

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS
Saturday, February 29 5:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Virginia & Jimmy Blades
Sunday, March 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 7:15 a.m. St. Benedict Richard Lewis 8:30 a.m. St. Benedict Elizabeth Spiering 11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth People of the Parish
Tuesday, March 3 9:00a.m. FLC Chapel Gail Bushey
Wednesday, March 4 9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth Anton Navakumar
Thursday, March 5 9:00a.m. FLC Chapel Intentions of Emily Powell
Friday, March 6 9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Intentions of Jessie Flaherty
Saturday, March 7 First Saturday Mass 9:00 a.m. St. Benedict
5:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Charles Roger Vogt., Jr.
Sunday, March 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 7:15 a.m. St. Benedict Intentions of Lillian Ingram 8:30 a.m. St. Benedict Donald Gaertner 11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth People of the Parish

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS
FEBRUARY 29 through MARCH 13, 2020
St. Benedict Church:

St. Elizabeth Church:
Intentions of
the Seward Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD	
Weekend of February 22 & 23, 2020	
Envelopes	\$ 2,664.00
Loose	\$ 791.16
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TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 3,455.16
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Deficit (Below Budget)	(\$ 1,644.84)
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Poor Box	\$ 253.00
YEAR- TO-DATE	
Budgeted Offertory	\$ 173,517.24
Actual Offertory	\$ 181,083.13
Surplus	\$ 7,565.89

This weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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A WORD FROM FR. LEWIS...
† HS JMJ First Sunday of Lent

Dear Fellow Saints-in-the-making,

As you and I venture on this 40-day long road of Lent to keep Jesus company as He walks determinedly to Jerusalem and to Calvary, so that He not be alone nor abandoned, we are invited to practice the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that we might prioritize God through prayer, die to self through fasting and love God and our neighbor through the giving of alms. In other words, we are invited to do what Jesus Himself does: pray to God for strength and understanding, die to self by taking up our cross daily and bring new life to others by serving them in their greatest needs.

That might be difficult to do at times. Let us, then, remember that we are not alone as we walk this journey of the spiritual life. God has given us each a particular Heavenly friend to watch over, protect, and guide us on the road to Eternal Life, and this friend unique to each of us is our guardian angel. Just as angels minister to Jesus after His 40 days of fasting and temptation in the desert, so our guardian angel ministers to us...if we ask him to. For, like God, the Angels and Saints do not act against our will but only with our permission.



Every day this Lent, let us, you and me, ask our guardian angels to watch over us, protect us and keep us close to Jesus Christ, even as the challenges of living the faith and the disciplines of Lent become great. God wants us to succeed; it is why He showers us with His every grace and gives us each our own guardian angel, so that just as the angels of Heaven minister to Jesus in the desert, so our guardian angel ministers to us. Ask your guardian angel to help

you each day (even several times a day) that you might grow stronger in your relationship with your guardian angel, for he will be among the Saints and saintly beloved family members who at the Gates of Heaven will be waiting to greet you when, please God, they open for you for all eternity.

A prayerful and fruitful Lent.
Fr. Lewis

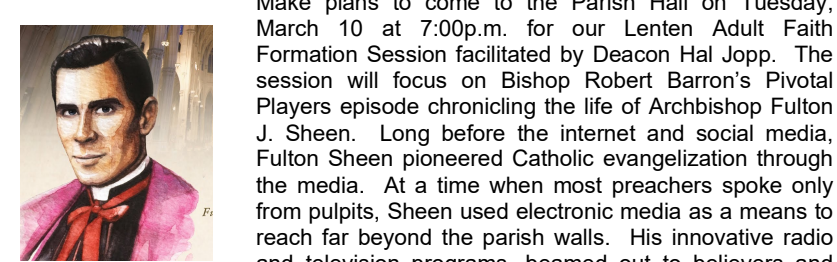
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS
The Stations of the Cross will be offered at St. Benedict Church on Fridays March 6, March 20 & April 3 and at St. Elizabeth Church on March 13 & March 27. The Knights of Columbus will offer a Lenten Fish Dinner on March 20 th from 5-7pm in the Parish Hall prior to Stations of the Cross. That evening, we will have the Shadow Stations led by our parish Youth Ministry.

