

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12	
4:30-5:10p.m	St. Elizabeth Church
CONFESSIONS	
5:30 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Church
Jeanne & Joseph Dombroski	
Sunday, December 13	
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
7:15 a.m.	St. Benedict Church
(This Mass will also be livestreamed on YouTube)	
People of the Parish	
8:30 a.m.	St. Benedict Church
Intentions of Jill King	
11:15a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church
Caroline Jones	
Monday, December 14	
9:00a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church
Brian Petrichenko	
Tuesday, December 15	
9:00a.m.	St. Benedict Church
Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Phil Ceroni	
Wednesday, December 16	
9:00a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church	
For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life	
Thursday, December 17	
9:00a.m.	St. Benedict Church
Dick Fernald	
Saturday, December 19	
4:30-5:10p.m	St. Elizabeth Church
CONFESSIONS	
5:30 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Church
Virginia Blades	
Sunday, December 20	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
7:15 a.m.	St. Benedict Church
(This Mass will also be livestreamed on YouTube)	
People of the Parish	
8:30 a.m.	St. Benedict Church
Rose Marie Wood	
11:15a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church
Arcy Passwaters	

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 5 through DECEMBER 18, 2020

St. Benedict Church

St. Elizabeth Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP
BACK TO THE LORD
December 5 & 6, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 3,823.00
Loose	\$ 379.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 4,202.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,900.00
Deficit (Below Budget)	(\$ 698.00)
Immaculate Conception	\$ 95.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 506.00
Poor Box	\$ 140.00

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY

July 1, 2020 – December 6, 2020	
Budgeted Offertory	\$111,720.02
Actual Offertory	\$107,275.76
Deficit	(\$ 4,444.26)

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM FR. COFFIEY...

Dear Parishioners ~



Today, the third Sunday of Advent, is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for rejoice. We see this theme throughout the Mass. The priest and deacon wear rose color vestments and the rose candle is lit in the advent wreath. There are only two times a year we see the rose color in the liturgical life of the Church. It is on the third Sunday of Advent and the fourth Sunday of Lent. Liturgists are not completely certain why this color became a part of our tradition, but some attribute it to the Golden Rose which popes used to bless many centuries ago. The gold flower was conferred as a token of reverence or affection to certain churches, royalty, military figures, and governments. Today, however, the color is meant to really make us be filled with joy and rejoicing that Christ's birth is but a few days away. It turns our attention from the simple color of purple, to a shade that we hardly see used in the liturgy.

Our parish is currently completing a routine financial audit. Results will soon be finalized and shared with the finance council and parishioners. One of the recommendations made by the audit was to outsource our financial and bookkeeping position to a private firm. A vast number of the smaller parishes in our Diocese have been moving in this direction. It is with heavy heart that in consultation with the Diocesan CFO and the auditor, I had to unfortunately outsource our current bookkeeper, Marie's, position. We are extremely grateful to Marie for her many years of service to our parish. This was not an easy decision, and one that no priest likes to make. Normally we would have a little something to thank Marie, but because of the pandemic, we are unfortunately prevented from doing so. We pray the Lord bless her in her future endeavors and wish her happiness and good luck.

I have since hired the J. Cvach CPA Financial Services Co. in Centreville. This company currently does the bookkeeping for Mother of Sorrows Parish and many other local churches and businesses. The COVID pandemic has put a great strain on all finances and employment, and our parish is no exception. Roughly half of our parishioners are attending Mass in-person and our offertory collection has been drastically hurt. I am grateful to people who, even in this financially uncertain time, continue to come to Mass either in-person, watch us on YouTube, or attend while listening on the radio at the 8:30 Mass. Most of all, I thank you for your continued financial support! Dozens of loyal parishioners continue to mail in envelopes and make random donations. Many parish committees and groups have also been helping with various fundraisers and dinners to boost our financial downfall. I am always amazed and pray for you daily! Know that I always brag to my priest friends how dedicated my parishioners are! ☺

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Even though these are tough and uncertain times, let us not despair or be sad. Today is the Sunday to rejoice! Rejoice that we have a beautiful parish, generous and loving people, and rejoice that we can worship our loving God freely and frequently! Rejoice that our Lord will come to save us!

