

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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| Saturday, September 4                    |  |
| 4:00p.m.                                 | St. Elizabeth Church<br>Jeanne & Joseph Dombroski                      |
| Sunday, September 5                      |  |
| TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY<br>IN ORDINARY TIME  |  |
| 7:15 a.m.                                | St. Benedict Church<br>People of the Parish                            |
| 8:30 a.m.                                | St. Benedict Church<br>Donald Kempel                                   |
| 10:15a.m.                                | St. Elizabeth Church<br>Michael F. Keating, Jr.                        |
| Monday, September 6                      |  |
| 9:00a.m.                                 | St. Elizabeth Church<br>Peter M. Schirmer III                          |
| Tuesday, September 7                     |  |
| 9:00a.m.                                 | St. Benedict Church<br>Donald Kempel                                   |
| Wednesday, September 8                   |  |
| 9:00a.m.                                 | St. Elizabeth Church<br>Chris Powell                                   |
| 6:00p.m.                                 | St. Elizabeth Church<br>Dominic Vicino                                 |
| Thursday, September 9                    |  |
| 9:00a.m.                                 | St. Benedict Church<br>Donald Kempel                                   |
| Friday, September 10                     |  |
| NO MASS/CONFESSIONS                      |  |
| Saturday, September 11                   |  |
| 4:00p.m.                                 | St. Elizabeth Church<br>Larry Kutlik                                   |
| Sunday, September 12                     |  |
| TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY<br>IN ORDINARY TIME |  |
| 7:15 a.m.                                | St. Benedict Church<br>Intentions of Gene & Cyndy Ingram (Anniversary) |
| 8:30 a.m.                                | St. Benedict Church<br>Bart Sherman                                    |
| 10:15a.m.                                | St. Elizabeth Church<br>The People of the Parish                       |

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

AUGUST 28 through SEPTEMBER 10

St. Elizabeth Church

Intentions of Penny Bradley & Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP  
BACK TO THE LORD

FOR AUGUST 28 & 29, 2021

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Envelopes                 | \$ 2,771.00 |
| Loose                     | \$ 410.00   |
| Online Giving via WeShare | \$ 3,427.00 |
| TOTAL OFFERTORY           | \$ 6,608.00 |
| A/C Offset                | \$ 341.00   |
| Poor Box                  | \$ 21.00    |

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Actual Offortory         | \$ 38,741.15    |
| Average Weekly Offortory | \$ 4,304.57/wk. |
| (Week 9 of 52)           |                 |

ONLINE GIVING with WESHARE

Thank you for supporting our parish with your financial stewardship. Your support is vital to our ministries. Scan the QR code or visit our website to make your donation. For more information, visit our [Online Giving](#) page.



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A WORD FROM FR. COFFIEY...

Dear Parishioners ~



One of the final prayers that takes place at a child's baptism is called the Ephphatha. It literally translates to "be opened". It is at this prayer that the priest or deacon touches the child's ears and mouth that they may both hear and speak the Word of God.

Ephphatha is mentioned in the gospel today. Jesus cures a man who is deaf and has a speech impediment. Jesus cures the man by spitting and touching his ears and tongue. In the days before Vatican II, in the Old Rite of Baptism, this was exactly what the priest did during the prayer. He would spit on his finger and touch the child's ears and mouth. Now, there is no saliva, just a simple touch.

Once the man in the gospel was cured, news about Jesus' miracle spread everywhere. This is what we are called to do. We have ears to hear the Word of God and we have a mouth to proclaim the Word of God. If we are hearing things that are not holy, pure, and good, of what use are ears? And, in the very same way, if we are not using our mouth to proclaim the truth, speak about good, holy, and pious things, why even talk?

Let us examine our daily life. What do we hear and what do we say? Are they good things? Are they things we really need to hear and speak? Is it simply gossip, idle talk, and slander? Is it profane, provocative, and crude humor? Is it things which destroy rather than build up the Body of Christ?

If it is, it's best for us not to listen nor to speak. Our ears and mouth are sacred and blessed at our baptism. Don't allow the sacred to become profaned.

I invite you all to join our three days of Forty Hours Devotions on October 7, 8, and 9<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend all three evenings and spend time with Our Lady, Our Lord, and our parish community! Please sign up early if you wish to attend the Mass and dinner on Saturday as this will fill up quickly! See the insert in the bulletin today and the posters around the parish facilities for a detailed schedule.

