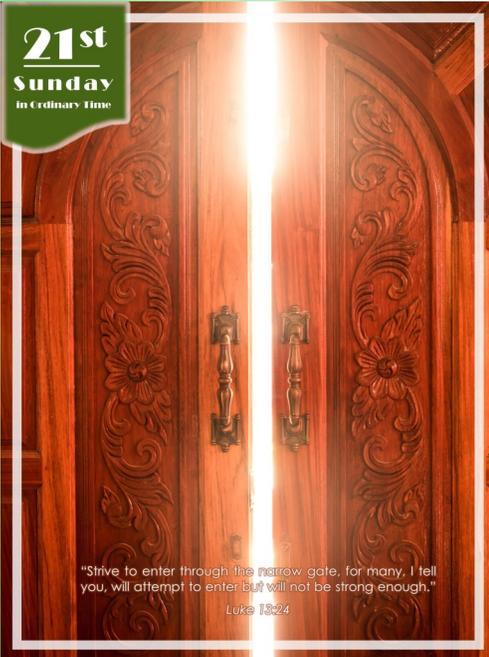


21st
Sunday
in Ordinary Time



"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."
Luke 13:24

The Catholic Community of

Saint Paul

LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SAN PABLO
1010 West Fourth Street Wilmington, DE 19805
Tel: 302-655-6596

Website: <https://stpaulchurchde.org>

Email: saintpaulrectory@gmail.com

Donations/Donaciones

www.givecentral.org/cdowcovid19

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. John E. Olson, Pastor
Rev. Anthony M. Pileggi, Priest in residence
Felipe Almendarez, Deacon

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Damaris Hernández, ccdstpaulchurch@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Telephone: 302-576-4130 <http://www.sphelp.us>

St. Paul's Outreach / Food Pantry

Telephone: 443-606-3136

**OPEN Monday 10:00am - 11:00am and
by appointment, calling the number above!**

New Office Hours (Nuevo Horario de Oficina)

Monday - Thursday (lunes - jueves)
10:00 am. - 11:45a.m.; 1:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.

Closed on Holidays

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN
CALL THE RECTORY DURING
REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

MARRIAGE
CALL THE OFFICE AT LEAST
ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE

SWEET 15 & 16
BLESSINGS CALL THE OFFICE AT LEAST
ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE

MINISTRY TO THE SICK
PLEASE, CALL THE OFFICE!

MISAS / MASSES

Horario / Schedule

Domingos / Sundays

9:00 a.m. English (Church) / Inglés (Iglesia)
11:00 a.m. Spanish (Church) / Español (Iglesia)
1:00 p.m. Spanish (Church) / Español (Iglesia)
3:00 p.m. Spanish (Church) / Español (Iglesia)

Miércoles y Viernes / Wednesday & Friday:

5:00 p.m. Spanish (Chapel) / Español (Capilla)

Misa por los Enfermos / Mass for the Sick

Último martes (Last Tuesday) 5:00 p.m.
(Capilla/Chapel)

HORA SANTA/HOLY HOUR

CADA JUEVES/ EVERY THURSDAY 5:00 p.m.
(Capilla/Chapel)

RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONES

Wednesday/Miércoles & Friday/Viernes

4:30pm: Chapel/Capilla

Or by appointment: call the office
O por cita; llame a la oficina

BAUTISMO DE NIÑOS

LLAME A LA RECTORÍA DURANTE
HORAS DE OFICINA

MATRIMONIOS

LLAME A LA OFICINA CON AL MENOS
UN AÑO DE ANTICIPACIÓN

QUINCEAÑERAS

LLAME A LA OFICINA CON AL MENOS
UN AÑO DE ANTICIPACIÓN

MINISTERIO AL CUIDADO DE LOS ENFERMOS
FAVOR DE LLAMAR A LA OFICINA



24 agosto 2025

Oración inicial: Señor Jesús, concédeme la verdadera humildad para conocerme a través de tus ojos y tu corazón. Concédeme tu salvación.

Encuentro con Cristo:

Un tiempo de salvación: Las imágenes de santos de la Edad Media solían pintarse con una calavera de fondo, una práctica común para que los monjes recordaran la fugacidad de la vida. Vivían con una conciencia que hoy puede verse fácilmente abrumada por la constante atención a la actividad cotidiana a través de teléfonos celulares, realidades alternativas en videojuegos, películas y series de televisión. La inevitable realidad de la muerte está tan alejada de nuestra conciencia que, si acaso, tenemos una falsa comprensión de su finitud. El Evangelio de hoy lo saca a la luz. Llegará un momento en que nos enfrentaremos a la verdad: ¿vamos o no al Cielo? Este momento nos llega a todos. ¿Cuán arraigada está en nuestra conciencia la temporalidad de esta vida y el horizonte de la eternidad venidera?