Fr. Coffiey

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, Thursday, December 24
4:00p.m. St. Benedict Church + 4:00p.m. in Parish Hall (w/Livestream on TV)
6:00p.m. St. Benedict Church + 6:00p.m. in Parish Hall (w/Livestream on TV)
8:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Midnight St. Benedict Church
Those attending the 4pm or 6pm seating in the Parish Hall will watch a livestream of the Mass on the large TV in the hall and will receive Communion at the appropriate time. Those Masses will also be broadcast on our BEPARISH YouTube Channel for anyone desiring to watch from home. The 4pm & 6pm Masses will also be broadcast on 89.1FM and parking spots will be reserved in front of St. Benedict Church for anyone wishing to attend Mass & receive Communion while remaining in their cars.

CHRISTMAS DAY, Friday, December 25
10:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

A Flocknote message regarding sign-ups for Christmas Masses was sent out about a week ago. Due to current COVID guidelines, we have only 50 seats per Mass available. All Christmas Masses are currently at capacity except for the 4pm & 6pm Seatings in the Parish Hall and the Midnight Mass at St. Benedict Church. If you would like to reserve any of the remaining seats, please visit our parish website (www.beparish.com) and click the sign-up links or you may contact Lori in the Parish Office at 410-634-2253 or LParks@beparish.com to reserve seats. Reservations are not required for parking outside the church for the 4pm or 6pm Masses.



DECEMBER 12 & 13, 2020

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Your "confirmation name" emails were due in the Religious Ed office last week. Please send a paragraph or two discussing what Saint's name you have chosen for Confirmation (or your own name), why you chose that name and what the Saint means to you. Please send via email to mduggan@beparish.com

“Behold the Gift” – A Live Nativity Pageant

Last week we announced that the 16th Annual Live Nativity Pageant, “Behold the Gift”, would take place on Saturday, December 19th. But, it has since been decided that this year's performance will be cancelled due to concerns over the uptick in COVID cases. We plan to resume the show next year if circumstances allow. Even though we cannot have the live performance, we encourage you to stop by the outdoor, lighted Nativity creche in front of St. Benedict Church, or the indoor Nativity's in either of our churches, at any time that you'd like.



PARISH & FAMILY LIFE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE ~ The Knights of Columbus are collecting winter coats throughout November, December, and January for distribution to the two homeless shelters in Caroline County as well as to Martin's House & Barn (Ridgely), the Samaritan House (Denton), our local schools, and to anyone needing these items, parishioner or non-parishioner alike. They are accepting new or gently used coats of all sizes (adult & children) as well as gloves and hats (only new, please). If you are donating used coats, please be sure that they are laundered before donation. Donation boxes can be found in both churches near the steps to the choir loft. The Knights thank you in advance for your generous support. Please let us know if you know someone in need of winter coats, hats, or gloves.



SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

Dear St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth Church & Parishioners ~ On behalf of Neighbors United to Serve (NUTS), we wish to thank you for your financial donation that benefitted our 2020 Thanksgiving Day meal distribution. With the generosity of you and other community members, we were able to provide 1,102 individual meals to families in Caroline County. Without your support and our wonderful volunteers of this mission, NUTS would not be able to do what we do in reaching out to those who otherwise may not have food on a day on which the rest of us give thanks. Your kindness and continued support are so greatly appreciated. Thank you very much again. ~ The 2020 Volunteer Planning Committee with Neighbors United to Serve

VOCATIONS AWARENESS

If you think God is calling you or someone you know 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 for more resources.

Please pray for our diocesan seminarians and those discerning a call to Religious Life:

Deacon Michael Preston	Brennan Ferris	John Enemuo	Eugene Mitte
James Gebhart	Brooks Jensen	Mark Donohue	Kevin Lilly
Dennis Stameza	Eric Gianforcaro	James Kimmel	Brett Carmean
Peter Schirmer V	Gabriel Ortiz-Jimenez	Amanda Krow	

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

In compliance with church and civil law, the election of parish trustees is to take place on the first Sunday of each year. Therefore, elections for trustees will take place on the weekend of January 2 & 3 in the sacristy after all masses. Current trustees are:

St. Elizabeth : *Paul Fountain* and *Beth McCullough* and **St. Benedict:** *Steve Fleegle* and *Kenny Wood*

If you would like to nominate someone to fulfill the responsibility of parish Trustee other than those listed above, you will also have the opportunity to write-in your choice on the prepared ballot.