Finally, a reminder that next weekend, the Sunday morning Mass at St. Elizabeth's changes back to 11:15 AM.

~ Fr. Coffey

LITURGY



**NEXT SUNDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday Mass time at St. Elizabeth Church will switch back to 11:15a.m. Please mark your calendars!**

SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF FORTY HOURS

**Thursday, October 7 – Saturday, October 9, 2021 @ St. Benedict Church**  
**Guest Homilist: Rev. Sean Loomis, Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

**Topic: Virtues of the Eucharist**

The Forty Hours Devotion derives its roots from Italy in 1527. It provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole, giving unique time to deepen our appreciation of the importance of the mystery of the Eucharist. Forty Hours recalls that traditional "40-hour period" from our Lord's burial until His Resurrection. It is celebrated similar to a Parish Retreat or Mission but with great solemnity and reverence.

**Thursday, October 7 ~ 6:00-7:30p.m.**

- + Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- + Recitation of the Rosary & Talk by Fr. Sean Loomis
- + Solemn Benediction

**Friday, October 8 ~ 6:00-7:30p.m.**

- + Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- + Talk by Fr. Sean Loomis & Confessions
- + Communal Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
- + Solemn Benediction

**Saturday, October 9**

- + Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m. – St. Benedict Church
- + 4:00pm – Saturday Vigil Mass - St. Benedict Church
- + Outdoor Eucharistic Procession around the Church
- + Formal Dinner (free of charge) to follow in Parish Hall

*(Dinner hosted by Knights of Columbus & Blessed Virgin Mother Ladies' Sodality)*

Dinner menu includes appetizers, a choice of entrée (stuffed chicken breast or stuffed beef tenderloin), salad, twice-baked potato, vegetable, dinner roll, dessert & beverages. To RSVP for the dinner, please contact Lori in the Parish Office ([parishoffice@beparish.com](mailto:parishoffice@beparish.com) or 410.634.2253) by October 5<sup>th</sup> and be sure to indicate your choice of entrée.



SEPTEMBER 4 & 5, 2021

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**PLEASE NOTE...** Maureen will be out of the office for several weeks. If you need assistance, you may call the parish office and speak with Lori or email Maureen at her personal email, [maurdurn@gmail.com](mailto:maurdurn@gmail.com). Thank you.

CATECHIST'S NEEDED FOR THIS FALL

As things stand at this moment, there are several grades that still need catechists (two adults required per classroom per Diocesan guidelines):

1. One catechist for Kindergarten
2. One catechist for grade 4
3. One catechist for grade 6

You can help by becoming a catechist for our Children's Faith Formation program. As you nurture the faith of our young ones, you will also learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist puts it, "I learn so much from the children!" We will provide you with training, materials, and support. Classes begin on Sunday, September 19, 2021. We would ask you to think and pray about this "call". If interested or for more information, please contact Maureen Duggan-Cassidy in the parish office at 410-634-2253 or email [mduggan@beparish.com](mailto:mduggan@beparish.com)

SUPER SUNDAYS BEGIN AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>!

Our first Super Sunday for this program year will be on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be served after both the 7:15a.m. and 8:30a.m. Masses. Flocknote sign-ups are requested to help the Knights better prepare for quantities of food that are needed (or you may also contact the parish office at [LParks@beparish.com](mailto:LParks@beparish.com) to RSVP).

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE  
YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The Youth Ministry Leadership Team is looking for a couple of parishioners who would like to help out and support the Youth Ministry. We typically meet on the first Sundays of each month from September to May (whenever Super Sunday is scheduled), from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Help us plan the year's activities: Spaghetti Dinner, Chocolate Easter Egg-making, trips, spiritual activities, etc... If you are 18 years and older and a registered, practicing member of the parish who would like to support our youth, please consider joining our great team and bring your fresh ideas and energy to this very important ministry. Please contact Dan and Marlinda Tuel via email - [dantoolman@hotmail.com](mailto:dantoolman@hotmail.com) – or contact Lori in the Parish Office if you'd like more information or are ready to get started. The Youth Ministry is open to all youth in grades 6-12. Keep an eye on future bulletins for more information about youth activities.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Our council gives a special thanks to Father Coffey for having a Mass for Blessed Father Michael McGivney on August 13th. It was Blessed Michael McGivney's Feast Day.

