126)
Cole Soto 8th (132)
Chase Milnes 8th (190)



Join us for a Pancake Breakfast following the Spring Sports Mass on Sunday, March 10th. Breakfast will be served 10am - 12:00pm in Grant Hall and all proceeds will go to The Delaware Foundation Reaching Citizens with Cognitive Disabilities (DFRC). Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, crafts, raffles and much more! Cost is \$10 per person or \$30 per family (2 adults + multiple kids). Kids under 5 years old are free.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 10



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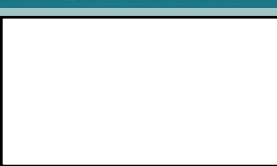


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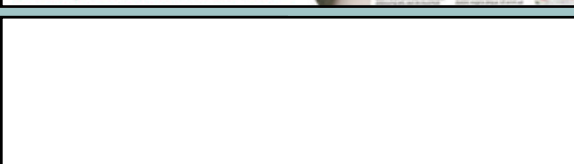
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