

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, August 25

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth
CONFESSIONS5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth
Joseph Dombroski

SUNDAY, August 26

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME7:15 a.m. St. Benedict
People of the Parish8:30 a.m. St. Benedict
Robert G. Gabage10:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth
Eddie Breeding

Tuesday, August 28

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel
Mary Keith

Wednesday, August 29

9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth
Kayla Nevirauskas

Thursday, August 30

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel
Robert G. Gabage

Friday, August 31

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth
Robert G. Gabage

SATURDAY, September 1

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
9:00 a.m. FLC Chapel
Tom Duggan4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth
CONFESSIONS5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth
Ann Satterfield

SUNDAY, September 2

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME7:15 a.m. St. Benedict
Intentions of Families & Patients
at St. Jude Research Hospital8:30 a.m. St. Benedict
People of the Parish10:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth
Fred Senior

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

AUGUST 18 – AUGUST 31

St. Benedict Church:

In Honor of Zack Higgs

St. Elizabeth Church:

In Memory of John "Jack" Wood, Sr.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF
STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD
Weekend of August 18 & 19, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 3,018.00
Loose	\$ 685.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 3,703.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Deficit (Below Budget)	(\$1,397.00)
Cathedral of St. Peter	\$ 533.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 671.00
Poor Box	\$ 255.00

A REFLECTION ON THE WORD...

The word at home: A welcome message



Some friends gave my wife and me a welcome mat that had the words from today's first reading on it for our 10th wedding anniversary: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." When we first got this gift, I was too embarrassed to put it on display at our front door. I didn't want to look like a "holy roller" or a hypocrite. I knew how often I fell short of that stated intention. There were plenty of times I was pleased to just serve myself.

Then I realized that the ones who would most often see the words on that mat were my family and me. We were the ones who traipsed in and out that door several times a day. And, so for years, until it was worn beyond usefulness, we were greeted morning and evening, and often several times a day with the reminder that it was our stated intention to serve the Lord. And when people would come to our house, that saying nudged me to be a better, more gracious host, welcoming both visitors and strangers not only on my own behalf, but in the name of the Lord.

It was a subtle message, often overlooked, but one that offered a steady reminder of the daily need to decide who I align myself with and what I hope to do in my life and in my home.

Tom McGrath

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EVANGELIZATION CORNER

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME By Invitation Only

Too often we speak of faith as an obligation, when it's an invitation. Churches have some of the biggest doors around, and they open both ways. We can come and go—and plenty of people do both, at one time or another. When teachings are challenging, folks may find discipleship unacceptable—just like in the time of Jesus. We don't arrive here by mandate, and we're not prisoners of our Baptism. Come if you will, leave if you choose. But if you stay, be clear on where the path of Jesus is going, and what it will cost.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69*
"Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?'"



TURN YOUR CAR INTO A MONASTERY

"What is prayer? Saint John of Damascus said, "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God." When someone asked Thomas Merton to reveal the one thing he should do to improve his prayer life, Merton responded: "Take the time." One thing I often recommend is praying in the car (or in the subway, bus, train, etc.) For those of us distracted by a thousand things, and who are constantly on the move, the car can be a bit like a monastic cell. It encloses

you within a quiet, meditative space conducive to prayer. Also, as an added bonus, when you treat your car as a monastery, traffic becomes a welcome opportunity for more prayer and silence, rather than a cause of frustration. Turn your car into a monastery!"

From *Lenten Reflection* by Fr. Robert Barron (2014)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ARE YOU THE PARENT OF AN UPCOMING KINDERGARTENER?

If your child is eligible for Kindergarten this fall, and you wish to register them for religious education Kindergarten class, please contact Mrs. Duggan-Cassidy at the Parish Office. (mduggan@beparish.com or 410-634-2253).

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE UPCOMING 2018/2019 RELIGIOUS ED. PROGRAM have been sent out. If you have NOT received registration forms yet for this coming religious education school year, please call or email Maureen Duggan-Cassidy in the Religious Ed Office! 410-634-2253 or mduggan@beparish.com

We need catechists and classroom assistants for September. Please contact Maureen Duggan-Cassidy at 410-634-2253 if you are willing to serve in this capacity and want to learn more.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PART OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Catholic Church invites you to come and see!

