



# ST. ELIZABETH - ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

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## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8th

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# November 30<sup>th</sup> 2025



# First Sunday of Advent



### MASS SCHEDULE

<b>SAT. VIGIL</b> <hr/> 4:00 PM	MONDAY	12:15 PM
	TUESDAY	7:15 AM
	WED	7:15 AM
	FRIDAY	12:15 PM
	SATURDAY	8:15 AM

<b>SUNDAY</b> <hr/> 7:30 AM  10:00 AM	CONFESSIONS
	SATURDAY <hr/> 8:45 AM
	HOLY HOUR MON & FRI <hr/> 12:45-1:45 PM

**PARISH OFFICE** - WEDNESDAY, 9AM-3PM  
ALL OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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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.



# NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## 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

*Blessings to our parish community on this  
First Sunday of Advent.*

A few dates and times of note to mark on  
your calendars -

- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass* (Holy Day of Obligation)
  - 8:30AM
  - 12:15PM
- Weekly masses that meet the Sunday obligation will continue as scheduled during the season of Advent.
  - Saturday, 4:00PM
  - Sunday, 7:30AM
  - Sunday, 10:00AM
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - *Christmas Eve Mass*
  - 4:00PM, *Children's Mass*
  - 8:00PM
  - 12:00AM - *Midnight Mass*
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - *Christmas Day Mass*
  - 7:30AM
  - 10:00AM

*In Christ,  
Father Roger*



## MASS INTENTIONS 11/30-12/7

SAT	4:00 PM	THERESA SCHIAVELLO
SUN	7:30 AM	EUGENE M. MALONEY
	10:00 AM	ROBERT ROACH, SR.
MON	12:15 PM	JOSEPH B. DURNEY, SR.
TUES	7:15 AM	CONNIE DALLAS (L)
WED	7:15 AM	VEN. PADRE VITO M. DINETTA
FRI	12:15 PM	FOR OUR SEMINARIANS
SAT	8:15 AM	JOSEPH B. DURNEY, SR.
	4:00 PM	KEVIN BOLINSKI
SUN	7:30 AM	FOR THE ELDERLY & HOMEBOUND
	10:00 AM	EMILY GODFREY

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 11/23/2025 - \$5,722.00

ONLINE GIVING 11/23/2025 - \$1,714.50



## 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, December 1<sup>st</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 Pre Cana. 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](mailto: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.

## READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsorial: Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Alleluia: Cf. Psalm 85:8

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



# 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!



**Registration for Damascus Summer Camp 2026 is open now! Space is limited, and spots are filling up quickly, so act now to reserve a spot for your young people today!**

*The Diocese of Wilmington has partnered with Damascus to reserve 100 spaces for the weeks of July 5-10 (middle school) and July 12-17 (high school).*



**COMMEMORATIVE CANDLES**  
*Candles are always available to be lit inside of the church to honor a loved one or remember a special personal intention.*

*The suggested offering is \$10, cards are available upon request.*

COME AND ADORE

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# EUCCHARISTIC PRAISE

*Join us in prayer, songs, and reflection during an hour of adoration. We invite you to join the community by coming before the Lord with open hearts to experience music in the form of prayer.*

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**7:00PM-8:00PM**  
**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH**  
**12 WINDER RD, NEW CASTLE, DE 19720**

DATES:  
Eucharistic Praise begins on November 6<sup>th</sup> and continues biweekly, every other Thursday, through December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will take a break for the holidays and resume in January.

**CONTACT:**  
Email: [kayapecou@gmail.com](mailto:kayapecou@gmail.com)

**SOCIAL MEDIA:**  
Instagram: [eucharisticpraise\\_](https://www.instagram.com/eucharisticpraise_)

Damascus Summer Camp is a week-long residential camp for middle school and high school youth located in Emmitsburg, MD. Damascus Summer Camp engages young people into the sacramental life, mission and work of the Catholic Church. Damascus was founded in 2001 and this year will welcome nearly 10,000 campers from all over the country to their 3 camp locations.

The cost of camp is \$645 for a week of food, lodging, and high adventure. However, Bishop Koenig has made Damascus Summer Camp a priority, trusting that the Holy Spirit will lead our young people, families, schools, and parishes to a growth of Catholic identity. He is offering a generous scholarship of \$145 to the first 100 families to register. Financial aid is available, upon request, through the CDOW. Lastly, paying in installments is available through the Damascus online registration form.

When registering, use the promo code **WILMINGTON26** to apply the discount.

**The code is only active for the first 100 registrations from the Diocese of Wilmington!**

To learn more about the Damascus Summer Camp at Summit Lake, or to register, please visit:

<https://www.damascus.net/summer-camp/summit-lake>





Love to craft? Love to bake?  
Sell Tupperware, Pampered Chef,  
or handmade goods?  
We'd love to have you at the St.  
Elizabeth Christmas Bazaar!