¿Quiénes serán reconocidos?: En esta curiosa parábola, Jesús ofrece algunas reflexiones que invitan a la reflexión. El dueño de la casa no condenó directamente al que llamaba. Simplemente no lo reconoció y, por lo tanto, no abrió la puerta. El que estaba afuera pidió entrar, pero fue en vano. No lo reconocieron como alguien que pertenecía al interior. La petición se repitió con insistencia, afirmando que comía y bebía con el dueño, pero la puerta permaneció cerrada. En ambas ocasiones, el dueño de la casa dijo que no sabía quién era el forastero ni de dónde venía. Esto podría deberse a un olvido de identidad, no por parte del dueño, sino del que llamaba. Es un llamado a recordar profundamente nuestros orígenes como hijos e hijas de Dios, y a saber que le pertenecemos y que esperamos el Cielo algún día. Vivir en esta realidad, conscientes de dónde venimos y adónde vamos, nos permite ser reconocidos cuando llamamos a la puerta con la esperanza de entrar en el Reino de los Cielos.

Últimos y Primeros: Jesús afirmó, una vez más, que los primeros serán últimos y los últimos serán primeros. Él rompe nuestros esquemas, invitándonos a una conciencia aún más profunda de nuestros motivos e intenciones interiores al vivir nuestra fe. ¿Acaso caminamos con una falsa seguridad en nuestra propia salvación, poniéndonos en primer lugar ante los ojos de Dios? ¿O somos conscientes de que la salvación es un regalo inmerecido? Necesitamos urgentemente la misericordia de Dios y esperamos al final de la fila, conscientes de que la entrada es para quienes se han humillado.

Conversando con Cristo: Señor Jesús, concédeme verdadera humildad y valentía para entrar por la puerta estrecha, dejando atrás o haciendo cambios que no estén de acuerdo con mi origen y destino.

Propósito: Señor, hoy, por tu gracia, reflexionaré sobre mi vida a la luz de la eternidad, con un corazón agradecido y humilde.



August 24, 2025

Opening Prayer: Lord Jesus, grant me true humility to know myself through your eyes and heart. Grant me your salvation.

Encountering Christ:

1. **A Time for Salvation:** Images of saints from the middle ages were often painted with a skull in the background, which was a common practice to help the monks to remember the fleetingness of life. They lived with a consciousness that can be easily overrun today by constant attention to the activity at hand through cell phones, alternate realities in gaming, movies, and TV series. The unavoidable reality of death is so swept aside from our consciousness that we have a false understanding of our finality, if we think about it at all. Today's Gospel brings it to light. There will be a time when we face the truth: are we bound for Heaven or not? This moment comes to everyone. How rooted in our consciousness is the temporality of this life and the horizon of an eternity to come?
2. **Who Will Be Recognized?:** In this curious parable, Jesus offers some thought-provoking considerations. The owner of the house did not directly condemn the one who was knocking. He just didn't recognize him, and thus would not open the door. The one standing outside requested to enter, but to no avail. He was not recognized as one who belonged inside. The request was repeated with insistence, stating that he ate and drank with the owner, but the door remained closed. Both times the owner of the house said he didn't know who the outsider was or where he came from. This could be a case of a forgotten identity, not on the owner's part, but on the part of the one knocking. It is a call for us to profoundly remember our origins as sons and daughters of God, and to know that we belong to him and await Heaven one day. Living in this reality—aware of where we came from and where we are going—allows us to be recognized when we are knocking at the door with the hope of entering the Kingdom of Heaven.
3. **Last and First:** Jesus stated, once again, that the first will be last and the last will be first. He breaks our schemes, inviting us to an even deeper awareness of our interior motives and intentions as we live our faith. Do we walk with a false security in our own salvation, putting ourselves in first place in God's eyes? Or are we aware that salvation is an undeserved gift? We are in dire need of God's mercy and we wait at the end of the line, aware that entry is for those who have humbled themselves.

Conversing with Christ: Lord Jesus, grant me true humility and courage to enter the narrow door, leaving behind or making changes that are not in accord with my origin and destiny.

Resolution: Lord, today by your grace I will reflect on my life in the light of eternity, with a grateful and humble heart.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS



ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF ST. ELIZABETH'S WEEKEND

St. Elizabeth School Alumni Association is hosting an Alumni & Friends Weekend 2025 and invites its elementary and high school Alumni and families to attend. The Maroon & Gold activities planned begin on Wednesday, September 17th with sports and social gatherings throughout the weekend. The festivities will conclude with a prayer service, Alumni pinning and brunch in Grant Hall on Sunday, September 21, 2025.

17

SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY

GUEST BARTENDING NIGHT

6:00 - 9:00 PM at Six Pauper's in Hockessin

19

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

7:00 PM at Abessinio Stadium

21

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

**ALUMNI PRAYER SERVICE, PINNING
CEREMONY & BRUNCH**

11:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Church

For questions or more information, please email:
StEVikingAlumni@gmail.com



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER:

Parish News

Información Parroquial

Actividades de ésta semana

- Lunes 25:** 6:30-Directiva Juan XXIII,
7pm Líderes de Renovación
- Martes 26:** 6:30 Legión de María
7 pm Círculo de Oración
- Miércoles 27:** 4:30 pm Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa
- Jueves 28:** 5:00 pm Hora Santa
Rosario/Confesiones
- Viernes 29:** 4:30 pm Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa



28 agosto 2025

Rosario, adoración y confesiones

Intención del Santo Padre: Agosto

Por la convivencia común

Oremos para que las sociedades en que la convivencia parece más difícil no sucumban a la tentación del enfrentamiento por motivos étnicos, políticos, religiosos o ideológicos



Readings To-Go!
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!

