

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 6  
5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
Anthony Amalfitano

Sunday, February 7  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
7:15 a.m. St. Benedict Church  
(This Mass will also be livestreamed on YouTube)  
Dick Fernald  
8:30 a.m. St. Benedict Church  
The People of the Parish  
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
Charles Roger Vogt, Jr.

Monday, February 8  
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
Special Intentions of Mike & Julie Duggan

Tuesday, February 9  
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church  
Intentions of Dan Freeman (Birthday)

Wednesday, February 10  
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
Intentions of Marianna Breeding  
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
For an Increase in Vocations to the  
Priesthood & Religious Life

Thursday, February 11  
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church  
Michael Keating, Jr.

Saturday, February 13  
5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
Jeanne & Joseph Dombroski

Sunday, February 14  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
7:15 a.m. St. Benedict Church  
(This Mass will also be livestreamed on YouTube)  
Cathy Alder  
8:30 a.m. St. Benedict Church  
Cathy Alder  
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
People of the Parish

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

JANUARY 30 through FEBRUARY 12  
St. Benedict Church  
In Honor of Walt Scanlan  
St. Elizabeth Church  
Intentions of Jane & Earle Wood

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP  
BACK TO THE LORD  
January 30 & 31, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 1,664.21
Loose	\$ 1,122.00
Online Giving via WESHARE	\$ 4,558.65
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 7,344.86
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,900.00
Surplus (Above Budget)	\$ 2,444.86

Poor Box (Regular Donations) \$ 110.00

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY

July 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021	
Budgeted Offertory	\$151,900.00
Actual Offertory	\$139,166.60
Deficit	(\$ 12,733.40)



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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM FR. COFFIEY...

Dear Parishioners, ~



In the first reading, Job seems to think that life is pure misery. At the end of the reading, he assures us that he shall never see happiness again. We may not realize it, but Job was an extremely upright and pious man. His afflictions and sufferings were never meant to be a punishment, but simply a test of his faith. Perhaps we think because of the current situation in our world with the virus, the political spectrum of America, and even our own personal struggles and pains, we will never see happiness or peace again. This is simply untrue. Misery happens when we do not trust enough in Jesus. It happens when we place our trust in things of the world that will end, disappear, and do not really matter. Do we pray rather than watch the news or soak in social media? Do we spend time talking about holy and substantial things rather than gossiping? Am I confident in God's love for me and His eternal plan? It begs the question to ask ourselves: What part do I play in my own misery?

When I first came to the parish, we sent out a survey to parishioners asking opinions on some items for consideration. One of these was to change our Saturday evening Mass to 4:00 PM. More than half the people voted to have this Mass at the earlier time of 4:00 PM. At the time, it was not a problem because I was able to have a steady flow of four priests helping me. Thus, the change was not necessary. However, in that short time, I am now down to only one priest helping. As you know, there is at least one and possibly two Saturdays that I need to be away every month for military duty. As time goes on, the priest shortage is not going to get any better. After consultation with the parish clergy, staff, and parish council, it is necessary that we move our 5:30 PM Saturday night Mass to 4:00 PM. This allows me to find more priests who are willing to come and help. Several priests would not help simply because they are elderly and did not like to drive when it gets dark. All the priests we have had were traveling well over an hour to come and say Mass for us. We need to be considerate of the sacrifices they are making as well as their safety. Additionally, most of the people who currently attend Saturday night Mass are elderly as well, so we as a parish are trying to be considerate of everyone's safety and well-being. With that said, we will switch our Saturday night Mass time at St. Elizabeth's next month effective on March 6<sup>th</sup> to 4 PM. Confessions will begin at 3:00 PM.

Fr. Lewis started having Adoration on Tuesdays with Benediction at 12 Noon. I think this is a wonderful opportunity for our parish. However, it has become apparent that during the pandemic roughly half of our ordinary parishioners are not coming to Mass for safety reasons. Because of this, there have been a few instances when on Tuesdays, we were not able to find enough people to be present with the Blessed Sacrament. In consultation with the clergy, staff, and parish council, we will have Benediction at 10:30 instead of 12 Noon. This will take effect on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This still allows people to do a true "Holy Hour" since Mass ends at 9:30 AM. Additionally, it will allow more people to stay for the beautiful Rite of Benediction if they have several things to attend to throughout the day.

Thank you for your undying and loyal dedication to our parish even in these changing and uncertain times. I am always praying for you!

Fr. Coffiey

VOCATIONS AWARENESS

Creating a culture of vocation...  
**FAITH AND PRAYER do not resolve problems but enable one to address them with a new light and strength, in a way fitting to man, and also more serenely and effectively. (Pope Benedict XVI) Pray to hear God's call.** 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](mailto:vocations@cdow.org). You can also visit the diocesan Vocations webpage at [www.vocations@cdow.org](http://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	
Peter Schirmer V	Gabriel Ortiz-Jimenez	Amanda Krow	

FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 2021

LITURGY

LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>!

The 2021 Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. This year, Fr. Coffiey will celebrate two Masses with the Distribution of Ashes: 9:00a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church and 7:00p.m. at St. Benedict Church. Our deacons will also preside at two prayer services with the Liturgy of the Word and the Distribution of Ashes. These will be held at 6:30a.m. at St. Elizabeth and Noon at St. Elizabeth. Visit our parish website ([www.beparish.com](http://www.beparish.com)) to access links to sign up or contact the parish office to RSVP. See the insert in today's bulletin which contains details about other Lenten offerings.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TO MAGNIFICAT?