Tables are available to rent for  
this festive annual event.  
It's a great opportunity to  
showcase your talents and  
connect with the community!

**Official Dates:**  
**December 12-13**  
**2025**

*Interested?*  
Contact Erica Sherkey at:  
Phone: 302-383-6573  
Email: [elsherkey@gmail.com](mailto:elsherkey@gmail.com)  
*Reserve your spot today!*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*The first Sunday in Advent is  
November 30, 2025.*

*"Therefore, stay awake!*

*For you do not know on which day your Lord  
will come.*

*Be sure of this: if the master of the house  
had known the hour of night when the thief  
was coming,*

*he would have stayed awake  
and not let his house be broken into.*

*So too, you also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of  
Man will come." Matthew 24:42-44*

Advent invites us to prepare our hearts for Christ, not just our homes for Christmas. In these upcoming weeks of quiet (but usually busy!) expectation, the Church encourages us to come back to the Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession renews our souls, restores us to grace, and helps us receive the joy of Christmas with a peaceful and prepared heart. As we await the birth of the Savior, may we also make time for His endless mercy.

**St. Elizabeth Church is open for  
confessions every Saturday at 8:45 AM,  
immediately after the 8:15 AM Mass.**

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON PRESENTS:

# The Magic of Christmas with THE NEW YORK TENORS

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Special Guest

COMEDIAN  
Chris Monty

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or Call: Abbey Thibodeau 302-573-3120

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Tickets - \$100



**THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF  
ST. JOSEPH ON THE  
BRANDYWINE CORDIALLY  
INVITES YOU TO OUR  
CHRISTMAS CONCERT!**

*Sunday,  
December 14, 2026  
2:00pm  
10 Old Church Road,  
Greenville, DE 19807*

The concert features "What Sweeter Music: A Cantata for Christmas" by John Leavitt, as well as traditional carols and hymns with choir, chamber orchestra and organ.

*All are welcome. Free will offering.*

# *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: December 8<sup>th</sup>*



## **Church Teaching on the Immaculate Conception of Mary**

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX released the *Ineffabilis Deus* Apostolic Constitution, which defines and details the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. “Ineffabilis Deus” is Latin for “Ineffable God.” This term refers to the mystery of God’s omnipotence, wisdom, and plan for us, a mystery we cannot fully comprehend; the Immaculate Conception of Mary is part of this mystery. *Ineffabilis Deus* states:

“We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful.”

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates this dogma: Mary was born without original sin so that she could give birth to Christ. “[Mary] received the benefits of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception,” Catholic News Agency explains.

This dogma can be challenging to understand, and perhaps that is why Pope Pius named the constitution “Ineffabilis Deus.” Its meaning is beyond words, indescribable – all part of the great and beautiful Mystery of faith.

[www.hallow.com](http://www.hallow.com)

The Church dedicates the month of December to our Blessed Mother, Mary, who was preserved from original sin at the moment of her conception. This devotion prepares us for Christ's coming by focusing on Mary's purity and her role as the *Mother of God*.

**December 8, 2025, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a feast day and a Holy Day of Obligation. Here at St. Elizabeth, Mass in honor of the Immaculate Conception will be offered at 8:30AM and 12:15PM.**



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Diocese of Wilmington

**Catholic Charities Food Pantry  
Needs Your Help!**

Our Catholic Charities food pantries urgently need donations to restock shelves and serve families in need throughout Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Please consider donating non-perishable food items, especially canned meals (soups, beef stew, spaghetti), canned vegetables, tuna, and chicken, peanut butter & jelly, juice box, cereal, crackers, boxed meals, granola bars, dried fruit, pancake mix, and shelf stable milk.



# CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

The next Catholic Business Network Breakfast will be held on Friday, December 5, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bear, Delaware. Doors open at 7:30 AM for breakfast and fellowship.

Our featured speaker will be Mr. Christopher Kenny, CEO of Kenny Family ShopRite of Delaware, who will share insights on "Strategic Planning for Mission-Driven Organizations."

These breakfasts offer an outstanding opportunity to gather with like-minded professionals and leaders from across Delaware and Maryland who are inspired to live their faith in the workplace. We hope you'll join us and bring a colleague or friend!

To purchase tickets, please visit:  
<https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp68of1cd321694/user/guest>



**Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage** (2026 programs -  
*\*\*please note change in contact information*)

In 2026, the programs will be held February 6-8, July 31 - August 2, and October 21-23, at the Malvern Retreat Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [MarriageHeldDelVal.org](http://MarriageHeldDelVal.org) or call 215-766-3944. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.