



# ST. ELIZABETH - ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

## WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

PARISH ESTABLISHED 1908 • CHURCH DEDICATED 1947

**“Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope.” (1 Pet 3:15)**



United States  
Conference of  
Catholic Bishops



**Catechetical Sunday**  
September 21, 2025

### 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

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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 21<sup>ST</sup> 2025 - 25<sup>TH</sup> 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



### A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists.

We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

*In Christ,*  
Father Roger

## MASS INTENTIONS 9/21-9/28

SAT	4:00 PM	EDITH RYAN (BIRTHDAY)
SUN	7:30 AM	DENNIS FROST
	10:00 AM	AGNES V. & JOSEPH E. RYAN, SR.
MON	12:15 PM	RAYMOND DICAMILLO, SR.
TUES	7:15 AM	ANGELO TIBERI
WED	7:15 AM	JOHN VIRGILIO
FRI	12:15 PM	JIM DALLAS
SAT	8:15 AM	MARY & ANSO VENTURENA
	4:00 PM	JACK GARDNER
SUN	7:30 AM	ANNA CUTRONA
	10:00 AM	PETER A. PANTALONE

**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 9/14/2025 - \$4,210.50

ONLINE GIVING 9/14/2025 - \$1,589.50



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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/>



## St. Thomas the Apostle

Knights of Columbus

Council #12374

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**

**& Silent Auction**

Monday October 13, 2025

11:00 AM Shotgun Start (9:30 AM Registration)

at Hartefeld National. Fees are \$200/player for hot lunch, golf, drinks and dinner. Hole Sponsorships and Corporate Sponsorships available.

Call/text Jim Haley, Jr., at 302 494 2266, or email [jhaley@ferraralaw.net](mailto:jhaley@ferraralaw.net) for a brochure.



# facebook

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 21<sup>ST</sup> 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial: Psalms 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13



### COMMEMORATIVE CANDLES

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

**Renie Mairs Schaefer - Birthday**

\$10 suggested offering. Cards available upon request.

## SEPTEMBER DEVOTION:

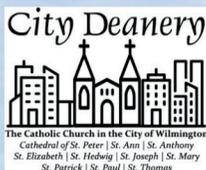
### Our Lady of Sorrows

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

JOIN BISHOP KOENIG  
AND FELLOW PARISHIONERS FROM THE  
CITY DEANERY PARISHES  
FOR THE  
DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON'S  
MARIAN PILGRIMAGE  
TO THE  
BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
IN WASHINGTON, D.C.  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025  
10 AM – 4 PM



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

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](http://cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage) or [Facebook.com/cdowMarianPilgrimage](https://www.facebook.com/cdowMarianPilgrimage).

#### 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](http://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](http://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:

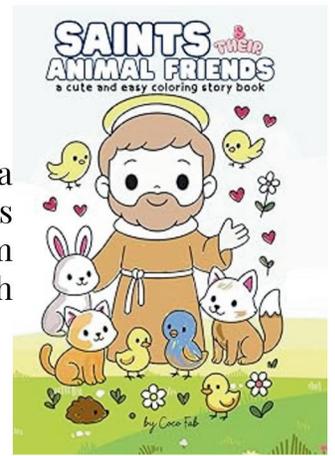
[https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/  
TheBishops5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/TheBishops5K)

# Saints & Their Animal Friends:

A new coloring book and story book in one!

Did you hear about the saint that had a pet trout? How about the saint who healed a blind hyena? Learn some fun facts about your favorite saints and color the pages as you go to bring their stories to life. Suitable for all ages. Get your copy after 10am mass on **September 28th** and a portion of each sale will be donated to St. Elizabeth parish.

*The books are \$10 each. Thank you!*



## DIocese of WILMINGTON RECOGNIZES ST. ELIZABETH'S CAROLE WELCH FOR 30 YEARS OF DEDICATION DURING 'SPIRITUALITY DAY' AT SAINT MARK'S HIGH SCHOOL

### *Carole's Reflection on her 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a St. Elizabeth Educator:*

"When searching for a school for my eldest child, we recognized that St. Elizabeth School offered not only an exceptional education but also a welcoming community we desired to join. Over the years, all four of my children attended St. Elizabeth School, allowing me to witness firsthand the nurturing environment it provides.

I began my journey at the school as a volunteer during lunch and recess until my youngest child entered first grade. At that point, I was hired as a second-grade assistant, a role I embraced wholeheartedly. My teaching career at St. Elizabeth truly flourished when I took on the Art position in 2003. Students often inquired, "How are you so skilled at Art?" to which I humbly responded, "I was given a gift from God." It brings me immense joy to share my artistic talents and inspire our students to explore their creativity.

Approximately ten years ago, I expanded my responsibilities to include the Library and Music Program, viewing both as integral components of the Arts curriculum. Our Library has undergone significant updates to accommodate the diverse needs of all our learners.

In addition to my teaching roles, I have also directed the Extended Care Program for 26 years. This position allows me to engage with students in a different setting, fostering an environment of play and exploration after school hours.

I am profoundly grateful to Sister Gerard for granting me the opportunity in 1995 to be an integral part of the St. Elizabeth community. My experiences over the past three decades have been incredibly fulfilling, and I look forward to continuing to contribute to our vibrant school environment."

*Thank You*, MRS. WELCH





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[contact@steschools.org](mailto: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*  
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