



# St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Parish

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## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2025

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community

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sat. Vigil

**4:00 pm**

#### Sunday

**7:30 am**

**10:00 am**

Monday 12:15 pm

Tuesday 7:15 am

Wed 7:15 am

Friday 12:15 pm

Saturday 8:15 am

#### Confessions

Saturday  
8:45 am

#### Holy Hour

Mon & Fri  
12:45-1:45 pm

### PARISH OFFICE

*Office Hours—Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm*

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4th Sunday of the month Filipino Mass at 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass will be live streamed at 10 AM on YouTube and posted on Facebook following the Mass.

# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 23, 2025

### *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

The Catholic Eucharist is a sacrament that involves the consecration of bread and wine during Mass. Catholics believe that the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus Christ. This belief is called transubstantiation.

#### How is the Eucharist celebrated?

- The Eucharist is celebrated daily during Mass.
- A priest blesses the bread and wine.
- The Eucharist is considered the source and summit of Christian life.
- The Eucharist is also known as Holy Communion, the Blessed Sacrament, or the Lord's Supper.

#### What does the Eucharist symbolize?

- The Eucharist is a sacrifice that strengthens Christians spiritually.
- The Eucharist is a symbol of the Church's spiritual good, which is Christ himself.
- The Eucharist is a symbol of the Passover meal, which prefigures the sacrificial offering of the Lamb of God.

#### What are some symbols of the Eucharist?

Bread, Wine, A chalice, and The altar.

#### What is the meaning of the word "Eucharist"?

The word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word eucharistia, which means "thanksgiving".

### MASS INTENTIONS 2/22-3/2

|      |          |                          |
|------|----------|--------------------------|
| Sat  | 4:00 pm  | Philip Saggione          |
| Sun  | 7:30 am  | Helen T. Brown           |
|      | 10:00 am | Edward & Rosemary Banack |
| Mon  | 12:15 pm | Mary Reimer              |
| Tues | 7:15 am  | People of the Parish     |
| Wed  | 7:15 am  | People of the Parish     |
| Fri  | 12:15 pm | Mary Venturena           |
| Sat  | 8:15 am  | People of the Parish     |
|      | 4:00 pm  | Rosanne Samluk Brandau   |
|      | 7:30 am  | Josephine Lukowski       |
| Sun  | 10:00 am | Michael DeCostanza       |

**We have Mass intention availability as soon as March 4.**  
Mass cards are available in the Parish Office, 1500 Cedar Street.  
\$10 Offering—Masses can be said for the Deceased+, birthdays, anniversaries, special intentions, etc.  
Please call or visit the parish office to inquire about dates.

### STEWARDSHIP + OFFERTORY

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| February 16                                     | <b>\$5,863.50</b> |
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## Weekly Offertory

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ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

### TAX STATEMENTS

Everyone who previously requested a tax statement should have received it via email or mail by now. If you have not yet received a statement, and would like one, please call the Parish Office at 302-652-3626, and we will email or mail you your statement.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

## 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  
Darlene Bargelski  
Maryann Berry  
Tab Smith  
Debbie Buchler  
Harry Bargelski, Jr.  
Jolynn Maniscalc  
Jack McDermott, I  
Claudette Bargelski  
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Lorraine Talmo  
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Luke Vannicola  
Florence Korup

## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

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## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(302) 652-3626

Religious Ed. classes (Grades 1-7)  
Sundays from 9:00-9:50 & 10:00 AM Mass

Barbara Maddams, Coordinator  
Karen Donovan, Confirmation Prep

## ST. ELIZABETH DEVOTION



Our St. Elizabeth Devotion is a time to gather in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We will celebrate the *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick*, listen within the Liturgy of the Word, followed by prayers to St. Elizabeth and Eucharistic Benediction

**Please join us  
March 3 at 6:00 PM**

There is a Blessing of a Child in the Womb. If you have received the good news that you are pregnant, come for the blessing.

## LITURGY

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Marion Jacob  
Director

mjacob@steparish.org

### ALTAR SERVING

Are you in 4th grade or above and interested in being an altar server at Mass? If you are, let Fr. Roger know and we can set up a training session and begin as a crossbearer to

## 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. 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

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, 1/25 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.





# STE VIKINGS

# SPRING SPORTS

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



<https://saintelizabethathleticassociation.sportngin.com/home>

Register now for CYM Baseball, Softball & Track or STE Vikings Little League program. Registration will be open for CYM sports through March 15th and Vikings LL until April 1st or until roster limits have been reached! Don't miss your chance to sign up.

St. Elizabeth Extended Care Program is looking for adult staff who are interested in working with our PreK & Kindergarten students after school.

**Hours are Monday-Friday 2:30-5:00.**

# St. E

Work in a relaxed environment where the students can play and socialize with their classmates.

Please email [cwelch@sehs.org](mailto:cwelch@sehs.org) if you are interested or have questions.

## VOCATION REFLECTION

*"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." (Luke 6:27)*

Priests, religious brothers and sisters, and married couples are each called to live out a vocation rooted in love and forgiveness. Is God calling you to witness to His mercy and compassion through a religious vocation? 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).

## WORD OF LIFE

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent  
[usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection](http://usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection)



We have a new Facebook page!

**"ST. ELIZABETH  
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Check out the new page, and give us a Follow and a Like.



