

| ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY   |  |
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| MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS  |  |
| Saturday, March 14<br>5:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth<br>Carlton Seward   |  |
| Sunday, March 15<br>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT<br>7:15 a.m. St. Benedict<br>People of the Parish<br>8:30 a.m. St. Benedict<br>Kenneth Swain<br>11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth<br>Muriel Fernald |  |
| Tuesday, March 17<br>9:00a.m. FLC Chapel<br>Delilah Davis   |  |
| Wednesday, March 18<br>9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth<br>Anne Domnic   |  |
| Thursday, March 19<br>FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH<br>9:00a.m. FLC Chapel<br>Deceased Members of the<br>Charles L. Knott Family<br>6:00p.m. St. Benedict<br>Intentions of Joseph Rosensteel  |  |
| Friday, March 20<br>9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth  |  |
| Saturday, March 21<br>5:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth<br>Terry Keith  |  |
| Sunday, March 22<br>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT<br>7:15 a.m. St. Benedict   |  |
| 8:30 a.m. St. Benedict<br>Pauline Coble<br>11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth<br>People of the Parish   |  |

**TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS**  
**MARCH 14 through MARCH 27, 2020**  
**St. Benedict Church:**

**St. Elizabeth Church:**  
In Honor of Robert Harper & Family

| THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP<br>BACK TO THE LORD |               |
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| Weekend of March 7 & 8, 2020                               |               |
| Envelopes  | \$ 3,806.00   |
| Loose  | \$ 771.00     |
| TOTAL OFFERTORY  | \$ 4,577.00   |
| Weekly Budget  | \$ 5,100.00   |
| Surplus (Above Budget)                                     | (\$ 523.00)   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection ~                               |               |
| Building & Maintenance                                     | \$ 940.00     |
| Poor Box   | \$ 150.16     |
| YEAR- TO-DATE  |               |
| Budgeted Offertory   | \$ 183,717.24 |
| Actual Offertory   | \$ 193,501.98 |
| Surplus  | \$ 9,784.74   |

**RICE BOWL REFLECTIONS**  
Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**www.beparish.com**  
**ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON**  
**A WORD FROM FR. LEWIS...**

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JMJ  
The Third Sunday of Lent

Greetings in Christ.

*“Perfect love casts out all fear.* 1 John 4:18

In today’s Gospel, Christ Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well, who goes there at a strange time for gathering water: high noon, the hottest time of the day. She has no other option, it seems, because she is afraid of the consequences of her sins. She is an outcast, because she is not living according to God’s law of sexual morality: she has serially married and is presently in a morally-compromised relationship with a man who is not her husband. So, she lives in fear and shame.

Until she meets Jesus, Who is perfect Love. His mercy toward her, including the spiritual mercy of correcting her for her sinful state in life, casts out her every fear and satisfies her thirst for genuine, selfless love, inclusion, and freedom from her sins. She leaves the well a changed person, free of all fear, because she is free of her sins. This freedom inspires her to share this joyful news with her townspeople, so they, too, can become free. The woman who was once outcast has now become a disciple and evangelist, sharing with all that indeed “perfect love casts out all fear.”

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Because of the valid health concerns surrounding the coronavirus, the world is in great fear now. Let us who bear the name of Christ not be afraid. Rather, let us trust in the Divine Physician and beseech Him, in Whom all things are possible (Matthew 19:26), to bring His healing to our world and to cast out our fears. Let us cooperate with His Grace by exercising a calm demeanor, prudence, and common sense. Washing hands frequently with soap and water, using towels to touch handles, keeping hydrated, staying home if feeling sick are all ways of being calmly pro-active in remaining healthy and keeping others healthy. Health concerns are valid, to be sure. Nevertheless, let us follow the example of the Samaritan woman, who allowed Jesus’ perfect love to cast out all fear from her heart.

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**Weekend and daily Masses, Religious Education classes, Sunday hospitality in the parish hall as well as all parish functions and events, including the St. Joseph’s Mass (6PM) March 19 and the Fish Fry (5-7PM) and Shadow Stations (7PM) March 20, will continue uninterrupted,** as we fall far below the State of Maryland’s recommendations to suspend events that exceed 250 persons. Consequently, the State of Maryland considers us in the “safe zone.”