RICE BOWL REFLECTIONS
When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, “Give them some food yourselves.” Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS
<i>Creating a culture of vocation...</i>
PARENTS, do you encourage your children to develop their talents and gifts? Do you encourage your children to think of Church ministry as a possible life choice? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious sister or brother or a deacon, contact Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Vocations, at 302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org . You can also visit the diocesan Vocations webpage at www.vocations@cdow.org .
Please pray for our parish and diocesan seminarians:
Peter Schirmer V ♦ Brett Carmean ♦ Kevin Lilly ♦ Brooks Jensen ♦ James Gebhart ♦ Mark Donohue ♦ John Enemuo ♦ Craig Kursinsky ♦ Brennan Ferris ♦ Michael Preston

FEBRUARY 29/MARCH 1, 2020
CHRISTIAN FORMATION
FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION BEGINS MARCH 5
Our First Eucharist meetings for parents and children will begin this Thursday evening, March 5, at 6:15pm in the Great Room (the room just outside the classrooms), because the hall will be in use for the chocolate egg-making. Books will be distributed at the meeting.

LENTEN ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Make plans to come to the Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00p.m. for our Lenten Adult Faith Formation Session facilitated by Deacon Hal Jopp. The session will focus on Bishop Robert Barron's Pivotal Players episode chronicling the life of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Long before the internet and social media, Fulton Sheen pioneered Catholic evangelization through the media. At a time when most preachers spoke only from pulpits, Sheen used electronic media as a means to reach far beyond the parish walls. His innovative radio and television programs, beamed out to believers and skeptics alike, reached upwards of 30 million people per

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE
FIRST TRIVIA EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS!

Last Friday, February 21st, two teams gathered for our daytime **TACOS & TRIVIA EVENT** and five teams for our evening event to test their knowledge, have fun and win prizes and bragging rights. Our daytime event's first place winners were the G.O.A.T. team comprised of members Beth McCullough, Chad Dean, Nancy Ridgell, Donna and Mike Shay & Dan and Marie Freeman. The daytime second place winners were the Know Nothing team with members Nina Taylor, Jessie Woodward, Mike Porter and Jane Wood. Our evening event first place winners were the Triple T team whose members included Fr. Lewis, Maureen & Mark Cassidy, Tony & Denise Sala and Bridget & Tony Pennington. And, our evening event second place winners were Marty & the Teachers with team members Marty & Colleen Dori and their friends, Mel Mahoney, Brooks Anderson, Megan Prokopious, Josh Ilt, Joe Witek, and Zack Rickards. Our daytime event first and second place teams received the Gold & Silver "Lizzie" (St. Elizabeth) Award and our evening event first and second place teams received the Gold & Silver "Bennie" (St. Benedict) Award (*see photo at right*). A big thank you to all parishioners who attended the event and all of our volunteers who set-up, cooked, emceed, kept score and cleaned up. We will be hosting another trivia event in the future – keep an eye on the bulletin for details!