Qualifications for a Trustee

- A trustee must be a parish member, a practicing Catholic, and at least 25 years of age.
- Priests, deacons, and religious assigned to the parish are not eligible to serve as a trustee.
- State law requires that trustees be elected every year. Trustees serve until their successors are elected.
- Trustees may not hold office on the Parish Council or Finance Council nor should they serve as chairpersons of parish committees.

Generally, the trustees do not have regular meetings but are convened by the pastor/parish administrator as circumstances require.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

This weekend's second collection is for
Poor Box Support.

Sunday, December 13
• 2nd Collection – Poor Box Offering
• Bambinelli Sunday – Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurines from home Nativity scenes at all Masses
• R.C.I.A. Class – 9:40-10:45a.m.- Resource Room
Monday, December 14
• Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SE Church
Tuesday, December 15
• Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – St. Benedict Church
• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30a.m. – Noon – St. Benedict Church (Benediction at Noon)
Wednesday, December 16
• Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SE Church
• Petrichenko Funeral Mass – 10:30a.m. – St. Benedict Church
• Confessions – 5:15-5:45a.m./Mass – 6pm – SE Church
Thursday, December 17
• Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mas – 9am – SB Church
Saturday, December 19
• Boggs Baptism – 10am – St. Benedict Church
• Moran Funeral – 1pm – St. Benedict Church
• Confessions – 4:30-5:10p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
Sunday, December 20
• 2nd Collection – Building & Maintenance
• R.C.I.A. Class – 9:40-10:45a.m.- Resource Room

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

For Healing, Strength, Grace & Peace...



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 ~ Clark Johnson ~ Janet Kibler ~ Karen Coward ~ Kelly Presnell ~ Ron Safchick ~ Rita Miedl ~ Nelson Owens ~ Tobey McWilliams ~ Agnes Metzler ~ Cynthia Makas ~ Ernie Blazejak ~ Alex Wood ~ James Coleman ~ George Simacourbe ~ Delaney Tull ~ Su Lappin ~ Al Buccalo ~ Ben Shirley ~ Georgia Smithmyer ~ Doris Sharp ~ Kevin Flynn ~ Frances & Edward Cartrette ~ Rob Pasciak ~ Julia Seiler ~ Ginny Lewis ~ Butch Petroski ~ Michael Petroski ~ Mary Jo Clancy ~ Luis Jackson ~ Gary Stewart ~ Jeffrey Kinnamon ~ Gavin Hood ~ Ron Champagne ~ Larry Close ~ Socorro McIntire ~ Logan Persyn ~ Jack Wheatley ~ Carolyn Swain ~ Bruce Beighlie ~ Chuck Tarr ~ Helen Vogt ~ John Bettien ~ Kathleen Maes ~ Leo McWilliams ~ Joe Smigielski ~ John P. De Rocili ~ Patti Maquire ~ Mary Lukacsina ~ Rita Hixon ~ Jason Brown ~ Frances Daly (mother of Mark Daly) ~ Dennis Clegg ~ Kim Siciliano ~ George Smith ~ Philip Smith ~ Dolores Perkins ~ Mary Snowberger ~ Pat Lafferty ~ Joe Ernest ~ Theresa Lowe ~ Bill Williams ~ Hope Brown ~ Oscar Parks, Jr. ~ Lucia Doyle ~ Chris Scaglione ~ Stacy Hutchison
Our Members in the Military: Zach Wise ~ Joseph Remaniak ~ Faustina Remaniak ~ ~ Joshua Remaniak ~ Jacob Stevens ~ Adam Cepeda
Do you know someone in need of prayer? *Let us know and we will add their name to the list.* Has someone on the list experienced healing? *Let us know if we can remove their name and offer prayers of thanksgiving.*

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