Follow your personal comfort level, however, in attending parish events, and if sick or feeling ill, please remain home, even from Sunday Mass, as this particular circumstance excuses you from fulfilling the Sunday obligation. As your Priest and Servant, I encourage anyone in need of staying home due to illness to participate in the Sacred Liturgy by watching the Mass attentively on EWTN to receive the graces of a spiritual Communion, that is, the graces that come from witnessing your faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Please know of my prayers of health and blessings for you and yours.

In Christ, Who is Perfect Love,  
Fr. Lewis

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UPCOMING LENTEN OFFERINGS

LENTEN FISH DINNERS ~ Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Friday, MARCH 20 - 5-7pm - Parish Hall \$8/per person \$5/Kid’s Meal

 Prepared by our St. Joan of Arc Council Knights of Columbus. Menu includes baked fish, French fries, coleslaw, rolls, desserts, & beverages. Desserts will be provided by the Ladies’ Sodality. The Knights will also be offering a Kid’s Meal this year which will include fish sticks, French fries and applesauce. No tickets required—simply pay at

the door. Carry outs available. The Knights will offer free fish dinners to all Youth Ministry members and will also be hosting the current residents at His Hope Haven Shelter for the dinner. Please offer them a warm welcome.

After the Fish Dinner, the Youth Ministry will lead Stations of the Cross at 7pm in St. Benedict Church. Each station will be depicted in silhouette featuring our youth actors with accompanying prayers. Please come out and enjoy the Fish Dinner and support our parish youth by attending the Shadow Stations afterwards. It will be a fulfilling, spiritual evening.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE ~**  
**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7pm – St. Benedict Church**

Rejoice  
have  
Penance  
Confession  
Rejoice

Confess  
have  
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**MARCH 14 & 15, 2020**  
**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**  
**MID-YEAR REPORTS ~** Parents of our religious education students should have received the annual Mid-Year Progress Reports by now. They would have come home with your child(ren). Please review, comment and return the reports to your child’s catechist or enclose in an envelope addressed to Maureen Duggan-Cassidy and place in the collection basket at any Mass. Thank you!


**This Sunday, March 15, we will have an Adult Faith Formation Session in the Parish Hall from 9:45-10:45a.m.** Grab a breakfast sandwich and a cup of coffee from the Ladies’ Sodality Hospitality table and join us to watch the final three episodes of Bishop Robert Barron’s series on Conversion. All parishioners are welcome to join us.

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE**  
**SODALITY NEWS**  
**WISDOM & WORKS OF MERCY RETREAT**  
The Ladies’ Sodality is sponsoring a 10-week retreat based on the book The One Thing is Three 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. 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. **Please contact the Parish Office by March 17<sup>th</sup> if you’d like to sign up for this year’s retreat.** Books will be provided and there is no cost to attend.

**EASTER BASKET DONATIONS REQUESTED**  
The Sodality will be preparing their annual Easter Baskets for our homebound parishioners and those in local nursing homes and they are seeking your donations of the following items: small containers of lotion & powder, shampoo, after-shave, toothpaste, toothbrushes, crossword/word search books, stuffed animals and regular & sugar-free candy (individually-wrapped). Please place your donations at the entrance of either church or drop them off at the Parish Office by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!


YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

CHOCOLATE EGGS ON SALE NOW!

 Peanut butter, coconut cream and buttercream eggs will be on sale after all Masses for the next several weekends (or until we’re all sold out). Cost is \$3 per egg.

**Our next Youth Ministry meeting is this Sunday, March 15th from 6-8pm.** At this gathering, we will have a practice for the living Shadow Stations of the Cross. 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!

**SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY**  
Members of our Social Concerns Ministry will be passing out the white food bags after all masses this weekend, March 14/15. Bags should be filled with non-perishable items to stock the shelves at the Samaritan House Food Pantry and returned prior to all masses on the weekend of March 21/22.



