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Pledges are due by January 31st, 2010

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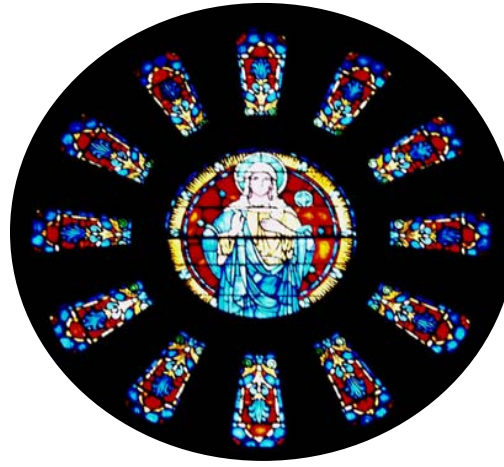
Is this gift a memorial?

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Your memorialized donation will be noted
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No Donation is too small!

Please mail all pledges to St. Elizabeth Rectory
809 South Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19805
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**St. Elizabeth
Organ Fund**

Help restore a part of our legacy and
continue playing for future generations!

St. Elizabeth Church is planning to
undergo a major renovation of its Pipe
Organ and we need your help.

Please read the enclosed materials.

Thank you,

St. Elizabeth Organ Committee
Fr. Norman Carroll – Pastor
Brian Wasilowski – Director of Music
Ministry & Committee Chair
Mary Quinn – Parish Organist
Nicholas Leati – Committee Co-Chair
Ken Cresci – Finance Council
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Brief History of the St. Elizabeth Organ

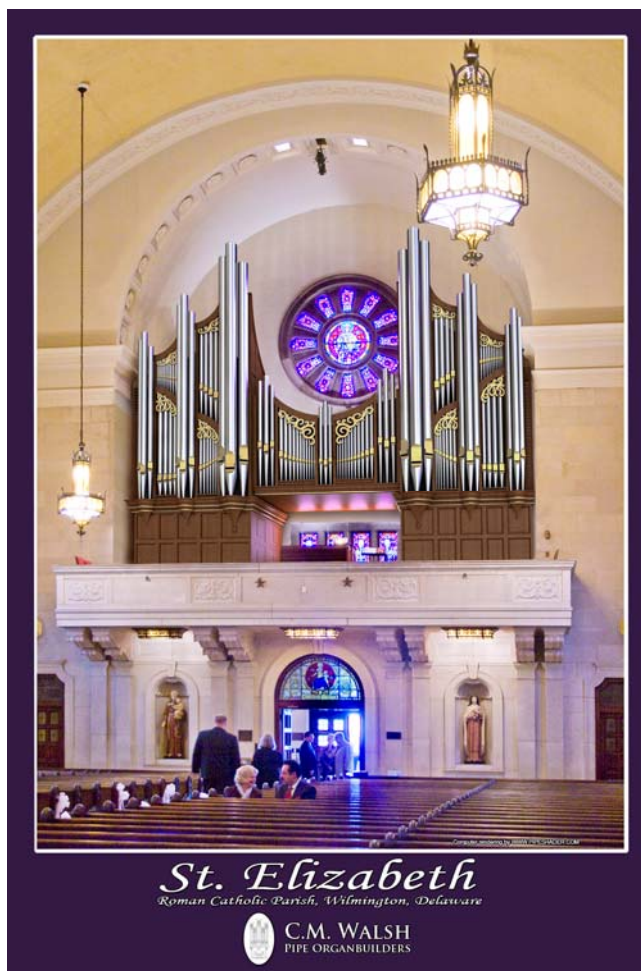
The original pipe organ installed in the late 1940's was a theatre organ. This organ fell into disrepair over 30 years due to a lack of upkeep and maintenance. The organ pipes were stripped from the instrument and given to various churches and an electronic organ was purchased in the 1970's and installed on the floor near the confessionals. In the mid 1980's, through the generosity of a parish family, another pipe organ was installed in the choir loft at a cost of approximately \$80,000.

This organ was created from various used and new parts including a used console as well as used chests and wind systems. No funds were requested from the parishioners. The present casework was retained from the original theatre organ. This casework fills the majority of the choir loft leaving very little room for the choir and instrumentalists. The past twenty five years have seen regular maintenance and repairs that have allowed the organ to play, though not to its full capacity.

We are now at a critical juncture and have to make a decision regarding the future of the pipe organ. There are several major divisions that are in need of significant repair and/or renovation. Also the electronic organ in the body of the Church is well past its life expectancy and is used only when absolutely necessary.

To address these concerns, an organ committee was formed. The committee has studied the situation and been in consultation with numerous organ builders. They have chosen C.M. Walsh Organ Company of Sharon Hill, PA to renovate the organ. We are pleased to report that roughly 96% of the current organ pipes will be retained and restored to like new condition. We are blessed to have additional pipes donated by St. Stanislaus Church. We have the unique opportunity to keep this instrument alive despite the closing of the Church.

“Pipe organs are capable of echoing and expressing all the experiences of human life.” – Pope Benedict XVI



Artist rendering of proposed Organ renovations.

Organ Statistics

Ranks:45
Stops:63
New 3 Manual/Pedal Console
Modified Existing Console for use from Chancel

Our Goals

The first goal is to renovate and enhance the existing pipe organ, allowing it to support congregational singing as well as provide accompaniment for the choir. In addition, the organ will possess the grandeur necessary for Christmas, Easter, weddings, funerals, graduations and diocesan liturgies. To accomplish this goal, the current organ's 27 ranks of pipes will be expanded to 45 ranks. This will allow for much more versatility of the instrument

The second goal is to obtain additional floor space in the loft to support the growing music ministry of both choir members and instrumentalists. This plan will reduce the current footprint by almost fifty percent.

The third goal is to provide an additional instrument in the body of the Church to accommodate the smaller and more intimate liturgies such as school Masses, prayer services, and smaller funerals. This will be accomplished by moving the current organ console downstairs and having it control the gallery organ. It is possibly here, in this smaller instrument, that the St. Stanislaus pipes will be used.

Your Help Is Needed

The total cost of this project is \$330,000. Thanks to your generosity to the BVTL Campaign \$190,000 has already been set aside for the Organ Renovation Fund. We need your help to obtain the remaining \$140,000.

We are asking for your generous support. Your donation will allow us to obtain Diocesan approval and achieve the dream of an Organ worthy of our magnificent Church. It will serve us well both now and for many future generations.

St. Elizabeth Organ Committee