**Magnificat is a monthly publication which contains daily and weekend Mass prayers and readings, morning and evening prayer, meditations, spiritual writings, and essays on the saints.** Magnificat subscriptions are currently available through the parish office. The one-year subscription will begin with the May 2021 issue at the cost of \$36.00 per subscription (which is an \$11 savings off the cost of ordering a subscription on your own). The deadline to subscribe through the parish is March 1<sup>st</sup>. To sign-up, contact Lori Parks in the Parish Office.

ATTENTION PARENTS – TURN IN YOUR KIDS!

Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, is Key Chain Sunday throughout our diocese. Parents are encouraged to "turn in" their sons or daughters who have recently received Learner's Permits/Driver's Licenses for a special blessing during all Masses that weekend (February 13/14). Along with the blessing, each young person will receive a special key chain.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES TO MEET NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, February 7, the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Ed classes will have in-person classes from 9:40-10:40a.m. The 10<sup>th</sup> Grade will meet in the Great Room and the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade will meet in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

**CONFIRMATION NEWS:** Because of the ongoing pandemic, Bishop Malooly has given Diocesan pastors and parish administrators permission to perform Confirmation this year once again. That being the case, we will be holding Confirmation in our own parish this year on Saturday, May 22 at 11am with rehearsal being held here the evening before (Friday, May 21) at 7pm. This is a change of date from May 8. An email was sent out to 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students. If you did not receive the email or if you have any questions, please contact Maureen at [mduggan@beparish.com](mailto:mduggan@beparish.com) or 410-634-2253 on Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The next **SUPER SUNDAY BREAKFAST** will be held next Sunday, February 7 in the Parish Hall. Two seating's will be offered in the Parish Hall – one after the 7:15a.m. Mass and one after the 8:30a.m. Mass. Carryout's will also be available. Menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits, sausage & gravy, pancakes, and hash brown potatoes. Cost is just \$6 per person. If you are planning to attend one of the seatings in the Parish Hall or if you would like to reserve carryouts, please RSVP by February 5<sup>th</sup> via Flocknote or by contacting the Parish Office.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Thank you for your participation in the spaghetti dinner! Please mark your calendars for our next youth gathering on Sunday, March 7th. We will meet 6-8pm at the parish hall for dinner and fellowship, and to practice Shadow Stations. We hope to offer those again this year on Friday, March 12th in conjunction with the fish dinner. **We will NOT be meeting this month.** (We had hoped to snow tube, but with COVID restrictions, tickets were booked far in advance.) **There WILL be 9th and 10th grade religion education and Confirmation class this weekend, February 7th.**

*God bless, The St. Benedict Youth Ministry Team*

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY** ~ Although we haven't had any snow yet this winter, you can visit our parish website at [www.beparish.com](http://www.beparish.com) to view our complete inclement weather policy. In a nutshell, Fr. Coffiey will celebrate Masses at their set times and locations regardless of weather. But parish events may be cancelled if weather warrants. We will do our best to communicate any changes due to weather to parishioners via Flocknote messages, the parish website, and our parish voicemail system. And remember if the roads are dangerous please do not attempt to come to Mass. It is not a sin to miss Mass if it is dangerous for you to attend.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

This weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for Black & Indian Missions and Home Missions.

**Sunday, February 7**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Black & Indian Missions & Home Missions
- Blessing of Throats in honor of the Feast of St. Blaise - @ all Masses
- Super Sunday Breakfast – after 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses in Hall and Carryouts Available – Advance RSVP required
- Confirmation Prep Class – 9:40-10:40a.m. – Great Room
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade RE Class – 9:40-10:40a.m. – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom
- R.C.I.A. Class – 9:40-10:40a.m. – Resource Room

**Monday, February 8**

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SE Church

**Tuesday, February 9**

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30a.m. – Noon – St. Benedict Church (Benediction at Noon)
- Sodality Meeting – 7pm – Hall

**Wednesday, February 10**

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SE Church
- Confessions – 5:15-5:45a.m./Mass – 6pm – SE Church
- Parish Council Meeting – 7:00p.m. – Parish Hall

**Thursday, February 11**

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church

**Saturday, February 13**

- Private Ceremony – 11am – St. Benedict Church
- Confessions – 4:30-5:10p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church

**Sunday, February 14**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Building & Maintenance
- Key Chain Sunday – Blessing of all new drivers
- RCIA Rite of Sending – at 8:30a.m. Mass – SB Church
- R.C.I.A. Class – 9:40-10:40a.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 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 ~ Jason Brown ~ Dennis Clegg ~ Kim Siciliano ~ George Smith ~ Philip Smith ~ Dolores Perkins ~ Mary Snowberger ~ Joe Ernest ~ Theresa Lowe ~ Bill Williams ~ Oscar Parks, Jr. ~ Pat Dooley ~ Chris Scaglione ~ The Lambden Family ~ Carol Knox ~ Ed Parry ~ Connie Faulkner ~ Dale & Kathy Humphries ~ Liz Bedwell ~ Donald Kempel

**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.*