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## Liturgical Schedule

Weekdays..... 9:00 a.m. (Monday – Friday)

Sunday.....4:00 p.m. Vigil

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days.....9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held at 12:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. Please call Sr. Ann Hughes, SSJ for registration and details.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements at least **one** year in advance of desired date. Please call Sr. Ann Hughes, SSJ for registration and details.

### Registration

We welcome all new members to our parish family. To register, Parish Census forms are located in each portico, on our website or you may call the Parish Office.

### Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. – 12 Noon

### Bulletin Submissions

Information for the bulletin must be in to the Parish Office **10 days** prior to the publication date. Submission does not guarantee publication.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 9, 2019



Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. Margaret Stewart  
*Trudy Copley*

Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. Rev James Richardson  
*Sr Ann*

Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. Cheryl Goldschmidt  
*Nancy & Gary Frick*

Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. Rev Francis Kenney  
*Sr Ann*

Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 p.m. The Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m. Bobby Bush  
*Tom & Jo Ann Fanelli*

11:00 a.m. Melissa Charney  
*Jack & Kathleen Deemer*

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

### ***Rooted in Faith.....Growing Together***

This June we will begin to celebrate our parish's **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of its founding. Our anniversary committee has been busy with the planning for our yearlong celebration. The year will be filled with events to bring our parish together and celebrate its rich history. Rooted in Faith.....Growing to together is our anniversary theme. It speaks of who we are and challenges us to continue with our rich visible presence in this local community. Some of the highlights of the year will be:

#### **June**

#### ***Anniversary Year Opening Liturgy***

*with the Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly,  
Bishop of Wilmington – presiding.*

Followed by a **luncheon** at the DuPont Country Club.

#### **July**

An evening at the ***Wilmington Blue Rocks***

#### **September**

#### ***Family Picnic***

#### **October**

#### ***Parish Mission***

#### **November**

#### ***Founders Luncheon***

#### **December**

#### ***Advent Lessons and Carols***

#### **March**

#### ***St. Joseph's Day Celebration***

#### **May**

#### ***May Crowning***

*and*

#### ***Anniversary Choral Concert***

#### **June**

#### ***Closing Liturgy and Reception***

Keep watch for more details and events still in the final planning.

### **THANK YOU!!**

Thank you for your continued generosity in response to the ***Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Food Collection***. This year's donations were given to ***Sojourner's Place***, which provides shelter and an array of individualized services for homeless men and women that empowers their residents to return to the community as independent citizens. Thank you for bringing hope to their residents through your generosity.

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory	\$10,280.00
Faith Direct	\$
FY19 Weekly Offertory Budget	\$12,115.00
Difference	- \$1,835.00
YTD	\$364,163.00
F19 Budget YTD (week 31)	\$375,565.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity and  
commitment to our parish.*

## PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust  
placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize  
over the harm done to our brothers  
and sisters.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers,  
soothe restless hearts with hope,  
steady shaken spirits with faith:  
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,  
enlightened by truth and enfolded  
in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform our brokenness.  
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and  
grace, so that we may act with justice  
and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## AN APPOINTED TIME

*"There is an appointed time for everything and a time  
for every affair under the heavens."* Ecclesiastes 3

### **"A time to die"**

We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of:

***George J. Johnson, Jr.***

May God welcome him into his heavenly banquet and grant him eternal life.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray for the sick and homebound: Barbara Coccia, Vivian Hickey, Martin Mortimer, Helen Siegfried, Ted Schaefer, Judith Smith, Regina Restaneo, Jack and Dolores Sminkey, Wayne and Gerri Snavely, Connie Spratt, Lou Strupczewski, Gordon Taylor, Gloria Torres, Ann and John Walsh. If you know someone who should be added to our list, please call the Parish Office (302) 475-6486 ext. 114. Prayer requests will remain on this list for one month.

## WE PRAY...

For members of our armed service who have recently been deployed:

*PO1 Colleen Fitzgerald – U.S. Navy*

*LCprl Tory Adams – U.S. Marines*

*LCprl John Fiorella – U.S. Marines*

*LCprl Matthew Hood – U.S. Marines*

*Major Jigar Patel MD – U.S. Army*

As they continue to work for peace in our world, we remember them and their families with our prayerful support. Do you have a loved one or friend who has been deployed? Contact Margie Fiorella (302-475-6486 ext 122 or [mfiorella@chcparish.org](mailto:mfiorella@chcparish.org)) so we may include them in our list and prayers.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome all new parishioners. Have you registered as a parishioner? If not, Parish Census forms are located on our website, in each portico or you may call the Parish Office (302-475-6486 ext. 110 or 114). All registered parishioners receive all of our parish mailings, email blasts and can obtain sponsor letters or godparent certificates. Help us keep our records up to date.

