

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 26

4:00p.m. **ST. BENEDICT CHURCH**
Ernie Blazejak

Sunday, March 27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT7:15 a.m. **St. Benedict Church**
People of the Parish8:30 a.m. **St. Benedict Church**
E.J. Prudot11:15a.m. **St. Elizabeth Church**
Dennis Clegg

Monday, March 28

9:00a.m. **St. Elizabeth Church**
Intentions of Kevin & Lori Parks

Tuesday, March 29

9:00a.m. **St. Benedict Church**
Donald Kempel

Wednesday, March 30

9:00a.m. **St. Elizabeth Church**
Deceased Members of the
Charles L. Knott Family6:00p.m. **ST. BENEDICT CHURCH**
Joseph Fish

Thursday, March 31

9:00a.m. **St. Benedict Church**
Intentions of Mary Belton

Friday, April 1

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, April 2

4:00p.m. **St. Elizabeth Church**
Fr. Hilary Rodgers

Sunday, April 3

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT7:15 a.m. **St. Benedict Church**
Living & Deceased Members of the
McCaffrey & Gaworski Families8:30 a.m. **St. Benedict Church**
People of the Parish11:15a.m. **St. Elizabeth Church**
Chris Powell**TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS**

MARCH 26 through APRIL 8

St. Benedict Church

St. Elizabeth Church

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP
BACK TO THE LORD**

FOR MARCH 19 & 20, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 2,711.00
Loose	\$ 661.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 3,372.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 621.00
Collection for Ukraine Support	\$ 2,175.00
Poor Box	\$ 304.00

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY

Actual Offertory	\$ 176,900.88
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,781.10/wk.

(Week 37 of 52)

The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

A WORD FROM FR. COFFIEY...

Dear Parishioners ~



This weekend we hear the gospel reading about the Prodigal Son. What a perfect gospel for us to hear and reflect upon during this holy season of Lent. Lent calls us back to the Father. Like the father in the gospel, our Heavenly Father is always waiting for us to come back home. He is always expecting our return and waiting and longing to embrace us, no matter where we have been or what we have done. When we return to the Father, we are truly brought back to life again. We are no longer dead, as the gospel tells us, but we are alive. And for this, the Father, and all in heaven rejoice!

We had a beautiful celebration this weekend at the 4 PM Mass to celebrate Deacon Hal's 40th and Deacon Bill's 20th anniversary of Ordination to the Sacred Diaconate. The word Deacon comes from the Greek word meaning servant. The Deacons spiritual, sacrificial, and liturgical role is to serve the Church and the people of God. He does this by ministering baptism, witnessing marriage, and presiding at funerals. He also distributes our Lords Sacred Body and Blood in the Eucharist. At his ordination, he receives the Book of the Gospels with the instructions of proclaiming the Word of God, preaching, teaching, and praying with and for the Church. In the early Church, Deacons were responsible for allocating the Churches funds to help the poor, especially widows and orphans. We congratulate Deacon Hal and Bill on their ordination milestones and thank them for being true servants of the Lord for these many years in our parish ☺

With only about two weeks remaining until we enter the Holiest Week of the Churches entire year, it is important that we pray in a deeper way for those who are coming into our church this year and receiving their Easter Sacraments. We are blessed to have an overwhelming number of men and women who are seeking the One True, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Faith. They have endured a long journey, and as a parish, we continue to encourage them to find the beauty they have been seeking for so long in Jesus Christ.

~ Fr. Coffiey

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP @ HOLY CROSS

Volunteers will gather at Holy Cross Cemetery (11850 Greensboro Rd., Greensboro MD) next Saturday, April 2 at 9:00a.m. for a Cemetery Clean-Up. We will remove dead flowers and broken vessels, clean up any debris, and trim trees/shrubs as needed. Any parishioner interested in helping is encouraged to come and lend a hand.

*Honor our beloved dead through this small act of Lenten charity.***SYNOD 2021 – 2023: Communion, Participation, and Mission**

In May 2021, the Holy Father invited the entire Church to participate in a synodal process in preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops. A synod is a meeting of Church leaders to listen to a broad range of people and then discuss and reach consensus on where the Holy Spirit is calling the Church. The synodal process has been around since the first century of the Church. The current process is made up of three phases: listening to the people of God (parish and diocesan levels), listening to the international bodies of the Church and the final phase, the world-wide Synod of Bishops in 2023.

The title of the Synod is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." The Church will reflect on its "Journeying Together" since the "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council. The focus is on how this "journeying together," which takes place on different levels (from local to universal), allows the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to Her and what steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a Synodal Church. What processes help the Church to live communion, achieve participation and open Herself to mission. Special emphasis is on hearing from those voices that are on the margins.

