



ST. ELIZABETH - ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

PARISH ESTABLISHED 1908 • CHURCH DEDICATED 1947



FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates finding Jesus' True Cross. According to tradition, the True Cross was discovered by Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constatntine the Great.



September 14th
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 <u>SATURDAY</u> 8:45 AM
	HOLY HOUR <u>MON & FRI</u> 12:45-1:45 PM

PARISH OFFICE - FOR HOURS -PLEASE CALL AHEAD

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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.

SEPTEMBER 14TH 2025 - FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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

A note of gratitude to all of our St. Elizabeth School families, parishioners, and anyone who has offered their prayers for the success and blessings upon this new school year. Our time together so far has been busy, joyful, and grace filled. Thank you for your continued prayers — we truly can't do this without them. Your faithful prayers help to support and sustain our school community each and every day. God bless you.

In Christ,
Father Roger

A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.

Pope Benedict XVI

MASS INTENTIONS 9/14-9/21

SAT	4:00 PM	JOE & TRUDY SCHOFIELD AND FAMILY
SUN	7:30 AM	EUGENE G. MALONEY
	10:00 AM	JOE & ETHEL KRAJEWSKI
MON	12:15 PM	JOSEPH MAZZA
TUES	7:15 AM	SALVADORE MAZZUCA
WED	7:15 AM	ALL ST. ELIZABETH PARISHIONERS
FRI	12:15 PM	JOSEPH MAZZA
SAT	8:15 AM	JOSEPH MAZZA
	4:00 PM	EDITH RYAN (BIRTHDAY)
SUN	7:30 AM	DENNIS FROST
	10:00 AM	AGNES V. & JOSEPH E. RYAN, SR.

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 9/7/2025 - \$4,541.00

ONLINE GIVING 9/7/2025 - \$2,516.50



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, October 6th 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.



FAITH & CHARITY

CATHOLIC APPEAL

Since 1976, the Annual Catholic Appeal has been a unified effort in which all parishioners are asked to provide critical, financial support to nearly forty diocesan ministries that provide for the spiritual emotional and physical needs of the community. This year, the appeal will be called the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. We are all united by our faith and called to charity. Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal funds are the major financial source available to support these vital ministries.

Every Appeal gift goes to support diocesan programs and ministries which in turn provide services to the parishes and in collaboration with our parishes. Additionally, at least 50 percent of contributions received beyond a parish's assigned target is returned to the parish and used to defray ministry and capital costs. Parishes operating or supporting a school receive 100 percent of over-target contributions.

Parishioners will receive information about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal through the mail from Bishop Koenig. The enclosed pledge card and return envelope can be used to make a contribution to the campaign. A contribution can also be made by contacting the diocesan development office at (302) 573-3120.

For more information on the Appeal, or to arrange a contribution electronically, please visit the Faith and Charity Appeal homepage: :

<https://cdow.org/ministries/development-office/faith-and-charity-catholic-appeal/>



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WILMINGTON"
Check out the page, and give us a
Follow and a Like. See you there!

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 14TH 2025

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

Responsorial: Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

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.

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FOR THE
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025
10 AM – 4 PM

City Deanery
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:





1500 Cedar Street
Wilmington, DE 19805

302.656.3369

www.steschools.org
contact@steschools.org



Dear Friends in Christ,

Across our Diocese, the spirit of Catholic education is alive and vibrant – and this year, our students themselves are leading the way.

I'm delighted to introduce this year's Share in the Spirit campaign for tuition assistance, created by students, for students. From video production and article writing to poster design and heartfelt testimony, our young people have stepped up to champion the importance of Catholic education in a powerful and inspiring way.

Lauren Tyree, a rising senior at St. Mark's High School, led the creation of a compelling campaign video that captures what Catholic schools mean to our students: community, safety, purpose, and a place where faith is the heartbeat of learning.

Reagan Handy and Kinsleigh Engler, rising seniors at Ss. Peter and Paul High School, wrote a moving article about the lasting value of their education and why tuition assistance is vital.

Dominic Rufo, a rising senior at *St. Elizabeth High School*, wrote beautifully about the sense of belonging he feels and his gratitude for the support he has received.

And Paige Sopirak, a senior at Padua Academy, used her artistic talents to design this year's campaign poster, reminding us that students helping students is a powerful witness of faith in action.

These students have poured their hearts into this campaign, hoping to give more young people the same opportunity they've been given: a Catholic education rooted in faith, love, and excellence.

Last year, thanks to your generosity, we provided nearly \$1.4 million in tuition assistance—but sadly, we had to turn away just as many deserving students due to limited resources. This year, we are praying for your continued support, so that more students can say yes to the gift of Catholic education.

I invite you to join me in supporting the Share in the Spirit collection in all parishes the weekend of September 27 and 28. Together, we can ensure that every student who desires to learn, lead, and grow in faith has a seat in our classrooms.

Let us answer the call of our young people—and give generously so that they may continue to thrive, believe, and become who God is calling them to be.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Koenig

Bishop of Wilmington



For more information on the CDOW "Share in the Spirit" Campaign, as well as to view the campaign video, please visit:

<https://cdow.org/ministries/development-office/share-in-the-spirit/>

Share in the Spirit
Catholic Diocese of Wilmington
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