



# St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Parish

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### March 17, 2024

### The Processional Cross



#### 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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## March 17, 2024

### 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

### New to St. E's:

### Catholic scouting for sons and dads

The Troops of St. George is an international Catholic scouting organization that focuses on passing on the Faith through camping, sports, and other outdoor activities. St. Elizabeth Church sponsors Troop 302 which brings together sons and dads for outdoor activities, service projects, and Catholic formation. Last year, Troop 302 went on a number of camping trips all around Delaware. They also participated in the Blessed Carlo Acutis procession and did some gardening by the Rectory.

Troop 302 convenes every 4 - 6 weeks on a Saturday for one of its activities. On March 23rd, Troop 302 is going for an archery lesson at New Castle 100 Archers. You are welcome to join Troop 302 there to see whether it is a good fit for you and your family.

Similar to other scouting organizations, Troops of St. George has merit badges and skills challenges that the boys can progress through. If you're interested in learning more, please check out the Troop 302 website at [Troop302.org](http://Troop302.org) or reach out via email to "hello@troop302.org." You can also reach out to Fr. Roger for more information.

### MASS INTENTIONS 3/16-3/24

Sat	4:00 pm	Elizabeth 'Betty' Annoni
Sun	7:30 am	Eugene Maloney
	10:00 am	Annamay Claffey People of the Parish
Mon	12:15 pm	Jean Scalessa
Tues	7:15 am	Joseph Norvell
Wed	7:15 am	Francis McCullin
Fri	12:15 pm	Paul DiNetta
Sat	8:15 am	Edward & Mary Devlin and Family
	4:00 pm	Brian Sharkey People of the Parish
Sun	7:30 am	Patricia Cutrona Hall
	10:00 am	Patrick Smith

**We have masses available as soon as April 10.**

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

March 3	\$3,644.00
Online	\$3,225.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,869.50</b>
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PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR EASTER  
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**MONDAY**  
**MARCH 25 3-8 PM**



## 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  
Luke Vannicola

## 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.

## 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, April 1 at 6:00 PM**

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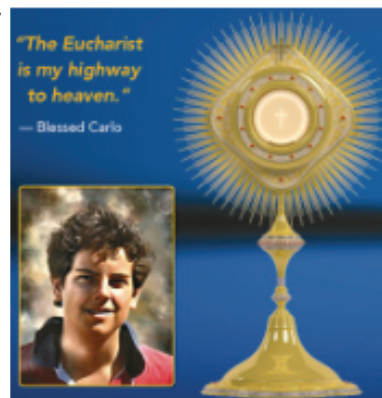


For livestreamed, and recorded, masses please check out our YouTube page. Use the YouTube app or youtube.com and search for 'St. Elizabeth Church Wilmington DE' or scan the QR code.

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

## EUCCHARISTIC ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

St. Elizabeth Parish and School are honored to host the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit, collected and designed by +Blessed Carlo Acutis, from Friday, March 22 through Sunday, March 24. It contains extensive images and historical descriptions of Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Catholic Church. Enjoy a self-guided tour of these miracles, on loan from Malvern Retreat House. The presentation, created by +Blessed Carlo, will be displayed in Msgr. Grant Hall at St. Elizabeth Church. Throughout the exhibition, there will be the opportunity to venerate a first-class relic of +Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Benedict. For updates about the event, the full schedule and video, please visit <https://steparish.org/>. Please call 302-353-0480 with any questions. For information about +Blessed Carlo and his cause for canonization, visit [carloacutis-en.org](http://carloacutis-en.org)





## LEGION OF MARY CHAPTER

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.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** (302) 652-3626

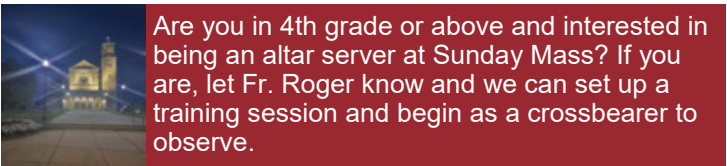
Religious Ed. classes (Grades 1-8)  
Sundays from 9:00-9:50 & 10:00 AM mass

Barbara Maddams, Coordinator  
Ed Graney, Confirmation Prep

## LITURGY

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Marion Jacob  
*Director*



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](mailto:mjacob@steparish.org) or to Fr. Roger at [rdibuo@steparish.org](mailto: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

"The Father will honor whoever serves me." Are you called to belong to serve Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? **Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, contact Fr. Carroll: 302-573-3113, [www.cdow.org/vocations](http://www.cdow.org/vocations), or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org). Check out the Facebook page "Vocations Diocese of Wilmington"**

**WORD OF LIFE**

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84).

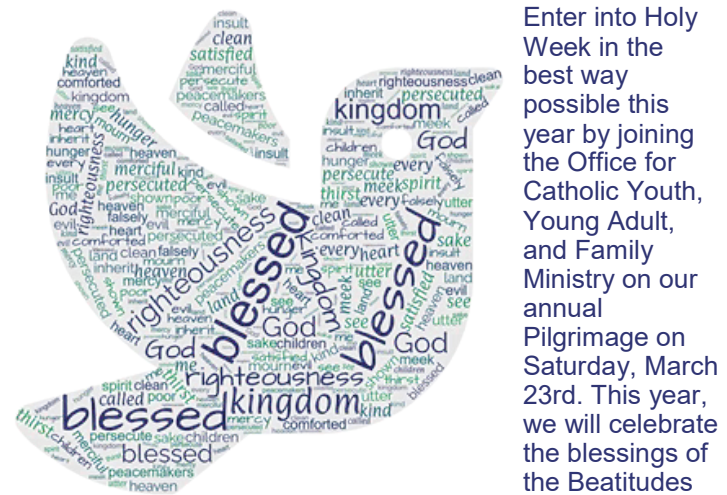
## HELP WANTED

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  
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Enter into Holy Week in the best way possible this year by joining the Office for Catholic Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry on our annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, March 23rd. This year, we will celebrate the blessings of the Beatitudes as we prepare

our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord at Easter. Our theme is “Blessed Are They/Bienaventurados son ellos,” and we will be joined by GMA Dove Award®-nominated artist, songwriter, and worship leader, Sarah Kroger.

