



ST. ELIZABETH - ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

PARISH ESTABLISHED 1908 • CHURCH DEDICATED 1947

THE CANONIZATION OF CARLO ACUTIS

"I'm happy to die, because I lived my life without wasting a minute on things that don't please God."



September 7th 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

SAT. VIGIL 4:00 PM	MONDAY 12:15 PM
	TUESDAY 7:15 AM
	WED 7:15 AM
	FRIDAY 12:15 PM
	SATURDAY 8:15 AM
SUNDAY 7:30 AM 10:00 AM	CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 8:45 AM
	HOLY HOUR MON & FRI 12:45-1:45 PM

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FILIPINO MASS AT 4:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE - FOR HOURS - PLEASE CALL AHEAD

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SUNDAY MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 10 AM ON YOUTUBE AND POSTED ON FACEBOOK FOLLOWING THE MASS.

SEPTEMBER 7TH 2025 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Catholic Diocese of Wilmington

THE CITY DEANERY

CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER | ST. ANN | ST. ANTHONY OF
PADUA | **ST. ELIZABETH** | ST. HEDWIG | ST. JOSEPH | ST.
MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
ST. PATRICK | ST. PAUL | ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

NOTES FROM FR. ROGER

MENSAJES DE PADRE ROGER

Intercessory Prayer to Carlo Acutis

Taken from his official website, www.carloacutis.com

Oh God, our Father,
thank you for giving us Carlo,
a model of life for young people
and a message of love for all.

You have made him fall in love
with your son Jesus,
making the Eucharist
his "highway to heaven."
You have given him Mary
as a very beloved Mother,
and you have made him,
with her Rosary,
become a singer of her tenderness.
She welcomes his intercession for us.

He looks above all at the poor,
whom he loved and helped.

*[Grant me also, through his intercession, the grace I
need...]*

And make our joy full,
leading Carlo among the saints
of the universal Church,
so that his smile continues
to shine for us and for the glory of your name.

Amen.

St. Carlo Acutis, pray for us. +

In Christ,
Father Roger

MASS INTENTIONS 9/7-9/14

SAT	4:00 PM	KENNY ROSSI
SUN	7:30 AM	JAMES & HELEN SETTING
	10:00 AM	MARGERETE STOEHR & JACK MOORE
MON	12:15 PM	JOSEPH MAZZA
TUES	7:15 AM	ALL ST. ELIZABETH PARISHIONERS
WED	7:15 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV
FRI	12:15 PM	ANGELO TIBERI
SAT	8:15 AM	RODNEY GODWIN
	4:00 PM	JOE & TRUDY SCHOFIELD AND FAMILY
SUN	7:30 AM	EUGENE G. MALONEY
	10:00 AM	JOE & ETHEL KRAJEWSKI

MASS CARDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE, 1500 CEDAR
STREET.
\$10 OFFERING ENCOURAGED - MASSES CAN BE SAID FOR THE
DECEASED, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIAL INTENTIONS, ETC.
+ PLEASE CALL OR VISIT THE PARISH OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT
AVAILABLE DATES.

STEWARDSHIP + OFFERTORY

PARISH COLLECTIONS 8/31/2025 - \$3,676.00

ONLINE GIVING 8/31/2025 - \$1,799.50



Weekly Offertory

Using your phone's
camera, focus on
the square below
and then click on
yellow text.





HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

WE ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO PRAY FOR YOU AND YOUR INTENTIONS.

PRAYER INTENTIONS CAN BE RECEIVED BY PHONE, OR EMAILED DIRECTLY TO THE PARISH OFFICE:
OFFICE@STEPARISH.ORG

ST. ELIZABETH DEVOTION



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.

Additionally, there will be a special blessing for expectant mothers.

Please join us Monday, September 8th at 6:00 PM.

1,000 HAIL MARYS DEVOTION

Please join us on the last Saturday of the month 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.

HOMEBOUND & SICK MINISTRY

Reminder: Many of our parishioners are homebound, or ill, and unable to attend Mass. The reception of the Eucharist is essential to our spiritual lives as Catholics. Please call the parish office if you or someone you love is in need of the distribution of Holy Communion, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or the Anointing of the Sick. It gives us great joy to minister to our parish family in this way.



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 on your behalf.

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 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

Religious Education (302) 652-3626

Classes (Grades 1-7) are held on Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM, prior to the 10:00 AM Mass.

Coordinator: Barbara Maddams

Confirmation Prep: Karen Donovan

LITURGY

Music Ministry

Marion Jacob (Director) mjacob@steparish.org

Altar Serving

4th Grade & Up: This is a ministry that is always needed! Interested children, please have a parent or guardian contact the Parish Office to arrange training sessions.