We need your help to protect Delaware's vulnerable citizens! House Bill 140, that legalizes physician-assisted suicide, was voted out of committee and is on the "ready list" to go before the full Delaware House of Representatives. For years, the Catholic community has joined advocates for the disabled and others to oppose this bill that not only is against Catholic teachings regarding the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, but also

puts the lives of our most vulnerable citizens at risk. It's time to stand up and make our voices heard!

What is at Stake? HB 140 is government-sanctioned suicide. It can lead to a slippery slope, with vulnerable individuals — such as the elderly, disabled, or those experiencing depression —being pressured into choosing death over life.

For more information, and to send a customizable email to your Representative in Dover, visit [cdow.org/stopassistedsuicide](http://cdow.org/stopassistedsuicide).



**If you have a baby bottle that you have not returned, please return it to the parish office, EVEN IF THERE'S NOTHING IN THE BOTTLE. These bottles are a big expense for Birthright and we'd like to recover as many as possible. THANK YOU!!**



The Little Sisters of the Poor's Jeanne Jugan Residence in Newark, Delaware is looking for a full-time cook and part-time beautician. Please contact us at [vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org) for more information.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD CATHOLIC RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of May 2-4, 2025. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. **Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or [lucyminn929@gmail.com](mailto:lucyminn929@gmail.com) by April 18.**

## GOOD NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. This week, Jessica Rodgers from the Patients' Rights Action Fund will discuss physician assisted suicide from a secular, non-partisan point of view. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoon at 1:30. More information is available at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum) and FaceBook.com/CatholicForum.

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## Pre-Lenten Retreat at the Daylesford Abbey through the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation Saturday, March 1, 2025, 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for a one-day retreat just in time for the beginning of Lent. The retreat theme is exploring the deeper meanings of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in our lives. The retreat is for anyone but especially for anyone who has experienced family adversities. The day will include time for reflection, prayer time, talks, Confessions, and Mass at 4 p.m.

### Speakers:

Dr. Anne DeSantis and Fr. Joseph Serano, O.Praem.

### Cost:

\$65 payable online. Lunch and snacks are included.

**Parking:** Free parking is available at the Abbey.

**Register:** <https://www.nonnatus.org/pre-lenten-retreat.html>

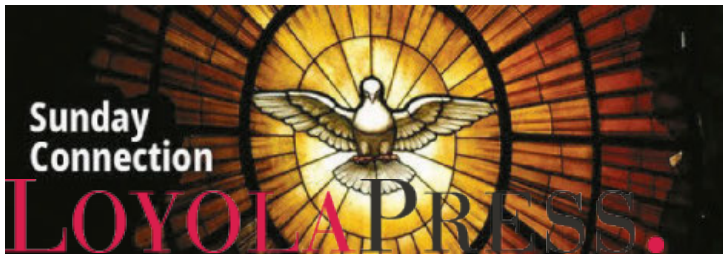
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## 14TH CYM PILGRIMAGE

Join hundreds of others on **Saturday, April 12**, as we walk the streets of Wilmington carrying the Pilgrimage Cross with Bishop Koenig. We are excited to welcome back "The Scally Brothers" to lead worship throughout the day. We start at St. Elizabeth with prayer and a concert, to St. Francis Hospital for a special blessing of the patients, then Reconciliation at St. Anthony of Padua, followed by the Stations of the Cross at Padua Academy, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Paul, and Blessing of Palms and Mass upon our return to St. Elizabeth. More details and the registration are posted online at [cdowcym.org](http://cdowcym.org). Join this event commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and His pilgrimage to Calvary on Good Friday.







## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

## Family Connection

It is easy to choose to be with others when they are acting politely and respectfully. But children do not always act this way, especially with other family members. We can probably all recall a family meal in which such behavior was not observed. Yet we probably chose to sit through the meal anyway. We regularly give our children second chances—and often third and fourth chances—hoping that our generosity will be rewarded. That is how God acts with us. The ethic that Jesus describes seems like an impossible task: to give when asked and to do good to those who hate us. Yet family life is filled with opportunities to act generously and to love without measure. This is what we parents try to do every day. This is what we ask our children to learn. We are reminded that when we love generously and gratuitously, we love as God loves us. This is the meaning of mercy.

As you gather as a family, identify some things that family members are expected to do each day (prepare meals, go to school or work; complete homework assignments, complete household chores, behave appropriately at school, at work and at home; and so on). Discuss whether it is easy to live up to these expectations. Why or why not? Then discuss the meaning of the phrase "go the extra mile" and what it would mean to go the extra mile in the expectations you identified. Introduce today's Gospel: In today's Gospel reading, Jesus describes how we are to act toward one another. What he says may sound like what we mean by the phrase "going the extra mile." Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 6:27-38. Discuss whether the actions Jesus describes are easy and consider why we might act in these ways if they seem difficult. Observe that today's Gospel challenges us to make choices based on God's standard; God loves us all the time by going the extra mile for us. During a time of quiet reflection, invite each family member to choose an action for the week in which he or she will go the "extra mile" for the family. Conclude in prayer by praying together St. Ignatius's Prayer for Generosity.

## This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23*

**David does not kill Saul.**

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13*

**A song in praise of God's mercy**

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:45-49*

**As we bear the image of Adam,  
so we will bear the image of the one from heaven.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

**Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful  
as God is merciful.**

## **Prayer for Generosity**

**St. Ignatius of Loyola**

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,

Teach me true generosity.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve.

To give without counting the cost,

To fight heedless of wounds,

To labor without seeking rest,

To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward

Save the knowledge that I have done your will.

Amen.

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