Join hundreds of other young people and families as we witness to our faith and the Passion of our Lord by carrying the Pilgrimage Cross throughout the city of Wilmington, with stops for prayer, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, and concluding with Palm Sunday Mass.

More information and registration can be found on our website here: <https://www.cdowcym.org/events/detail/pilgrimage-2024>



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MOST REVEREND WILLIAM E. KOENIG  
BISHOP OF WILMINGTON

March 6, 2024

Captain Wilfredo Campos  
Chief of Wilmington Police Department  
William T. McLaughlin Public Safety Building  
300 N. Walnut Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801-3936

Dear Captain Campos,

I write to acknowledge your request to have Deacon Walter E. Ferris serve as Chaplain of the Wilmington Police Department. As a retired Police Officer of 27 years with the Wilmington Police, I am sure that Deacon Ferris will be very proud to serve as Chaplain for the Wilmington Department. I am happy that Deacon Ferris can be of service to the Wilmington Police and I am sure he will represent our Church well in this public service.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued service to all of us here in the State of Delaware.

With prayerful best wishes and gratitude, I am,

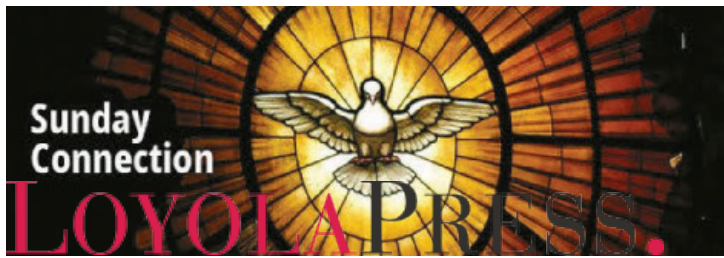


Sincerely yours in Christ,

*William E. Koenig*

Most Reverend William E. Koenig, D.D.  
Bishop of Wilmington

C: Very Reverend Roger F. DiBuo, V.F., *Pastor, Saint Elizabeth Church, Wilmington, DE*  
Deacon Philip A. Belt, *Director of the Permanent Diaconate*  
Deacon Walter E. Ferris



### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow.

Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

### Family Connection

Family life is often a balancing act in which we prioritize and attend to a variety of competing needs. We learn the value of putting others' needs ahead of our own. In family life we also learn that when we make personal sacrifices to serve others, we gain so much more than we may have lost.

As you gather as a family, talk about how important it is to your family life to gladly serve one another. Ask each person to consider the last time that another family member asked for help. What was your response? Did you cheerfully try to honor the request, or did you ask "Why me?" Read today's Gospel, John 12:20-33. How do you think Jesus would want us to respond when someone in our family asks for help? Invite each family member to make a commitment for the next week to try to respond cheerfully to requests for help. Pray together, asking God's help with this commitment. Pray the Prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

### This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

**Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.**

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15*

**A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness**

Second Reading: *Hebrews 5:7-9*

**Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.**

Gospel Reading: *John 12:20-33*

**Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.**





### St. Elizabeth Vikings YOUTH FOOTBALL SPRING CLINIC

**Special Guest Coaches:  
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**Sunday May 5th 12-3pm**

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**Or Scan to Register**



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## 2024 YOUTH FOOTBALL SPRING CLINIC

St. Elizabeth Athletic Association in connection with the High School Football staff is proud to host a Spring Football Clinic with special guest alumni football

players to provide specific position based skills training.

The Spring Football Clinic is open to students entering grades 3 to 8 for the 2024-2025 school year who are interested flag or tackle football. The skills session will be held on Sunday, May 5th from 12-3pm in the St. E Center and the football field in Canby Park. Coaches will focus on position driven skills based on the participants desired position as well as overall fundamental skills of football.

Registration fee is \$40, which includes a Viking Football t-shirt. Check-in will begin at 11:45am at the St. E Center. A discounted registration fee of \$30 is available for St. Elizabeth students and members of St. Elizabeth Parish.

This clinic is being run by High School Football head coach Mike Lemon and his coaching staff along with special guest Alumni Coaches Steve Azzanesi, Eric Patton, Dante Tiberi, Andre Patton, Gavin McCarthy, Craig Napier, Jeff Fletcher, Rich Conway and Joe Durney.

#### FAQs:

**What equipment will participants need for this clinic?** The only necessary equipment is sneakers, a labeled water bottle, and a good attitude. Cleats are recommended but not required.

**Will there be tackling at this clinic?** This is a non-contact clinic. Techniques of blocking and tackling will be taught but there will be no live drills with those skill incorporated.

**Can I sign up a participant/participant's sibling that is younger than grade 3?** This clinic is limited to those who will be in Grades 3 to 8 during the 2024-2025 school year and we cannot make exceptions at this time.





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