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**OPEN Monday 10:00am - 11:00am and
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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



14 septiembre 2025

Oración de apertura: Te adoramos, oh Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu cruz has redimido al mundo.

El Hijo del Hombre: “Nadie ha subido al cielo, sino el que descendió del cielo, el Hijo del Hombre”. Estas palabras pueden parecer extrañas para nosotros, pero Nicodemo, un fariseo erudito, las entendió claramente. Para los eruditos como Nicodemo, “Hijo del Hombre” tenía dos significados. El primero, humano y mortal. El segundo, el de un rey profético, tal como se describe en el libro de Daniel (7:13-14): “En la visión nocturna, vi venir con las nubes del cielo a uno semejante al Hijo del Hombre. Llegó ante el Anciano de los Días (nombre de Dios en el Antiguo Testamento) y fue presentado ante él. Recibió dominio, gloria y realeza; todos los pueblos, naciones y lenguas le servirán. Su dominio es eterno y no pasará, su reino no será destruido”. Jesús le estaba diciendo a Nicodemo no solo que él era este Hijo del Hombre, Rey de un reino eterno, sino que también le reveló cómo lograría su victoria.

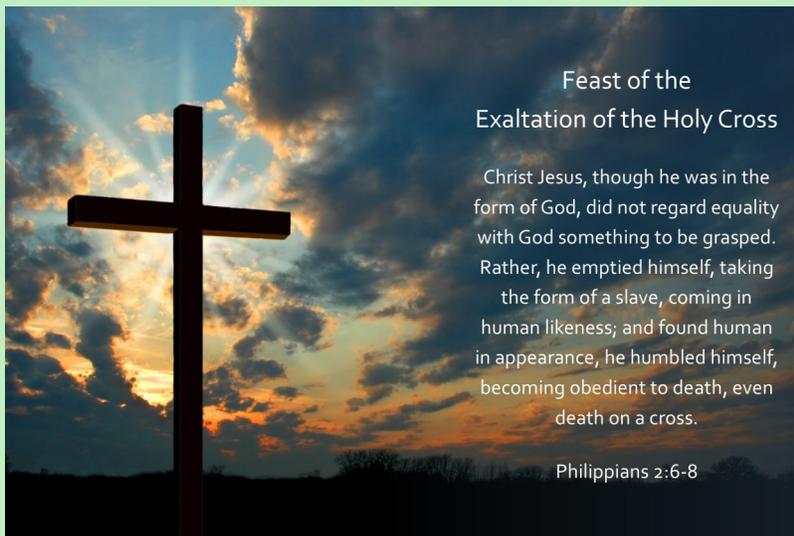
La serpiente de bronce: “Y como Moisés levantó la serpiente en el desierto, así también el Hijo del Hombre debe ser levantado, para que todo aquel que crea en él tenga vida eterna”. En este caso, buscamos contexto en Números 21:4-9: “[...] la paciencia del pueblo se agotó durante el viaje; por lo que el pueblo se quejó contra Dios y Moisés: ‘¿Por qué nos sacasteis de Egipto para que muramos en el desierto, donde no hay comida ni agua? ¡Estamos hartos de esta miserable comida!’”. Entonces el Señor envió entre el pueblo serpientes venenosas, que mordieron a la gente, y muchos israelitas murieron. Entonces el pueblo fue a Moisés y le dijo: ‘Hemos pecado al quejarnos contra el Señor y contra ti. Ruega al Señor que quite las serpientes de en medio de nosotros’. Moisés oró por el pueblo, y el Señor le dijo: ‘Haz una serpiente de bronce y pónla en un mástil, y todo aquel que haya sido mordido, si la mira, vivirá’. Moisés hizo una serpiente de bronce y la colocó en un mástil, y cuando una serpiente mordía a alguien, la persona miraba la serpiente de bronce y sanaba”. La etimología de "serafín" es "ser ardiente", lo que puede significar Satanás, el maligno. El pueblo, según se nos cuenta, se quejó tanto contra Moisés (a quien Dios había dado para liberar a los israelitas de la esclavitud) como contra Dios mismo. Al ordenar a Moisés que alzara la serpiente de bronce en el mástil, se estaba mostrando su pecado ante sus ojos. Este signo visible de su pecado les hizo arrepentirse. Jesús utiliza dos pasajes bíblicos conocidos para explicar a Nicodemo que el verdadero enemigo del pueblo no son sus opresores, sino el pecado que reside en sus corazones. ¡Qué impacto debieron tener estas palabras de Jesús en el corazón de Nicodemo! Sabemos por el Evangelio de Juan (19:39) que Nicodemo se convirtió en discípulo y ayudó a bajar el cuerpo de Jesús de la cruz.