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.

During a recent meeting of diocesan teachers and administrators, Bp. Koenig honored a number of individuals for their decades long service to the diocese. Below is a reflection written by Kevin Scott - honored for his service of 50 years to St. Elizabeth, as well as the Diocese of Wilmington.



Kevin Scott (St. E), and Carol Ripken (Catholic Schools Office), were recently recognized by Bishop Koenig and the Diocese of Wilmington for fifty years of devoted service to Catholic School education.

ENTER TO LEARN, STAY TO SERVE

“Students who attended St. Elizabeth School with me from 1959 to 1971, were guided by two mottos: One was the Benedictine Sisters' motto of PAX, the Latin word for Peace, which summarized in one word the multifaceted Benedictine Charism of Stability. And the other was ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE, the school motto coined by Monsignor James Grant who was our Pastor when we were in elementary school. One motto called us to remain committed to service at home. The other called us to go out into the world to serve.

For me, as a youngster growing up in this neighborhood, the multigenerational fealty of families to the school and parish community was a reflection on the importance of stability at home. Therefore, I never really left St. E! Even while attending the University of Delaware from 1971 to 1975 and working for the Diocesan Office of Communications from 1974 to 1981, I participated in St. E music ministry, and campus maintenance projects. I also provided technical support for parish events as well as school plays, concerts, variety shows and athletic programs.

Sr. Mary Ellen Hussey hired me as St. E Development Director in 1981, and I served in that capacity until 2016. During my 35 years as Development Director I was privileged to serve as coordinator of design, fundraising and construction for the Poppiti Wing, the St. E Center, and the Benedictine Performing Arts Center. During those decades I also served a similar role in renovating every aspect of our old buildings from the sidewalks to the windows to the roofs and everything in between. My purview of stewardship included the school, the church, the convent, and the rectory.

After 50 years in Catholic Education I have witnessed time and again that all things are possible with God. And I have been reminded that we, the people of God, are the hands of God in this world. Let us join hands with students, teachers, parents, alumni, parishioners and friends to carry on the Lord's work at St. E, so that our faculty and staff can continue 'to teach as Jesus did' for the next 50 years.”

Kevin Scott
Performing Arts Specialist
The BPAC at St. E



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Connect with us on our Facebook page!
“ST. ELIZABETH PARISH,
WILMINGTON”
Check out the page, and give us a
Follow and a Like. See you there!

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 7TH 2025

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Responsorial: Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Father Roger & the Administration of St. Elizabeth School would like to thank everyone who donated school supplies for this academic year. We appreciate your generosity and care for our students!
May God bless you, always.



SEPTEMBER DEVOTION:

Our Lady of Sorrows

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, a title given to Mary as she suffered alongside Christ during his passion. September 15th marks the Feast Day for Our Lady of Sorrows, but we are called to pray and reflect on our own interior sufferings throughout the entire month. May we seek the intercession of the Blessed Mother in hopes of receiving her grace and strength as we endure our own sorrowful crosses. *Virgin, Most Sorrowful, pray for us. +*



SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2025

You are invited to join Bishop Koenig, priests, deacons and parishioners from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore at the annual Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 11, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the *Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception* in Washington, D.C.

Come for Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Mass, Rosary and more. Tour the largest Catholic church in America and visit the gardens and gift shop. For more information, visit cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage or [Facebook.com/cdowMarianPilgrimage](https://www.facebook.com/cdowMarianPilgrimage).

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The Catholic Church in the City of Wilmington
Cathedral of St. Peter | St. Ann | St. Anthony
St. Elizabeth | St. Hedwig | St. Joseph | St. Mary
St. Patrick | St. Paul | St. Thomas

DON'T MISS VISITING THIS
PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE DURING THIS
JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE
WITH OUR BISHOP AND PRIESTS

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY
COACH BUS
FOR DEANERY PARISHIONERS
\$40 PER PERSON

DEPARTS FROM SAINT ELIZABETH
PARKING LOT AT 6:45 AM
& LEAVES THE BASILICA AT 5 PM

SIGN UP AT
DOWNTOWNCATHOLIC.COM/RSVP

FEATURING:

- Mass
- Rosary
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Tour the over 40 chapels
- Lunch in the cafeteria or bring a brown bag
- Holy Hour
- Benediction
- Gift Shop

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 begins the weekend of October 3 - 5 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

HelpOurMarriage.org

RETROUVAILLE

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

October - Respect Life Month

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. To support these annual observances, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it. Materials are available to order in print or to download online:

Visit respectlife.org/respect-life-month

Annual Diocese of Wilmington
Blue Mass
TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL



Monday, September 29, 2025
10:00 a.m.

