



ST. ELIZABETH - ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

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“Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.

I am not worthy to carry his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

December 7th 2025



Second Sunday of Advent



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

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.



DECEMBER 7TH 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 on this Second Sunday of Advent.

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

- Dec. 8th - *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. 24th - *Christmas Eve Mass*
 - 4:00PM, *Children's Mass*
 - 8:00PM
 - 12:00AM - *Midnight Mass*
- Dec. 25th - *Christmas Day Mass*
 - 7:30AM
 - 10:00AM

*In Christ,
Father Roger*



MASS INTENTIONS 12/7-12/14

SAT	4:00 PM	KEVIN BOLINSKI
SUN	7:30 AM	FOR THE ELDERLY & HOMEBOUND
	10:00 AM	EMILY GODFREY
MON	8:30 AM	BISHOP WILLIAM KOENIG
	12:15 PM	POPE LEO XIV
TUES	7:15 AM	THOSE IN NURSING HOMES
WED	7:15 AM	THE ELDERLY OF THE PARISH
FRI	12:15 PM	HELEN WATSON
SAT	8:15 AM	THE DEVLIN & MATARESE FAMILIES
	4:00 PM	MARIANNE KELLNER
SUN	7:30 AM	PEOPLE OF BETHLEHEM
	10:00 AM	JOSEPH MONGILLO

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 11/30/2025 - \$6,097.00

ONLINE GIVING 11/30/2025 - \$2,084.50



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, January 4th 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

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.

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 7TH 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial: Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Alleluia: Luke 3:4, 6

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



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.



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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!



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).

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>

COME AND ADORE

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.

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

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

CONTACT: Email: kayapecou@gmail.com

SOCIAL MEDIA: Instagram: [eucharisticpraise_](https://www.instagram.com/eucharisticpraise_)





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

We are also accepting donations of baked goods, as
well as small 'baskets' for the Hail Mary booth.
Opportunities for volunteering to help are also
available!

Official Dates:
December 12-13
2025

Interested?
Contact Erica Sherkey at:
Phone: 302-383-6573
Email: elsherkey@gmail.com



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"With the birth of John the Baptist, which we
celebrate this Sunday, the first rays of the dawn of
redemption break upon the world. For in his light
we see the One who will be all Light: Jesus the
Lord. The coming of Christ into the world will
mean that the old world of sin and death has come
to an end and the new world of grace and mercy
has begun. So you see, as John is born, more is
born into the world than just a baby, as today's
Gospel makes clear. John will be the one who lets
us know that God has come into our world in
Christ and the promises of salvation to Israel are
now fulfilled. May we recognize this great
revelation and stop living as if the old world of sin
and death is our greatest truth; it is not!"*

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

with
Special Guest



COMEDIAN
Chris Monty

Daniel Rodriguez Andy Cooney Christopher Macchio

TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES
SATURDAY • DECEMBER 13, 2025 • 2:00 PM
St. Mark's High School Theater
2501 Pike Creek Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19808
All Seats Reserved
Book Online: WilmingtonDiocese.simpletix.com
or Call: Abbey Thibodeau 302-573-3120
Join US for Post Show VIP Reception, including meet and greet with the
New York Tenors and Bishop Koenig, Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres.
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.



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.

Food pantry contributions to Catholic Charities can be placed in a labeled bag/box, inside of the vestibule of the church, nearest to the old baptistry.

Ladies, join us on Saturday, December 20, 2025, for our next "Her Faithful Journey" gathering:

- 8:45 AM – 9:00 AM: Light breakfast snacks and fellowship (BYOC-Bring Your Own Coffee)
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Opening Activity/Faith Talk
- 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Group discussion and reflection
- Location: St. Elizabeth Center, Entrance Lobby, 1500 Cedar Street, Wilmington, DE 19805



Our December gathering will be a Christmas Breakfast and Ornament Exchange. Please bring a wrapped ornament to exchange with fellow members. Breakfast will be followed by a brief reflection.

Pre-registration is encouraged by completing the form on this link or emailing Diana at chaplain.d.m.treotola@gmail.com.

Pre-registration link: <https://forms.gle/VsVSwi9SMau9FuNV6>

New members and women of all area Parishes are welcomed!

St. Elizabeth 'Angel Tree'

In collaboration with Catholic Charities, St. Elizabeth will be assisting in the collection of 'angel gifts' for a number of local families in need, this Advent season.

Now through *December 21, 2025*, an Angel Tree (also known as a Jesse Tree) will be located in the vestibule of the church. We invite our St. Elizabeth parishioners to begin selecting and purchasing items, which will be listed on paper angel ornaments that decorate the tree. We ask that parishioners do NOT wrap the gifts, but *tape* the angel ornament to the gift (the recipient family will be wrapping the gifts). Parishioners are asked to place the purchased items in the old baptistry, in the vestibule of the church. *Thank you* for helping to bring the unending love of Christ to those in our community this Advent!

If you have interest in volunteering to help organize the donated gifts after each mass, see Father Roger, Deacon Ken, or Deacon Walt. You may also email the Parish Office at office@steparish.org.





December includes the feast days for a number of significant saints:

St. Nicholas (Dec. 6th)

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12th)

St. Lucy (Dec. 13th)

Our parish family at St. Elizabeth is blessed with many cultural traditions, and each household brings its own way of honoring these great saints.

Does your family have a tradition for celebrating any of these feast days?