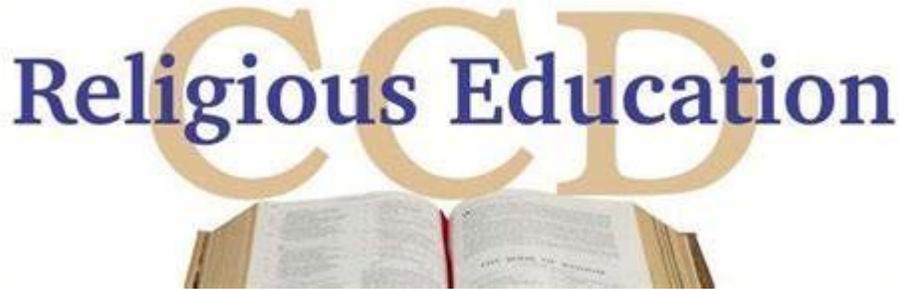


Parada Hispana

9/14/25

Venta de comida

CCD Religious Education



We are currently accepting registrations for CCD for children from 1st grade through High School. Please visit the office Monday through Thursday during regular office hours. Adults who need any of the sacraments of initiation should call the office to meet with the Pastor.

Estamos aceptando inscripciones para el CCD para niños desde 1.er grado hasta preparatoria. Por favor, visite la oficina de lunes a jueves en horario regular. Los adultos que necesiten alguno de los sacramentos de iniciación deben llamar a la oficina para reunirse con el párroco.

On behalf of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, I am reaching out to kindly request your support in promoting our 30th Annual Golf Outing, taking place on Monday, September 29, 2025 at Penn Oaks Golf Club in West Chester, PA.

This important fundraising event benefits our elder sisters, many of whom have dedicated their lives to education, healthcare, and social service ministries in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and beyond. As the need for elder care grows, your support in spreading the word about our outing helps us continue to provide for their comfort and care in their later years.

We would be so grateful if you could include a brief announcement or our event ad in your parish bulletin or e-newsletter over the coming weeks. I've attached a print-ready ad you're welcome to use.

If you have any questions or need the ad in a different format, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for helping us share this special event with your community!

With gratitude,

Lisa Petragrani Spradlin
Event and Marketing Coordinator
Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
609 S. Convent Road | Aston, PA 19014
Phone: 610.558.6143 lspradlin@osfphila.org
www.osfphila.org



30 YEARS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

Support the retired Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia with a day of golf, fellowship, raffles, and more – all for a great cause! Proceeds benefit the elder care for our sisters who have dedicated their lives to service.

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 29**
PENN OAKS GOLF CLUB
WEST CHESTER, PA

Check-in + Breakfast: 09:00 AM
Shotgun starts 10:00 AM

osfphila.org/events/30th-annual-golf-tournament
foundation.events@osfphila.org 610-558-6143

Mass Intentions For The Week



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Sunday (8/24/25)

9:00a Parishioners
 11:00a + Hilda Burgos Rivera
 1:00p + Juana Guzman Reyes
 3:00p +

Tuesday (8/26/25)

5:00 p + Alice Arkinson

Wednesday (8/27/25)

Santa Monica

5:00 p +

Friday (8/29/25)

La pasion de San Juan Bautista

5:00 p + Charles Graham

Sunday (8/31/25)

9:00a
 11:00a + Alejandro Nuñez
 1:00p + Luis Bárcenas
 3:00p + Feligreses



PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATION COUNT

Please become a registered parishioner. Being a registered parishioner will help St. Paul's and help you in many ways. For example, many people ask for parish letters for immigration, sacraments sponsorship, or taxes. In order for us to write such a letter you need to be a registered parishioner for at least three months. This information is private and it is share with others only if you request it. **Please call the parish office (302) 655-6596 to complete the registration process**

TU DONACIÓN CUENTA

Por favor, sea un feligrés registrado. Al ser un feligrés registrado, ayuda a la Iglesia y se ayuda usted mismo. Si necesita alguna carta para inmigración, documentos legales, para ser padrinos de sacramentos, o para pro-pósitos de impuestos, debe estar registrado al menos por tres meses para poder recibir dicha carta. Esta información es privada y la compartimos solo si usted nos da la autorización. Encontrará un formulario pe-queño al final de esta nota. **Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial (302) 655-6596 para completar el proceso de registra-cion.**

Register in Our Parish!!! ;Regístrate en Nuestra Parroquia!

Weekly Collections



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

July 27, 2025 Offerings

Amount Needed 1st Collection	\$3,500.00
Actual Collection	\$2,255.00
*Amount UNDER	\$1,245.00
Air Conditioning	\$915.00
Aid to Catholic church in Africa	\$10.00
Maintenance	\$25.00



Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