**PARISH LEADERSHIP NEWS**  
**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MAY ~ Seeking Candidates**  
Parish Council Elections will be held on the weekend of May 16/17, 2020 and we are seeking nominees. The Parish Council is a consultative body that serves to advise the pastor/parish administrator on issues affecting parish life. If elected, members attend 8 monthly meetings (*September through June – no meetings in December or April*) and lend their voice to issues affecting our parish. If you’d like more information, pick up one of the booklets that can be found at the entrance of either church. Contact Lori Parks in the Parish Office if you’d like to include your name on this year’s ballot.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED ...**  
**In a Pilgrimage trip to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America and Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C.** (Per person cost would be based on cost of bus – approx. \$20 - \$30 per person)

**In a bus trip to Sights & Sounds Theater in Lancaster, PA to see a show – this year, “Queen Esther” is playing.** (Approx. cost of \$130-\$140 per person includes bus transportation, show tickets and dinner at a family style restaurant in Lancaster).

Contact Lori Parks in the Parish Office if you are interested in one or both trips. We will pursue further planning for the trips based on level of interest.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY**  
**Sunday, March 15**

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament –prior to all Masses
- RCIA First Scrutiny - during 8:30 a.m. Mass
- Social Ministries passing out food bags
- Hospitality offered by the BVM Ladies’ Sodality – 9:30a.m. – Hall
- RE/RCIA Classes – 9:40- 10:45 a.m.
- Adult Faith Formation – 9:45-10:45a.m. – Parish Hall *Conversion with Bishop Robert Barron*
- Youth Ministry Gathering – 6-8pm – Parish Hall

**Tuesday, March 17**

- Adoration – 9:30 a.m.-Noon – FLC Chapel
- Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – Resource Room

**Wednesday, March 18**

- Rosary – 8:30 a.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
- Replenish – 5:30 P.M. – St. Benedict Church
- Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:30p.m. – Hall

**Thursday, March 19**

- Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – Resource Room
- Feast Day of St. Joseph – Mass at 6:00p.m. at St. Benedict Church

**Friday, March 20**

- Rosary – 8:30 a.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
- Lenten Fish Dinner hosted by Knights of Columbus – 5:00-7:00p.m. – Parish Hall
- Shadow Stations of the Cross presented by our Youth Ministry – 7:00 p.m. – St. Benedict Church

**Saturday, March 21**

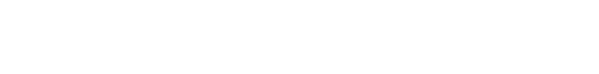
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 4:30-5:30p.m. – SE Church
- Social Ministries Committee collecting food bags

**Sunday, March 22**

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament –prior to all Masses
- RCIA Second Scrutiny - during 8:30 a.m. Mass
- Social Ministries collecting food bags
- Hospitality offered by the BVM Ladies’ Sodality – 9:30a.m. – Hall
- RE/RCIA Classes – 9:40- 10:45 a.m.
- Confirmation Prep. Class – 10:45a.m. – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom

**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

**GET THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT PARISH EVENTS & LITURGIES ...**  
If you haven’t yet signed up for Flocknote, we encourage you to do so. Flocknote is service that our parish uses to communicate with you about parish liturgies and events. To sign-up, go to [www.flocknote.com/BEPARISH](http://www.flocknote.com/BEPARISH) OR text the word BEPARISH to 84576 from your phone to subscribe.



**Creating a culture of vocation...**

**IN A WORLD** waging war on poverty, choose to live as Jesus did — simply. As part of our call to be holy, we are called to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us. How do you use your gifts? 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](mailto:vocations@cdow.org). You can also visit the diocesan Vocations webpage at [www.vocations@cdow.org](http://www.vocations@cdow.org).

**AROUND THE DIOCESE & COMMUNITY**

**11th ANNUAL WALK FOR THE "WELL" OF IT**

Lifetime Wells International has been serving the people of Ghana since 2006. Their operations have come a long way since those early days when co-founder (and St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth parishioner) Ken Wood drilled all of the wells himself. Today, there is a team of local drilling experts that are dedicated to bringing clean water to the people of Ghana and maintaining wells that have already been installed. To date, donations like yours have allowed Lifetime Wells to install over 2,300 water wells and many miles of water mains, connecting distant communities with no viable water sources to clean drinking water. Visit [www.beparish.com](http://www.beparish.com) to download a registration form and make plans to join us on March 22nd so that many more wells can be installed in the coming year. The event includes a 5K run with awards along with a 1-mile fun walk. Sign up by March 6th to guarantee your race t-shirt.



