

## MASS SCHEDULE &amp; INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 20

4:30 – 5:10p.m. St. Elizabeth  
CONFESSIONS5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth  
Dorothy Bornhoeft

Sunday, July 21

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

The People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Intentions of Anthea Costanzo

10:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

In Honor of Arcy &amp; Clorinda Passwaters

Tuesday, July 23

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel  
Jean Sitka

Wednesday, July 24

9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth  
Robert Cunningham

Thursday, July 25

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel  
Robert Musachio

Friday, July 26

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth  
Intentions of the  
Kerner-Chadwick Family

Saturday, July 27

4:30 – 5:10p.m. St. Elizabeth  
CONFESSIONS5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth  
Intentions of Alix Lovell

Sunday, July 28

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

The People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Betty Lewis

10:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

Intentions of Josie Prince

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF  
STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of July 13 &amp; 14, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 2,555.00
Loose	\$ 2,559.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$ 5,114.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Surplus (Above Budget)	\$ 14.00
Poor Box	\$ 21.00

Vacation Bible School Collection  
For CHOICES Pregnancy Center \$ 289.01

## YEAR- TO-DATE

Budgeted Offertory	\$ 15,300.00
Actual Offertory	\$ 13,221.60
Shortfall	(\$ 2,078.40)

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire – a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

## A WORD FROM FR. LEWIS...

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HS  
JMJ  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Joyful greetings in Christ!

In the Gospel this weekend, Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus, welcome Jesus into their home. Martha's preoccupation with serving the food, however, takes her away from her Guest. How often have we experienced the same thing at a Fourth of July picnic or Thanksgiving dinner? So, Jesus lovingly tells Martha she is distracted from what matters most: spending time with Him. And by being distracted, she allows the poison of sin to creep in: embarrassing her sister in front of an honored Guest and offending hospitality by putting Jesus in the middle. So distracted is Martha, she cannot serve the Lord the way she should: the way her sister Mary is.

I think of Martha when I see the two garden beds in between the church and the rectory at St. Benedict. The beds are overgrown with lirioppe, an effective ground cover, but, that like Martha, crowds out what matters most: allowing other things to grow. And like Martha, the overgrown garden has let in the poison of sin: at least that's what poison ivy is in a landscaped garden.

What is needed is the balance Martha's sister Mary brings: the contemplation of the beauty of the Lord.



You'll notice, then, over the next several months the transformation of these beds, motivated by something I heard our Mother Mary say during one of my daily Holy Hours: "I want a garden." And that will happen not all at once—because that would be to fall into Martha's error—but instead little by little over a period of time—the best conditions for spiritual growth, as Martha's sister Mary knows. I look forward to introducing native plants that are drought-resistant and heat-tolerant and that will essentially be self-sufficient.

Because Mother Mary has said she wants a garden, it will include plants that refer to Our Lord and Our Lady: including Lamb's ear (for the Lamb of God), Purple Coneflower (a favorite of bees, whose wax makes the Paschal Candle we bless at the Easter Vigil, and of butterflies, symbols of the Resurrection, and of goldfinches—they like the seeds) and of course Black-eyed Susan, the state flower (we are in "Mary's Land," after all). These flowers will be transplanted from my garden at home. I've also noticed some available spaces at St. Elizabeth of Hungary where these plants would find a welcome home as well. By the time this is finished, I hope the garden beds will be a place where families can follow Mary's lead and sit by the feet of the Lord and together consider His Love.

Mother Mary has said she wants a garden, and the garden she wants most is the garden of souls for her Son, which is why we ask her to "pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death."

God bless you,  
Fr. Lewis

## LITURGY

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

for JULY 20 through AUGUST 2

St. Elizabeth Church: In Memory of Deacon Arcy Passwaters



## PARISH &amp; FAMILY LIFE

FAMILY FUN FEST IN DOWNTOWN DENTON ~ SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!

On Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Caroline County Department of Social Services is sponsoring their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Fest from 1-4pm in downtown Denton in observance of Child Support Awareness Month. Backpacks containing school supplies will be passed out to all children who attend the event. If you can donate supplies to help fill the backpacks, please place them in the specially marked boxes at the entrance of either church or drop them off at the Parish Office through next Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.