- Our council has been busy over the summer months with fund raising through selling tickets at Caroline County Fair. We are raffling off chances to win \$20,000.
- At the Denton Summerfest we were selling roast beef sandwiches to raise money for our many charities we support like Choices Pregnancy Center, our Parish and many more.
- We now have an Instagram account you can visit us on KofC12054. You can like us on Facebook, too - Saint Joan of arc Knights of Columbus Ridgely MD.

As always, we are looking for a few good men to help us serve our church and community. Go to KofC.org/ join to sign up for free just use MCGIVNEY 2020 code. Our membership means a lot to us. So, do you have 2 hours a month to volunteer?

God Bless You!

Tom Lough, Grand Knight

Phone - 443-996-3024, Email - [upcycle1atatime@gmail.com](mailto:upcycle1atatime@gmail.com)



FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNERS ARE BACK!

The first Friday Fellowship Dinner of this program year will be held on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00p.m. in the Parish Hall. The menu for the dinner will include chicken cacciatore over penne pasta, Ceasar salad, and garlic bread. Those who sign-up to eat in the hall will also be able to purchase beer & wine for \$2 each and will get to choose a dessert made by the Ladies' Sodality. Carryout meals are also available. Cost is \$8 per person. A Kid's Meal of grilled cheese & French fries will also be available for \$4/each. You may RSVP to reserve dine-in seats or carryout's via Flocknote (a Sign-Up Link was sent to all parishioners this week) or you may contact Lori in the Parish Office at 410-634-2253 or [LParks@beparish.com](mailto:LParks@beparish.com). Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

**Sunday, September 5**

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

**Monday, September 6**

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

**Tuesday, September 7**

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:30a.m. – SB Church (closes with Benediction at 10:30a.m.)
- Adult Bible Study – 7:00p.m. – Great Room
- Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy Meeting – 7:30.m. – Parish Hall

**Wednesday, September 8**

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SE Church
- Confessions – 5:15-5:45p.m./Mass – 6pm – SE Church
- Social Ministries & Building and Maintenance Committee Meetings – 6:30p.m. – Hall
- Parish Council Meeting – 7:00pm – Hall

**Thursday, September 9**

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adult Bible Study – 9:30a.m. – Great Room
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Installation Mass – 6:00p.m. – SB Church (followed by dinner in Hall)
- Baptism Formation Class – 7:00p.m. – Resource Room

**Friday, September 10**

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday, September 11**

- Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church/Mass - 4pm – SE

**Sunday, September 12**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Parish Religious Education Support
- Super Sunday Breakfast – after 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses – Parish Hall; Carryout's also available (Advance RSVP required by September 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Youth Ministry Gathering – 6:00-8:00p.m. – Parish Hall

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

**For Healing, Strength, Grace & Peace...**



Peggy Brittingham ~ Kathleen Green ~ Patricia McWilliams ~ Helen Dill ~ Judy Edmonston ~ Edie Crank ~ Patricia Freedman ~ Michael Alt ~ Christina Jewell ~ Clark Johnson ~ Janet Kibler ~ Karen Coward ~ Kelly Presnell ~ Ron

Safchick ~ Rita Miedl ~ Nelson Owens ~ Tobey McWilliams ~ Cynthia Makas ~ Alex Wood ~ James Coleman ~ Delaney Tull ~ Al Buccalo ~ Ben Shirley ~ Kevin Flynn ~ Rob Pasciak ~ Julia Seiler ~ Ginny Lewis ~ Butch Petroski ~ Michael Petroski ~ Mary Jo Clancy ~ Luis Jackson ~ Gavin Hood ~ Ron Champagne ~ Larry Close ~ Socorro McIntire ~ Logan Persyn ~ Helen Vogt ~ John Bettien ~ Kathleen Maes ~ Leo McWilliams ~ Joe Smigielski ~ John P. De Rocili ~ Mary Lukacsina ~ Kim Siciliano ~ George Smith ~ Philip Smith ~ Dolores Perkins ~ Joe Ernest ~ Theresa Lowe ~ Bill Williams ~ Oscar Parks, Jr. ~ Chris Scaglione ~ The Lambden Family ~ Carol Knox ~ Ed Parry ~ Liz Bedwell ~ Victoria Beachy ~ Janice Clere ~ Maria & Keith Poptanich ~ Ernie Harris ~ C. Dale Knott ~ Marciana Ritter ~ Cynthia & Nick Thomas ~ Angel Champagne ~ Mark M. ~ Patricia G. ~ Steve Kerstetter ~ Allen Kinnamon ~ Susie Booze ~ Daniel Dohl ~ Rear Admiral Brent Scott ~ Annette Constantino ~ Erica Redgraves ~ Rita Albright ~ Ben Adams ~ Maureen Duggan-Cassidy ~ Justin Burgess ~ Lucia Doyle ~ Mary Stone ~ Harold Fink II ~ Mikaela Nickum ~ Clorinda Passwaters ~ Joe Dobrenski ~ Sr. Paula Revire ~ Marianna Breeding ~ Jackie Long ~ Doris Schneider