On February 27th five parishioners from St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth met with parishioners from all of the Eastern Shore Deanery parishes for a listening session as arranged by the Diocese. The participants were encouraged to bring the process back to their parishes. As a result, the Synod, represented by members of our parish, will soon be sending out a parish needs assessment and a related survey. These results will be collected, summarized, and developed to help better serve the needs of our parishioners. Additionally, there will be an open forum evening for anyone who wishes to attend and discuss the Churches synodal relationship. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for more information and dates.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION
LENTEN ADULT FAITH FORMATION****WHAT: "Behold, I Make All Things New": A Lenten Intro to St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body****WHEN: Wednesday, March 30th ~ 7:00-8:30p.m. – Parish Hall**

You are invited to the second session of this series to learn what it means to be a human person, made in the image and likeness of God, and how the Theology of the Body is the Holy Spirit's gift to the Church to answer the confusion about the body found in our culture today. Wednesday evening confessions and Mass will take place prior to the session at ST. BENEDICT CHURCH (Confessions – 5:15-5:45p.m. and Mass at 6:00p.m. closing with Benediction). The formation session will follow in the Parish Hall. Presentation content is recommended for teens and adults. No RSVP is required.

LITURGY

Lent is a penitential season. Therefore, it is a most appropriate time to examine your conscience, to truly consider your sins, and to visit the Sacrament of Reconciliation to receive God's grace and mercy. At our parish, confessions are offered each weekday (except Fridays) prior to daily Masses (8:15-8:45a.m.), 5:15-5:45p.m. on Wednesday evenings (prior to 6pm Mass) and every Saturday from 3:00-3:45p.m. prior to the 4pm Mass at St. Elizabeth Church. There will also be Penance Services at 7:00p.m. at the following dates & churches in our deanery:

- Monday, March 28th – Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Centreville, MD
- Wednesday, March 30th – St. Francis de Sales Parish, Salisbury, MD
- Thursday, March 31st – St. Christopher Parish, Chester, MD
- Tuesday, April 5th – Saints Peter & Paul Parish, Easton MD

A number of priests will be available for confessions at each of these services.

In addition, Monday, April 11th has been designated as the first ever "Reconciliation Monday" in our diocese. Catholics from throughout the diocese are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at any of the 56 parish churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore from 3:00-8:00p.m. At our parish, confessions will be offered from 3:00-5:00p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church in Denton and 6:00-8:00p.m. at St. Benedict Church in Ridgely. Visit www.cdow.org for more information.

"Confession is an act of honesty and courage — an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."
— Saint John Paul II, during his 1987 visit to the United States.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

HOLINESS is a challenge for all of us, whatever our vocation. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint. 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. Or visit www.vocations@cdow.org for more resources.

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

Deacon Brennan Ferris	John Enemuo	James Gebhart
Mark Donohue	Brooks Jensen	Dennis Stameza
Eric Gianforcaro	James Kimmel	Harrison Frey
Patrick Klous	Anthony Miranda	Amanda Krow
David Zamora-Avelar		

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, March 27

- Religious Ed & R.C.I.A. Classes – 9:45-10:50a.m.
- Hospitality provided by Ladies' Sodality – 9:30a.m. – Parish Hall

Monday, March 28

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

Tuesday, March 29

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:30a.m. – SB Church
- R.C.I.A. Adapted for Children – 5:30-6:30p.m. – Resource Room
- Adult Bible Study – 7pm – Resource Room
- Fundraising Committee Meeting – 7pm – Pastor's FLC Ofc.

Wednesday, March 30

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SE Church
- Confessions – 5:15-5:45p.m./Mass – 6pm – St. Benedict Church (Benediction after Mass)
- Lenten Adult Faith Formation Part 2 – "Behold, I Make All Things New: Theology of the Body" – 7:00-8:30p.m. – Parish Hall

Thursday, March 31

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adult Bible Study – 9:30a.m. – Resource Room

Friday, April 1

- Stations of the Cross – 7pm – St. Benedict Church

Saturday, April 2

- Cemetery Clean-Up at Holy Cross – 9am
- Choir Practice – 9:30a.m. – SB Church
- Sodality Easter Basket Project – 10am – Parish Hall
- Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m. – SE Church
- First Saturday Rosary – 3:30p.m. – SE Church
- Mass: 4:00p.m. – SE Church

Sunday, April 3

- 2nd Collection – Easter Flowers
- Super Sunday Breakfast – Dine-In Seatings after 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses; Carryouts available (Advance RSVP required)
- Religious Ed & R.C.I.A. Classes – 10:10-10:50a.m.
- Confirmation Prep Class – 10:45a.m. – 10th Grade Classroom
- Youth Ministry Gathering – 5:00-7:00p.m. – Parish Hall

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...**For Healing, Strength, Grace & Peace...**