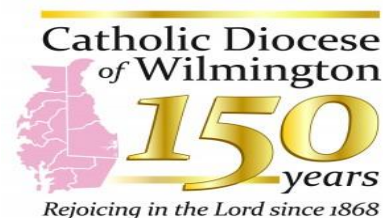
## FLU SEASON

With the Flu season in full swing and many cases already reported in the area, it is important that we use common sense. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself. Or should you arrive for mass and become ill, please leave. Your presence will certainly be missed; however, your health and then health of your fellow parishioners is important. We remind you that hand sanitizers are available in each portico. These are there for your use. We also ask that you take a moment before you leave mass and take your used tissues with you as you leave. Leaving these in the pews, hymnal racks and even in the hymnals itself is one easy quick way of sharing germs. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners. ***Due to the recent outbreak of the GI infection we have removed all holy water fonts for your safety and the safety of others.***

## FAITH DIRECT

Have you already slipped on those New Years resolutions? Skipped a few days at the gym, slept in instead of that morning run, picked up fast food instead of packing a lunch... Don't worry, eGiving with ***Faith Direct*** is an easy resolution to keep! By enrolling in

online giving, you will simplify your monthly budgeting and provide Church of the Holy Child with consistent, reliable support. Signing up is easy! Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **DE595** Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



You are cordially invited you to join Bishop W. Francis Malooly at the ***Diocese of Wilmington's Sesquicentennial Closing Mass on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.*** at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South Broom Street in Wilmington. Gather with Catholics from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore to pray and celebrate the conclusion of our year-long anniversary of the founding of our Diocese by Blessed Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1868.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### LENDING LIBRARY

Do you have the winter blues? A good spiritual book will help you through these dreary days of winter. We can help!! Visit our Lending Library (located in portico 1) for a fine array of spiritual books.

## LITURGY

### EXPRESSING OUR COMMUNION

Liturgy is faith made visible. When we celebrate the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, we express what we believe in word and song and action. Sometimes when the liturgy is reformed, it requires us to relearn what the Church really teaches about its meaning.

This may be especially true of our understanding of Holy Communion. For many generations, the liturgy was celebrated without much active involvement by most of the people present. This led us to develop habits and ways of thinking about liturgy that were very individualistic. We learned to think of Communion as a very private moment between each of us and Jesus.

The problem with that way of thinking is that it overlooks the central meaning and purpose of the eucharist. Jesus gave us the Eucharist to make us one body in him, so communion is never a private moment between the individual and the Lord. It is a very personal moment, but it is also communal, for it involves all those around us who share the same body and blood.

There are two primary ways that we express our unity in Christ at the moment of Communion. The first is to join the Communion procession. As we move to the table of the Lord, we form one procession, a pilgrim people on the move together. A procession is a communal action, a group movement. It is more than just individuals going to the table. Who as one people, as one body of Christ.

The second way we express our unity at Communion, as we do throughout the Mass, is with singing. The Communion hymn/song is supposed to begin when the priest receives Communion and continue until the last person has received. The singing accompanies the process in which we are all involved. All of us should be singing throughout, except we when are actually receiving the bread and wine. Even when moving in the procession, we can at least sign the refrain of the hymn/song.

When the procession is finished, the singing stops and we all sit together for some time of silent prayer. This is also a shared activity, a time to rest and pray together in the joy of our communion with Christ and one another. Many of us are used to time for quiet prayer as soon as we have received Communion. The liturgy simply calls us to wait until all have received so that we can share this quiet time together.

When we come to the minister of the Body of Christ, we bow our heads and say "AMEN" to express our reverence for Christ's presence there. We do the same when we come to the minister of the blood of Christ. With our voices and our bodies, we acknowledge the Lord's presence in the bread and wine. Remembering that he is also present in all those who share the meal with us, we use our voices and our bodies to acknowledge his presence there, too. By maintaining a common posture and joining in the singing, we proclaim our faith in the presence of the Lord in all his members as we share his holy meal. It should be obvious to anyone who watches us that we reverence Christ in one another as well as in the bread and wine. Liturgy makes our faith visible.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Each Sunday during our **11 a.m. liturgy** we celebrate our **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. This is an opportunity for our young people (k through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at their level. After our Opening Prayer the young folks are dismissed and return at the conclusion of the Prayer of the Faithful.

## PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Love is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests..." (1 Cor. 13: 5) Which of these negative qualities is your beloved best at avoiding?

### PARENT POINTERS

February is Black History Month. No matter what our skin color, religion, or economic status we need to learn

to get along with people who are different from us. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month by reading, a movie, or personal contact. It might be a challenge to get out of your bubble whether it be black, white, or something in between. Do it anyway.

## VOCATION REFLECTION

**Yes, even you!** In today's first reading, Isaiah tells us that when the Lord called him to serve as a prophet, he protested because he was unworthy. Sometimes young men and women look at the priesthood or religious life and say to themselves, "I could never do that; I'm not holy that way." Guess what? *All* the baptized are called to be holy, but if we had to be perfect to be a priest, deacon or a nun we wouldn't have *any* priests, deacons or nuns! When God calls someone, He gives that person the grace he or she needs to live out their vocation. If you think God might be calling you to the priesthood or to religious life, call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdown.org/vocations](http://www.cdown.org/vocations) !