- ✚ Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?
- ✚ Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- ✚ Are you baptized into another religion or into the Catholic Church, but never received any formal religious education?
- ✚ Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful?
- ✚ Are you yearning for something more in your life?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) may be the place for you. Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic Community through RCIA. It is a learning process through which conversion of the heart brings you to deeper faith and understanding. For more information about our RCIA program, contact Maureen Duggan-Cassidy, at 410-634-2253 or mduggan@beparish.com.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER + WE CELEBRATE + WE BELIEVE

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY SOON: Michael Bunce (10-2), Rose Day (10-2), Violeta Larios-Murillo (10-2), John Nussear (10-2), Leo Pasciak (10-2), Leslie Leadbeater (10-3), Aliah Raga (10-3), Stevie Lyles (10-4), Mary Philips (10-4), Bernard Bedwell (10-5), Brennan Dickerson (10-5), Julie Feltz (10-5), Jackie Keating (10-5), John Wissman (10-5), Everardo Gonzalez (10-7), Karina Gonzalez (10-7), Susan Lewis (10-7), Beth McCullough (10-7), Valeria Rivera-Cervantes (10-7), Michael Ruskin (10-7), Ariana Alvarez-Larios (10-8), Tina Derr (10-8), Susie Foster (10-8), Tiffany Gardner (10-8)



AROUND THE DIOCESE & COMMUNITY

CAROLINE COUNTY IS GOING PURPLE

CAROLINE
GOES PURPLE

This September, Caroline County, in partnership with Drug-Free Caroline and other community stakeholders, will be launching "Caroline Goes Purple," a month-long project to build awareness of the critical opioid epidemic facing our community. Overdoses are the leading cause of accidental death for those under age 50. In fact, overdoses kill more people each year than car accidents and homicides combined. Join the movement by doing one of the following:

- Go Purple! Light your home with purple lights.
- Spread the word! Share education messages on social media.
- Talk about it! Engage in conversation with your family about prescription drugs, and really listen to what your kids have to say.
- Take action! Lock up your prescription drugs and safely dispose of ones you aren't using.
- Join the conversation! Attend one of the community conversations about the opioid crisis.

See this Times-Record news article for full details:

https://www.myeasternshorem.com/times_record/community/news/caroline-goes-purple-for-opioid-abuse-awareness/article_136ca1dd-3c1c-5360-8c62-5407de01d780.html. For more information about Caroline Goes Purple, contact Jennifer Farina at purple@drugfreecaroline.org or 410-479-0660.

SENIOR CALL CHECK PILOT PROGRAM

Maryland is the first state in the country to start a free, opt-in, telephonic service to check on Maryland's older residents across the state. Every day a telephone call will be placed to a participant at a regularly scheduled time. These calls will take place between 8am and 4pm. If the participant does not answer after three calls, additional calls will be made to notify a designated person. Any Maryland resident aged 65 or older who has a land line or cell phone is eligible to participate. To apply, please call 1-800-243-3425 or visit www.aging.maryland.gov. You will be informed if your application is accepted for the Pilot Program.

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, August 26

- 2nd Collection – A/C Offset

Tuesday, August 28

- Sodality Gathering – 6:00 p.m. – Home of Ann Haywood
- Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – RR

Wednesday, August 29

- Knights of Columbus Installation Mass – 6:00 p.m. – St. Benedict Church with Dinner to follow in the Hall

Thursday, August 30

- Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – RR

Saturday, September 1

- Confessions – 8-8:45 a.m. – Pastor's Office
- First Saturday Mass – 9am – FLC Chapel
- Rosary – 5:00 p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Patricia Brady ♦ Peggy Brittingham ♦ Jane Cade ♦ Joan Mollick ♦ Terry Franz ♦ Kathleen Green ♦ Charmaine Sullivan ♦ Patricia McWilliams ♦ Julia Seiler ♦ Helen Dill ♦ Cheryl Harris ♦ Judy Edmonston ♦ Edie Crank ♦ Patricia Freedman ♦ Sandy Keating ♦ Michael Alt ♦ Michael Keating ♦ Nial Straley ♦ Christina Jewell ♦ Debbye Jackson ♦ Kenny Winn ♦ Jessica Haddaway ♦ The Clegg Family ♦ Dot Bornhoeft ♦ Clark Johnson ♦ George Sinacourbe ♦ Sarah Trice ♦ Mary Bennett ♦ Fr. Bill Graney ♦ Naomi Powell ♦ Amir Turner ♦ Marlinda Tuel ♦ Ken & Carolyn Swain ♦ Linda Nickum ♦