Kathleen Green ~ Edie Crank ~ Rita Miedl ~ Al Buccalo ~ Ben Shirley ~ Kevin Flynn ~ Rob Pasciak ~ Ginny Lewis ~ Butch Petroski ~ Michael Petroski ~ Mary Jo Clancy ~ Ron Champagne ~ Socorro McIntire ~ Steve Kerstetter ~ Allen Kinnamon ~ Susie Booze ~ Erica Redgraves ~ Rita Albright ~ Ben Adams ~ Mikaela Nickum ~ Joe Dobrenski ~ Sr. Paula Revire ~ Marianna Breeding ~ Jackie Long ~ Doris Schneider ~ Mary Ellen Black ~ Mackenzie Hart ~ Mindy Shiflett ~ Rourke Jones ~ Jackie Mickler ~ Sarah Griffith ~ Tony Keating ~ Jeanie Bennett ~ Kenny Breeding ~ Brianna & Austin Burck and Family ~ Stacey Davison ~ Susie Crocco ~ Rodey Eckenrode ~ Jimmy Sheeran ~ Cindy Draper ~ Logan Persyn ~ Linda Nickum ~ Randy Jopp ~ Rob Schmitt ~ Dave Parrott ~ Eileen Fernandini ~ Jean Humphries ~ Teresa Tallman-Flye ~ Florence Noppenberger ~ Jane Wood ~ Ron Larkin ~ Janet Jones ~ Justin Burgess ~ Sheila Murphy ~ John Durner ~ Kahle Clegg ~ Nicholas Thomas

A suggestion for Lent... Cut this prayer list out of the parish bulletin and place it in your prayer space (in your prayer book or with your rosary) so that you will remember to pray for those in our community who need God's graces.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER ✕ WE CELEBRATE ✕ WE BELIEVE

BAPTISMS

Raylan James Tedesco

son of Tim & Carissa Tedesco

Grayson William Burck

Patrick Andrew Milton

Adrianna Noel Milton

Children of Brianna & Austin Burck

We celebrate the beginning of a life of faith for these newly baptized children as they receive the gift of new life in God's spirit and become a part of the fellowship of the Church through the Rite of Baptism.

NEXT SUNDAY IS SUPER SUNDAY! The Knights of Columbus will offer their delicious buffet breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, home fries, biscuits & sausage gravy, pancakes and beverages for \$6 per person. Dine-In seatings will be offered after the 7:15a.m. and 8:30a.m. Masses and carryouts are also available. Please RSVP via Flocknote or by contacting the parish office by Thursday, March 31st.

SODALITY NEWS

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS REQUESTED

Next Saturday, April 2nd, 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: travel size 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 Friday, April 1st. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

CHOCOLATE EGG SALES CONTINUE THIS WEEKEND!



It's that time of the year again ... the Youth Ministry is selling their delicious chocolate eggs of three varieties – Buttercream, Coconut Cream, and Peanut Butter. Eggs will be on sale after all Masses. Cost is \$4.00 per egg. Be sure to get yours while supplies last.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The newly formed Fundraising Committee will be meeting this Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00p.m. in the Pastor's Office in the Family Life Center. Any parishioner interested in helping with parish fundraisers and events is welcome and encouraged to attend. The committee is currently working on plans for a June event featuring food, music, and children's activities as well as a summer yard sale in July.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, April 2nd, meet the author of the new book, "Braving the Thin Places: Celtic Wisdom to Create a Space for Grace," Ms. Julianne Stanz. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

A Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of November 14-16, 2022. 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 a beautiful and liberating opportunity, contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com, or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.



12th Annual Walk for the Well of It

Later this month, Kenny Wood will be on his 60th trip to Africa. Passionate about his mission since 2006, he reports that Lifetime Wells International has now drilled a total of 2,763 wells in Ghana and Tanzania, and laid 50+ miles of pipeline to remote communities bringing clean water to an additional 100,000 people! All are welcome to come and support this charity at the Walk for the "Well" of it 5K Run/Walk! If you are unable to join in-person, please consider walking or running virtually, or even as a sleepwalker participant. To register, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Ridgely/WalkfortheWellofit>. Donations may also be mailed to Lifetime Wells International, 24321 Shore Highway, Denton, MD 21629.



His Hope Ministries helps families, individuals, youth, and elderly fight homelessness, hunger, and potential homelessness. We work towards a place where all people have access to quality housing, nutritious food, and opportunities to thrive. We are committed to working with compassion, integrity, accountability, creativity, and an anti-oppression approach treating others with honor, dignity and respect to end homelessness and hunger. His Hope Ministries reduces homelessness and enables families to live in safe, secure, and healthy stable housing environments by connecting everyone entering any of our programs with a Housing and Family Support Specialist. The Specialist helps identify and acquire the right mix of resources to assist in aligning goals and promoting a robust pathway to move beyond the client's crisis situation into self-sufficiency and family success.

We also provide essential Human Resources such as shelter, food, hygiene products, clothing, soft and life skills training to families experiencing a housing crisis. We have two locations in Denton Maryland and have been in operation since 2011. We are a humanitarian 501(c)(3) nonprofit and operate all of our programs relying on grant funding and tax-deductible donations. The programs we offer help us show God's grace, love, and compassion when folks need it the most while giving families hope and an opportunity to regain their strength and stability.

Our cold weather shelter opened for the season in September and was originally scheduled to stay open through the middle of April. However, we find that there is a shortage of funds to keep the shelter open beyond the end of March. Your gracious donation will help His Hope Ministries be able to keep the shelter operational through April 17.

Please consider contributing to His Hope Ministries to help our community when they need it most. All donations are tax deductible. Let us weather this challenge together.

Please send all donations to His Hope Ministries, Attn: Ashley Wilson, 105 Gay St., Denton, MD.