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

The next retreat is May 3-5, 2019 at Malvern Retreat House. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more information contact Nan Freeman at 302-333-1904 or visit [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org).

### PRAYER CHAIN

Do you need a prayer? Phone your prayer requests to Michelle Lapihuska at 302-475-5503. Parishioners are always welcome to join in prayer for others. Call Michelle if you would like to join.

### NEIGHBORS TO NICARAGUA

Neighbors To Nicaragua is sponsoring an **Oldies Night Dance Party on Saturday, March 9th**, from 7 pm - 11 pm at the Elks Lodge, 1310 Carruthers Dr, Wilmington 19803 Tickets are \$35/person and include 2 drink tickets, tomato pie, wraps & sandwiches.

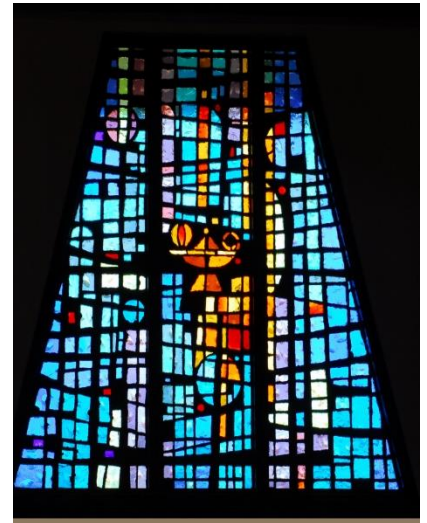
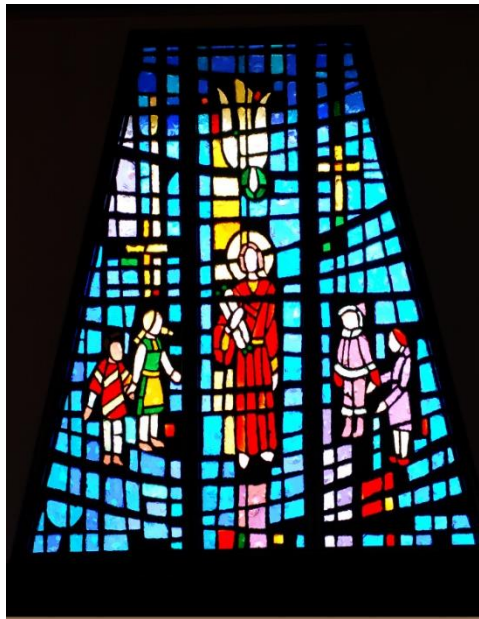
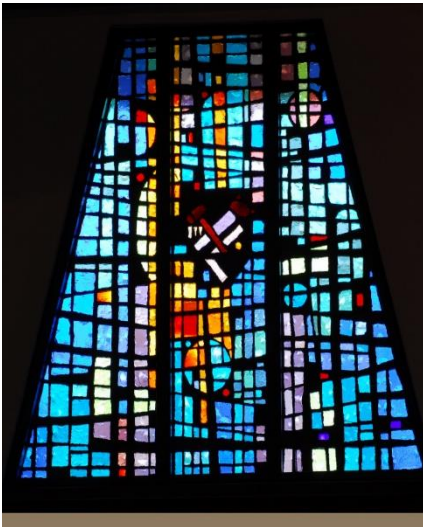
## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday:</b>	11:00 a.m.:	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:00 a.m.:	Special Needs Religious Ed
	7:00 p.m.:	AA
<b>Monday:</b>	10:00 a.m.:	Yoga
	4:45 p.m.:	Religious Education
	6:30 p.m.:	Religious Education
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:45 a.m.:	Scripture Study
	4:45 p.m.:	Religious Education
	6:30 p.m.:	Cub Scouts
	7:00 p.m.:	Scripture Study
<b>Wednesday:</b>	7:00 p.m.:	St Vincent DePaul Society
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:45 a.m.:	Companions on the Journey Faith Group
	7:30 p.m.:	Choir

## Our Stained Glass Windows

Often folks ask about our stained glass windows and their meanings. We will continue to look at each portico and its windows.

We continue with **portico 3**.



**Left window:** The hammer, saw, nails and a square symbolize His carpenter years and the dignity He brought to human labor.

**Center window:** The Holy Spirit in the form of a Dove hovers over Jesus who holds the scrolls of knowledge indicative of His role as Teacher of the world. With “Jesus the Youth” are children representing various times and cultures. [*This window was provided through the gifts given by the children in our School of Religion.*]

**Right window:** The “Lamp of Knowledge,” is symbolic of the temple, where at age twelve Jesus shared His wisdom and understanding with the learned leaders of the people.