La Cruz: “Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo que dio a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna. Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo al mundo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo sea salvo por él”. La Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Cruz conmemora la Santa Cruz en la que fue crucificado nuestro Señor, Salvador y Rey, Jesucristo. La historia de esta festividad se explica así: «A principios del siglo IV, Santa Elena, madre del emperador romano Constantino, viajó a Jerusalén en busca de los lugares santos de la vida de Cristo. Demolieron el templo de Afrodita, del siglo II, que, según la tradición, se había construido sobre la tumba del Salvador, y su hijo Constantino construyó la Basílica del Santo Sepulcro en ese lugar. Durante las excavaciones, los trabajadores encontraron tres cruces. La leyenda cuenta que la cruz en la que murió Jesús fue identificada cuando, al tocarla, sanó a una mujer moribunda. La cruz se convirtió inmediatamente en objeto de veneración. En una celebración del Viernes Santo en Jerusalén, a finales del siglo IV, según un testigo presencial, la cruz fue sacada de su relicario de plata y colocada sobre una mesa junto con la inscripción que Pilato había colocado sobre la cabeza de Jesús. «Entonces, el pueblo pasaba uno a uno; todos se inclinaban, tocando la cruz y la inscripción primero con la frente, luego con los ojos; y, después de besar la cruz, seguían su camino». Hasta hoy, las iglesias orientales, tanto católicas como ortodoxas, celebran la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz en septiembre, aniversario de la dedicación de la basílica. La festividad entró en el calendario occidental en el siglo VII, después de que el emperador Heraclio recuperara la cruz de los persas, que se la habían llevado en el año 614, quince años antes. Según la historia, el emperador pretendía llevar la cruz de vuelta a Jerusalén, pero no pudo avanzar hasta que se quitó la vestimenta imperial y se convirtió en un peregrino descalzo (Franciscan Media).

Conversando con Cristo: Señor Jesús, en este encuentro con Nicodemo, le hablabas de manera que su mente erudita pudiera comprender y aceptar tus palabras. Él se convirtió en tu discípulo.

Por tu gracia, ayúdame, como a Nicodemo, a acercarme a ti, a hacerte preguntas y, aun en medio de mi confusión, a seguirte.

Propósito: Señor, hoy, por tu gracia, rezaré meditando en los Evangelios y reflexionaré sobre sus enseñanzas para así fortalecer mi fe.



Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:6-8

September 14, 2025

Opening Prayer: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

1. **The Son of Man:** “No one has gone up to Heaven except the one who has come down from Heaven, the Son of Man.” This language may seem strange to our ears, but Nicodemus, a learned Pharisee, clearly understood Jesus. To scholars like Nicodemus, “Son of Man” had two meanings. The first is human, mortal. The second is a prophetic king as described in the Book of Daniel (7:13-14): “As the visions during the night continued, I saw coming with the clouds of Heaven one like a son of man. When he reached the Ancient of Days (Old Testament term for God) and was presented before him, he received dominion, splendor, and kingship; all nations, peoples, and tongues will serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, his kingship, one that shall not be destroyed.” Jesus was telling Nicodemus not only that he is this Son of Man, King of an everlasting dominion, but he then revealed how he would achieve his victory.
2. **The Seraph Serpent:** “And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” We look for context in this case to Numbers 21:4-9: “[...] the people’s patience was worn out by the journey; so the people complained against God and Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in the wilderness, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!’ So the Lord sent among the people seraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of the Israelites died. Then the people came to Moses and said, ‘We have sinned in complaining against the Lord and you. Pray to the Lord to take the serpents from us.’ So Moses prayed for the people, and the Lord said to Moses: ‘Make a seraph and mount it on a pole, and everyone who has been bitten will look at it and recover.’ Accordingly Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever the serpent bit someone, the person looked at the bronze serpent and recovered.” The etymology of seraph is “fiery one” which can mean Satan, the evil one. The people, we hear, complained against both Moses (the one God gave the Israelites to lead them out of slavery) and against God himself. By telling Moses to lift the bronze serpent on the pole, he was lifting their sin in front of their eyes. This visible sign of their sinfulness caused them to repent. Jesus takes two well-known Scripture passages to explain to Nicodemus that the true enemy of the people is not their outside oppressors; it is the sin that dwells within their own hearts. What an impact these words of Jesus must have made on the heart of Nicodemus. We know from the Gospel of John (19:39) that Nicodemus became a disciple and helped take Jesus’ body from the cross.
3. **The Cross:** “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross commemorates the Holy Cross on which our Lord, Savior, and King, Jesus Christ, was crucified. The history of this feast is explained, “Early in the fourth century, St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ’s life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior’s tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus’ head: Then “all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on.” To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica’s dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, fifteen years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim (Franciscan Media).

Conversing with Christ: Lord Jesus, in this encounter with Nicodemus, you spoke to him in ways that his scholarly mind could accept, understand, and embrace. He became your disciple. By your grace, help me, like Nicodemus, come to you, ask you questions, and, even in my confusion, follow you.

Resolution: Lord, today by your grace I will pray using the Gospels and spend time questioning and pondering the words so that I can grow in my faith.

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.

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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:**

National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the campus of Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland invites you to join us as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the construction of the National Shrine Grotto Cave on Saturday, September 20th at 6:00 PM and experience a Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes followed by a candlelight Rosary Procession to the Grotto Cave, the oldest replica of the Lourdes Cave in the United States! Visit www.nsgrotto.org/Cave150 to reserve your free bottle of Lourdes water. There is no cost to attend this amazing experience. More information about the weekend celebration can be found on the National Shrine Grotto website www.nsgrotto.org.

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,

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Parish News

Información Parroquial

Actividades de ésta semana

- Lunes 15 :** 6:30-Directiva Juan XXIII,
7pm Lideres de Renovación
- Martes 16:** 6:30 Legion de Maria
7 pm Circulo de Oración
- Miércoles 17:** 4:30 pm Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa
- Jueves 18:** **5:00 pm Hora Santa**
Rosario/Confesiones
- Viernes 19:** 4:30 pm Confesiones
5:00 pm Misa



18 septiembre 2025

Rosario, adoración y confesiones

Intención del Santo Padre: Septiembre

Por nuestra relación con toda la creación

Oremos para que, inspirados por San Francisco, experimentemos nuestra interdependencia con todas las criaturas, amadas por Dios y dignas de amor y respeto.



Readings To-Go!

*The Exaltation of the Cross
September 14, 2025*

*Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!*

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.

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday (9/14/25)

- 9:00a Feligreses
- 11:00a + Domingo Flores
- 1:00p + Nancy Samantha Salazar-Flores
- 3:00p + Susan Medina Borja

Wednesday (9/17/25)

* San Roberto Belarmino

- 5:00 p + Alexey Navalny

Friday (9/19/25)

* San Genaro

- 5:00 p + Gene Julian

Sunday (9/21/25)

- 9:00a + Antonia "Tony" Soto
- 11:00a + Michael Eller
- 1:00p Feligreses
- 3:00p + Gene Julian



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



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August 17, 2025 Offerings

Amount Needed 1st Collection	\$3,500.00
Actual Collection	\$2,323.00
*Amount UNDER	\$1,177.00
Cathedral of St. Peter	\$868.00
Maintenance Income	\$45.00
Air Conditioning	\$30.00



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