SODALITY NEWS
WISDOM & WORKS OF MERCY RETREAT
The Ladies' Sodality is sponsoring a 10-week retreat based on the book <u>The One Thing is Three</u> by Fr. Michael Gaitley. The retreat will begin on Tuesday, March 31 and will run for 10 weeks through June 2 . There will be a daytime session at 10am and an evening session at 7pm. For the past two years, the Sodality has sponsored Lenten retreats using other books by Fr. Gaitley and the retreats are always informative and inspiring. The Wisdom and Works of Mercy Retreat delves into the Most Holy Trinity as the key to bringing the faith from our heads to our hearts and out into our lives then transitions to offering concrete ideas for putting your faith into action with works of mercy. Contact the Parish Office by March 17th if you'd like to sign up for this year's retreat. Books will be provided and there is no cost to attend.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS
Lent is here and that means its chocolate Easter egg making time. Please join us! We need lots of help to make this a success. We will gather on Thursday, March 5 from 4-8pm (dinner provided) and Saturday, March 7 from 9am-2pm (breakfast and lunch provided) . <i>If you are new to our egg making, it is our biggest fundraiser of the year. (Our only other fundraiser is the spaghetti dinner.) We plan to make around 1200 buttercream, coconut, and peanut butter eggs. They sell out every year!</i> Our second March event is a living Shadow Stations of the Cross. We will practice for this during our regular youth gathering on March 15th from 6-8pm . No acting experience or speaking is needed! In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, a Baked Potato Bar will be served for dinner. We will present the Shadow Stations on Friday, March 20th at 7pm . This will be the same evening as the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Invite your friends and family! Have a blessed Lent and we'll see you soon!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY
Sunday, March 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament –prior to all Masses 2nd Collection – Catholic Relief Services & Latin America Super Sunday Breakfast – 9:30 a.m. - Hall RE/RCIA Classes – 10:10a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
Tuesday, March 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoration – 9:30 a.m.-Noon – FLC Chapel Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – Resource Room
Wednesday, March 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosary – 8:30 a.m. – St. Elizabeth Church Replenish – 5:30 P.M. – St. Benedict Church Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - Hall
Thursday, March 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – Resource Room YM Chocolate Egg Making – 4:00-8:00 p.m. - Hall 1st Eucharist Formation – 6:30 p.m. – GR & Classrooms
Friday, March 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosary – 8:30 a.m. – St. Elizabeth Church 1st Friday Exposition after 9:00 a.m. Mass – St/ Elizabeth Church Homeschool Group Gathering – 10:30 a.m. – Hall Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m. – St. Benedict Church
Saturday, March 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 4:30-5:30p.m. – SE Church YM Chocolate Egg Making –9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Hall Confessions – 8-8:45 a.m. in Pastor's Office First Saturday Mass – 9:00 a.m. - Chapel Adoration – 4:30-5:30 p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church Rosary – 5:00 p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
Sunday, March 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament –prior to all Masses 2nd Collection – Building Maintenance RCIA Penitential Rite during 8:30 a.m. Mass Hospitality offered by the BVM Ladies' Sodality – 9:30a.m. – Hall RE/RCIA Classes – 9:40- 10:45 a.m. Confirmation Prep. – 11:45 a.m.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...
Patricia Brady ♦ Peggy Brittingham ♦ Joan & Frank Mollick ♦ Kathleen Green ♦ Patricia McWilliams ♦ Helen Dill ♦ Cheryl Harris ♦ Judy Edmonston ♦ Edie Crank ♦ Patricia Freedman ♦ Michael Alt ♦ Michael Keating ♦ Christina Jewell ♦ Debbye Jackson ♦ Kenny Winn ♦ Debbie Winn ♦ Clark Johnson ♦ 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 ♦ George Simacourbe ♦ Delaney Tull ♦ Su Lappin ♦ Al Buccalo ♦ Maria Poptanich ♦ Mark Sellman ♦ Ben Shirley ♦ Georgia Smithmyer ♦ Doris Sharp ♦ Kevin Flynn ♦ Frances & Edward Cartrette ♦ Rob Pasciak ♦ Ann Blazejak ♦ Micah Baxter ♦ Gage & Shawn Kelley ♦ Benjamin Pin & Family ♦ Ruth Susini ♦ Rita Kucharski ♦ Julia Seiler ♦ Ginny Lewis ♦ Butch Petroski ♦ Michael Petroski ♦ Ruth McCullough ♦ Mary Jo Clancy ♦ Gary Stewart ♦ Jeffrey Kinnamon ♦ Carmen Guzman ♦ Gavin Hood ♦ Craig Kelley ♦ Ron Champagne

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CAR RAFFLE TICKETS
Take a chance to win 2020 Jeep Gladiator and support Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School at the same time! Contact Marie Freeman at the Parish Office to obtain tickets (\$10/ ticket or \$50 for 6 tickets). The drawing will be held on June 5, 2020 at the Sabre Spirit Celebration. ***Need not be present to win.***