**Please pray for our parish, priests, world leaders, military & veterans, those grieving, the lost & disadvantaged, orphans, the sick & their caregivers.**

## AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

### MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE IN SEPTEMBER –

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, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm. The day will include tours, prayer, confessions, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Koenig. **Our parish will not be contracting a bus for this year's pilgrimage as there was not enough interest to allow for reserving one.** But all parishioners are invited to attend the pilgrimage on their own or to carpool with others who may be planning to attend. You may visit the parish website at [www.beparish.com](http://www.beparish.com) for a flyer with more details about the day.



### Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50<sup>th</sup>, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 17, 2021, at St. Joseph's, Middletown, at 371 E. Main Street, Middletown, DE 19709. The bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 1:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 1:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however reservations are required. Please make your reservations by September 30<sup>th</sup>. This year, you can register by clicking on <https://cdow.coursetorm.com/course/annual-wedding-anniversary-mass> or by filling out the information below and returning it to the Office for Marriage and Family Life, 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806, or by emailing [jackson@cdow.org](mailto:jackson@cdow.org).

### Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass Registration Form (please print clearly)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years Married: 5 \_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_ 25 \_\_\_ 30 \_\_\_ 35 \_\_\_ 40 \_\_\_ 45 \_\_\_ 50 \_\_\_ More than 50? \_\_\_ Years

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of persons attending (include guests): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** The Office for Marriage & Family Life (Anniversary Mass) 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806

**Or Email:** [jackson@cdow.org](mailto:jackson@cdow.org). Deadline for registration is September 30, 2021.

**A Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat** will be held the weekend of December 3-5, 2021. This retreat is for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or associated with someone who is (parent, spouse, friend), there is nothing to fear and so much to gain. For more info about this beautiful and liberating opportunity, contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or [lucyminn929@gmail.com](mailto:lucyminn929@gmail.com), or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for an in-person or virtual experience getting closer to your spouse? We have adapted to several formats so that we can meet everyone's comfort level! Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!!! For information, visit our website at [www.wwme-delmar.org](http://www.wwme-delmar.org) (also <https://wwme.org>) or to register, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

### CREATING A CULTURE OF VOCATION...

**THE CHURCH INVITES all of us to make a generous gift of our life through married life, intentional single life, priesthood, or religious life. In what state can you flourish? Pray!** 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). Or visit [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:**

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|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Deacon Brennan Ferris | John Enemuo  | Eugene Mitte   | James Gebhart    |
| Brooks Jensen         | Mark Donohue | Dennis Stameza | Eric Gianforcaro |
| James Kimmel          | Amanda Krow  |                |                  |

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL – SCHOLARSHIPS BEING OFFERED

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus is the sponsor of several High School scholarships for its members and for Catholic Students in general. Below is the complete information on these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards. Awards may be applied to tuition payments only. Application period is from October 1, 2021 to February 1, 2022. All applications must be received in their entirety by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2022. Scholarship information and application information is included below (preferred) or write to: Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 1468, Bowie, MD 20717.

#### ***The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship***

Designed to assist members of the Knights of Columbus holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools, three (3) grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years, and one (1) additional grant of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years funded by the Maryland Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors, will be awarded. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. Continued support after the first year is contingent on continued academic success. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death. Funds are applicable to tuition only.

[2021-22 Gossman ApplicationDownload](#)

#### ***The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship***

Three (3) grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. Eligibility for a grant under this program is open to Catholic students who are residents of the State of Maryland. Affiliation with the Knights of Columbus is not required. However, children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland are also eligible. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. Continued support after the first year is contingent on continued academic success. Funds are applicable to tuition only.

[O'Brien-Application-DocumentsDownload](#)