VOCATIONS NEWS

In today's first reading, Joshua tells the tribes of Israel "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." All of us are called to serve the Lord, though not in the same way. Some are called to give witness to the Kingdom of God through vows of poverty, chastity and obedience; some are called to feed God's people at the table of the Eucharist; some are called to provide ministry through the proclamation of the Gospel. Is God calling you to serve as a priest, deacon or religious? If you think so, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org.

Be sure to visit our website:
www.cdow.org/vocations!

Please pray for our diocesan seminarians:

Michael Preston	Craig Kursinsky
Brennan Ferris	Adam Bauer
John Enemu	James Gebhart



AROUND THE DIOCESE & COMMUNITY

Upcoming Events at Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center

Day of Reflection: Finding Tranquility in a Hectic Day. with Fr. Nicholas Amato, Wednesday, September 5, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm: There are ways to experience tranquility that are longer lasting, ways that can transform our deepest sense of self. Join us for a day of deepening our spirits and reclaiming a joy that has been lost. Learn ways to maintain the inner peace that has been gained. Give yourself the treat of a day away to center and ground yourself and to find the tranquility you seek. Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

Presentation: What is Spiritual Direction? Tuesday, September 18 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm or Wednesday, September 19, 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Have you heard of Spiritual Direction but wonder what it is? Come to Jesus House and learn about this ancient ministry of the Christian community.

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858. Please visit the Jesus House website (jesushousecenter.org) or call the office at 302-995-6585 for more information about any of the above offerings or to register.

ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Father Mark Mealey, judicial vicar for the Diocese of Wilmington, will offer annulment information nights at two locations in September. The first will be Sept. 20, 7 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear-Christina Road, Bear, Del. Another will be Sept. 26, 7 p.m., at St. John-Holy Angels Church, 82 Possum Park Road, Newark, Del. Among the issues discussed will be the new norms of Pope Francis on the marriage nullity process and implementation of those norms in the diocese Tribunal. The nullity process and the various canonical grounds for marriage will be presented. Anyone interested should call the Tribunal office, 302-295-0630, and leave a voicemail. Reservations are encouraged to ensure enough materials are available.

12TH ANNUAL NUN RUN

The Little Sisters of the Poor invite you to run or walk the 12th Annual Nun Run 5k. Registration is now open to walkers and runners of all ages in one of the largest 5k's in the area.

When: 9:00am start, Saturday, September 15, 2018 (registration opens at 7:30am)

Where: Jeanne Jugan Residence at 185 Salem Church Road Newark, DE 19713.

Parking both at the residence and at Christiana HS, directly across the street.

Cost: \$25 (before 8 am Sept 14) \$30 (day of race)

The Course: Wheel measured by Doug White. Out and back course, flat and fast.

Awards & Amenities: Trophies to 1st place Male & Female runners in Open and Masters divisions and 1st place Male & Female walkers; plus, medals to Top 3 runners in **5-year age groups**, 13 under through 70+. Each pre-registered participant is guaranteed to receive a race T-shirt. All participants will enjoy:

- Post-race refreshments – including pizza, chocolate milk, beer (ID req'd), fruit & more.
- Live DJ playing upbeat music, Goody Bags at the finish line, Free entry into prize raffle, Bake Sale

For more information or to Register, visit www.NunRun5K.org or email to race@NunRun5k.org.

Visit our website to view a **video** of the Nun Run and to see our sponsors!

Charity Proceeds from the Nun Run 5K will benefit project for their residents.

The Little Sisters are a registered 501c (3) non-profit and deeply appreciate your support!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

HOT HOT HOT. Bring some warmth and intimacy to your marriage! The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be November 2-4, 2018 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information, visit our website www.wvme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833. Don't Delay!