## 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 our Religious Ed program, please contact Maureen Duggan-Cassidy at the Parish Office to request a registration form. ([mduggan@beparish.com](mailto:mduggan@beparish.com), 410-634-2253)

**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](mailto:mduggan@beparish.com).

## EVANGELIZATION EFFORTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMERFEST!

Caroline Summerfest will be held on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and this year our parish will have a booth at the event so that we can spread the Good News of God's love and represent our parish at this large community event. We will offer religious books and items and children's activities, and we have a few other ideas percolating that we think will be a hit! We will also offer our presence and smiling faces to the people of our community and beyond in the hopes of sparking their curiosity about the Catholic faith and perhaps even encouraging some fallen away or new Catholics to seek more connection with our parish and the Church. We want you to be a part of these great efforts at evangelization, so if **you are interested in working at the booth for an hour or two on one of the days, please contact Lori in the Parish Office.** And, if you have any religious books or items that you'd like to donate, you may place them at the entrance of either church in a bag marked "Summerfest Items" or drop them off at the parish office during regular office hours.



## AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

*Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!*

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille* (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. *Retrouvaille* is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes all married couples. Our next program is coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA August 9 - 11. For more information, or to register, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

**Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640.** Next Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, tune in to meet two men who are studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Wilmington, Craig Kursinski and James Gebhart. After it airs, listen online anytime at [www.cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://www.cdow.org/CatholicForum), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum).

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE IN OCTOBER –

The Diocese of Wilmington's biennial Marian Pilgrimage to the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. will take place on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm. The day will include tours, prayer, confessions, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Malooly. **If you are interested in attending the pilgrimage and would like to go by bus, please contact Lori Parks in the Parish Office via phone or e-mail– 410-634-2253 or [lparks@beparish.com](mailto:lparks@beparish.com) as soon as possible. We currently have about 20 interested parishioners and the bus will hold 47 people.** We are trying to determine if we can fill our own bus or if we should partner with area parishes to share a bus.



## LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Weekend of July 20 &amp; 21

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Building & Maintenance

Tuesday, July 23

- Adult Bible Study – 7p.m. – RR

Thursday, July 25

- Adult Bible Study – 9:30a.m. - RR

Weekend of July 27 &amp; 28

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Society of the Propagation of the Faith Membership Appeal

REMEMBERING  
IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Patricia Brady ♦ Peggy Brittingham ♦ Joan Mollick ♦ Terry Franz ♦ Kathleen Green ♦ Patricia McWilliams ♦ Helen Dill ♦ Cheryl Harris ♦ Judy Edmonston ♦ Edie Crank ♦ Patricia Freedman ♦ Michael Alt ♦ Michael Keating ♦ Christina Jewell ♦ Debbye Jackson ♦ Kenny Winn ♦ Clark Johnson ♦ Ken Swain ♦ Janet Kibler ♦ Karen Coward ♦ Kelly Presnell ♦ Ron Safchick ♦ Rita Miedl ♦ Nelson Owens ♦ Roy Dean ♦ Tobey McWilliams ♦ Agnes Metzler ♦ Cynthia Makas ♦ Ernie Blazejak ♦ Alex Wood ♦ Donnie Riffle ♦ James Coleman ♦ Rick Schwab ♦ George Simacourbe ♦ Delaney Tull ♦ Su Lappin ♦ Al Buccalo ♦ Rich Lewis ♦ Maria Poptanich ♦ Judy Klug

**"To pray for other people is not a subtle effort to influence the will of God. Rather, it is to invite them into our own hearts and make their needs our own. To pray for others means to make them part of ourselves. It is not just a question of "remembering" a sick friend, an unemployed neighbor, or a distressed relative, but somehow of "becoming" those for whom I pray. I stand with them before the Father and my prayer becomes theirs and their cry becomes mine. Together, we place ourselves and our needs before our Father and open our hearts to the healing power of the Spirit."**

*Patterns of Prayer, Eugene McCaffrey, OCD*

## VOCATION REFLECTIONS

**"It is He whom we proclaim." Are you being called to proclaim Christ and the word of God? Call Fr. Norm Carroll 302-573-3113 [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org).**

**Please pray for the seminarians from our diocese & our parish:**

Gabe Weston	Kevin Lilly
James Gebhart	Mark Donohue
Brooks Jensen	James Holman
John Enemuo	Craig Kursinsky
Adam Bauer	Brennan Ferris
Michael Preston	Peter Schirmer V
Brett Carmean	

**On Monday, August 19th, from 12 noon-1pm, the same date and time of the 4th Apparition of Fatima, a public Prayer Vigil will be held for our Bishop, ourselves, and Holy Mother Church.** Following the Prayer Vigil, Bishop Malooly will Consecrate our Diocese to Mary's Immaculate Heart. This special event will take place near Our Lady of Peace Statue outside of Holy Spirit parish in New Castle. Everyone is invited ~ please come.