



# ST. ELIZABETH - ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

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*As they were going off,  
 Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John,  
 "What did you go out to the desert to see?  
 A reed swayed by the wind?  
 Then what did you go out to see?  
 Someone dressed in fine clothing?  
 Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces.  
 Then why did you go out? To see a prophet?  
 Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.  
 This is the one about whom it is written:  
 'Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
 he will prepare your way before you.'  
 Amen, I say to you,  
 among those born of women  
 there has been none greater than John the Baptist;  
 yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater  
 than he." Matthew 11:7-11*



## December 14<sup>th</sup> 2025



## Third 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

CONFESIONS  
 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 14<sup>TH</sup> 2025 - THIRD 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 Third Sunday of Advent.*

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

- 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

May the graces and goodness of God continue to fill our parish of St. Elizabeth this Advent season, guiding us in love and joyful preparation for Christ. God bless you -

*In Christ,  
Father Roger*



## MASS INTENTIONS 12/14-12/21

SAT	4:00 PM	MARIANNE KELLNER
SUN	7:30 AM	PEOPLE OF BETHLEHEM
	10:00 AM	JOSEPH MONGILLO
MON	12:15 PM	EDITH & JOE STEPHANO
TUES	7:15 AM	INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV
WED	7:15 AM	STUDENTS OF ST. E SCHOOL
FRI	12:15 PM	PAULINE DINETTA
SAT	8:15 AM	ETHEL S. BAMBERGER
	4:00 PM	JOHN MADEI, KEVIN BOLINSKI, IRENE & DANIEL KOMARA
SUN	7:30 AM	HOMEBOUND & ELDERLY PARISHIONERS
	10:00 AM	ERNST & CICONTE FAMILIES

**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 12/7/2025 - \$5,936.00

ONLINE GIVING 12/7/2025 - \$3,111.50



## 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 4<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 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

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 DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10**

**Responsorial: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5:7-10**

**Alleluia: Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)**

**Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**



**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

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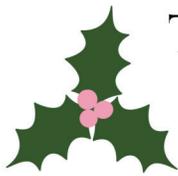
**7:00PM-8:00PM**  
**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH**  
**12 WINDER RD, NEW CASTLE, DE 19720**

**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_)





## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### *Gaudete Sunday*

#### *What is Gaudete Sunday?*

The word 'gaudete' means 'rejoice' in Latin. On this third Sunday in Advent, Catholic priests will wear rose colored vestments during mass, and the rose colored (*or pink, if you prefer!*) candle is lit. As a liturgical color, rose is used as a lightened version of the violet that is primarily displayed as a symbol of penitence and fasting. This signifies that we are called to shift our prayerful contemplation of the Second Coming of Christ towards a softer, more hopeful, more joy filled eagerness for, first, the birth of Christ. Gaudete Sunday invites us into a holy balance, holding together Advent's penitential spirit with the joy and hope assured to us through Christ's coming. The rose candle is a visual reminder to us to, despite the seriousness and the heaviness we may be facing in our own lives - rejoice in the reality that Christ's imminent arrival is at hand.



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.***



*Tune-in the week of December 21 for the annual Catholic Forum Christmas show featuring Bishop Koenig's Christmas message to the people of the Diocese of Wilmington and an exclusive report from Rome with EWTN's Boglarka Sztancs! The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DiocesefWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoon at 1:30. More information is available at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum) and [FaceBook.com/CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).*



**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.

***National Prayer Vigil  
for Life*** 

The National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. will begin with the opening Mass at 5 pm on January 22 and conclude with the closing Mass at 8 am on January 23. The opening and closing Masses will be viewable via livestream at [nationalshrine.org/mass](https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass).

To read the most recent press release: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/nationwide-prayer-vigil-life-take-place-january-22-23>

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](mailto: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](mailto:office@steparish.org).





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

*St. Nicholas (Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>)*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>)*

*St. Lucy (Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>)*

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?