**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.*

**BENEDICTINE OBLATE GROUP WELCOMES INQUIRERS**



Each month, the Benedictine Oblate group meets at our parish (usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday). The next Oblate Meeting will be held in April and the day includes Mass at 9am in the Family Life Center Chapel followed by a gathering for social time and instruction in the Parish Hall from 9:30-Noon. You are invited to join them, to come and deepen your personal spirituality and, as Abbot Primate Notker Wolf said at the 2017, 4<sup>th</sup> Oblate World Congress, "become not only witnesses to the values espoused in the Rule of St. Benedict, but be the active bearers of those values." Benedictine Oblates in Ridgely, MD, affiliated with the Benedictine Sisters at St. Gertrude Monastery in Newark, DE, promise to live the monastic values of listening, community, hospitality, humility and daily prayer in their secular lives. They welcome Christian men and women, Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, etc. to inquire. For information email Cynthia Ingram at [ingram47c@gmail.com](mailto:ingram47c@gmail.com) or call or text 410-924-0993; or email Sr. Mary Lou Robino, O.S.B. at [marylourob.2009@hotmail.com](mailto:marylourob.2009@hotmail.com) or call (302)416-0459.

**LISTEN TO CATHOLIC FORUM every Saturday morning at 11:00a.m. on Relevant Radio 640.** Next Saturday, March 21st, Fr. William Saunders will discuss his new book, "Celebrating a Holy Catholic Easter: A Guide to the Customs and Devotions of Lent and the Season of Christ's Resurrection.". After it airs, listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum...](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum...), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

**ROCK STEADY BOXING-MID SHORE FOR PEOPLE WITH PARKINSON'S**



Rock Steady Boxing is a unique exercise program, based on training used by boxing pros, and adapted to people with **Parkinson's disease**. This program is available on the Eastern Shore, serving Caroline, Queen Anne, and Talbot County residents. Rock Steady Boxing serves both men and women of all ages and levels of ability and all stages of Parkinson's disease and is funded by the Maryland Association for Parkinson's Support, Inc. and the Parkinson's Foundation. Classes are held every Monday and Wednesday at 12:45pm and 2:15pm at the Island Athletic Club, Grasonville. Participants must register by contacting Lyn Sutton at [360strongtraining@gmail.com](mailto:360strongtraining@gmail.com), or call 410-703-9162. Additional information about Rock Steady Boxing Inc. and Parkinson's disease is also available at [midshore.rsbaaffiliate.com](http://midshore.rsbaaffiliate.com)

**BOYS2MEN SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT**



On Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Choices Pregnancy Center will sponsor a sporting clay tournament at Schrader's Outdoors, 16090 Oakland Rd., Henderson, MD. Registration begins at 9am and the day includes 50 targets and lunch catered by Mission BBQ. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize includes a gun for each class — Men's, Ladies' and Junior's. There will also be side games, raffles and a Live Auction. All proceeds benefit the Joseph Project's Boys2Men Bootcamp, a ministry of Choices Pregnancy Center that provides an opportunity for middle and high school ages males without a male role model in their lives to spend the weekend with moral counselors and mentors. Tournament registration is \$125 per shooter and \$95 for Junior Shooters (age 16 and under). For more information or to sponsor the event or register for the event, contact Choices at 410-822-1869 or [director@cpcshore.org](mailto:director@cpcshore.org).

**CLERICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN EASTON**

The Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) needs volunteers. DORS vision is that the State of Maryland is the best place in our nation for persons with disabilities to live, work and raise a family and individuals with disabilities are welcome, fully included and activity participate in all Maryland communities. The mission of DORS is to provide leadership and support in promoting the employment, economic self-sufficiency and independence of individuals with disabilities. Clerical help is needed with greeting clients, telephone support, scan/shred/file and sending e-mail correspondence. If you'd like more information, contact our parish office for a flyer or contact DORS directly at [volunteer.dors@maryland.gov](mailto:volunteer.dors@maryland.gov) or 410-554-9288.