St. John the Beloved
Roman Catholic Church
907 Milltown Road * Wilmington, Delaware 19808

The Blue Mass is an annual event that honors local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and military personnel who live and work in the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, which includes Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

First Responders of all faiths
- active or retired -
are welcome at the Mass!



Sign up for the Bishop's 5K

Nov 22, 2025 - 08:00 AM
Saint Mark's High School
2501 Pike Creek Rd.
Wilmington, DE 19808

Register here:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/TheBishops5K>

Announcing: **“Women of St. E”** – A NEW WOMEN'S GROUP AT ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are excited to introduce a new fellowship opportunity for the women of our parish community!

Join us for the inaugural gathering of **“Women of St. E,”** a warm and inviting Catholic women’s group dedicated to faith, friendship, and mutual spiritual growth. Our group will meet monthly to share fellowship, offer support, and nurture our collective spiritual journeys. Please feel free to invite your family and friends. Members of other parishes are welcomed.

Monthly Gatherings:

Our gatherings will include an enriching series, *“Her Faithful Journey,”* focusing on inspiring women to deepen their relationship with God and promote connecting with each other through faith and study of inspiring stories of women of the Bible and their journeys of faith.

These sessions will be led by Diana Moyet-Trerotola who is a board-certified Catholic Chaplain with a Master’s degree in Theology. Enlisting her pastoral experience, she will lead in guiding the **“Women of St. E”** in each one’s own faith journey through communal conversation, prayer, and reflection.

Monthly Meeting Schedule for “Her Faithful Journey”:

- **First Meeting: Saturday, September 20, 2025**
- 8:45 AM – 9:15 AM: Light breakfast snacks and fellowship (BYOC-Bring Your Own Coffee)
- 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM: Opening activity/Faith talk by Chaplain Diana
- 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Group discussion and reflection
- Location: St. Elizabeth Center, Entrance Lobby, 1500 Cedar St. Wilmington, DE 19805

Registration:

- To join the **“Women of St. E”** group, please complete the form on this link or scan the QR Code below: <https://forms.gle/xahnXivJxehxRmii9>.
- To participate in our first meeting scheduled for **Saturday, September 20, 2025**, please complete the pre-registration form on this link or scan the QR code below: <https://forms.gle/2hoBCqFWVhka4PtMA>. To ensure we have ample seating and enough breakfast items for our attendees, we encourage pre-registration for each scheduled session. However, last-minute arrivals without pre-registration are certainly welcome.

Come nourish your spirit and build lasting relationships through fellowship with our parish community of St. E women. Please direct any questions to Diana at chaplain.d.m.trerotola@gmail.com.

Join “Women of St. E” QR Code:



Pre-Registration QR Code:

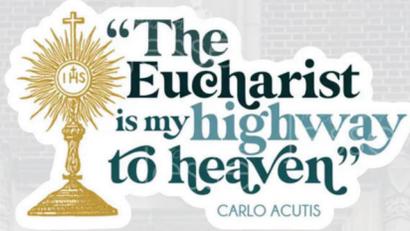




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St. Elizabeth School celebrates the canonization of Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint.

Carlo's life was short, but powerful. His witness to living a life for God, especially as a child of modern times, was unique – but not unattainable. Carlo's example offers us an opportunity to connect with generations of young people that have become increasingly disengaged from practicing their faith. His love of the Eucharist was profound – he found joy in reminding people that Christ is, in fact, truly present in the Eucharist – and is always waiting for us. Modern life is filled with distracting influences that can easily overwhelm young people. In particular, the constant pull of social media can be a major obstacle—distracting them from the deeper journey of learning who they are in God's eyes. Let us ask St. Carlo to intercede for us all – especially as we *pray & work* together in these shared halls of community and purpose.

Pope Francis included (Carlo) in his apostolic exhortation *Christus Vivit* (“Christ is alive”), addressed to young people.

Speaking of Carlo, Francis said,

He saw that many young people, wanting to be different, really end up being like everyone else, running after whatever the powerful set before them with the mechanisms of consumerism and distraction. In this way they do not bring forth the gifts the Lord has given them; they do not offer the world those unique personal talents that God has given to each of them. As a result, Carlo said, ‘Everyone is born as an original, but many people end up dying as photocopies.’ Don’t let that happen to you! (Christus Vivit 106).

Simple ways to live by the example of St. Carlo Acutis:

- Go to Mass as often as you can.
- Say the Rosary or a prayer every day.
- Be kind to others—especially online!
- Use your talents (like art, music, or computers) for God.
- Stay close to Jesus, especially in the Eucharist.