

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 30

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Mary & Terry Keith

Sunday, May 1

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish8:30 a.m. St. Benedict Church
Bob Cavanaugh11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Marcie DiMeglio

Monday, May 2

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Margaret Jopp

Tuesday, May 3

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

Wednesday, May 4

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Helen Conard6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Fr. Neil Breslin

Thursday, May 5

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Living and Deceased Members
of the McCaffrey & Gaworski Families

Friday, May 6

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, May 7

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, May 8

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict Church
Mother's Day Intentions8:30 a.m. St. Benedict Church
Mother's Day Intentions11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Mother's Day Intentions**TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS**

APRIL 23 through MAY 6

St. Benedict Church

In Memory of Mabel Levengood

St. Elizabeth Church

In Honor of Deacon Hal Jopp &
Deacon Bill Nickum**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP
BACK TO THE LORD**

FOR APRIL 23 & 24, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 2,691.00
Loose	\$ 719.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 3,410.00
Mother's Day Devotions	\$ 651.00
Poor Box	\$ 176.00

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY

Actual Offertory	\$ 201,454.88
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,796.54/wk.

(Week 42 of 52)

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters." ~ See John 21: 15

A WORD FROM FR. COFFIEY...

Dear Parishioners ~

The power and precedence that the Word of God has is so strong it can convict us of speaking the truth despite the reactions, danger, and loss of privileges it may bring. This is what the apostles faced in the first reading this weekend. They were told to stop at once preaching about Jesus and spreading His message. The apostles couldn't stop. How could they? They were the witnesses to Jesus risen from the dead. Do we have the same faith? Are we worried not to speak a message of truth and conviction about the Lord because it may mean negative reactions from others? Danger of broken relationships? Or that we may lose certain privileges and respect that we once had? As Peter said: We must obey God rather than men. Who do we obey?

Thank you to all who attended last weekend's Divine Mercy celebration and to the members of our parish's Divine Mercy Cenacle who planned and served the refreshments in conjunction with the event. It was a nice celebration and was very well attended.

In May 2021, the Holy Father invited the entire Church to participate in a synodal process in preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops. As a result of this, our parish will be hosting a Synod Listening Session on Monday, May 9th at 7:00 PM in the parish hall. Our Holy Father and Bishop have asked us as a parish to reflect on what processes help the Church to live communion, achieve participation, and open Herself to mission. Our Synod Committee personally invites you to attend an evening filled with prayer, discussion, and sharing. Free babysitting is provided, and refreshments will be served.

Congratulations to all who made their First Holy Communions this weekend! It is wonderful to see so many of our young people receive Jesus for the first time during this beautiful Easter Season. Our young people and those catechists and volunteers who have been preparing them for this special moment have worked hard. We are blessed to have We are blessed to have more join us at the altar of the Lord.

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the diocesan Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. The theme of the Appeal is *Walking by Faith*. Our parish goal this year is \$46,000.00, which is only a \$1,000.00 increase from last year. Most of you have probably received a letter from our new bishop, Bishop Koenig, asking for your generous financial support. The Appeal helps directly fund Catholic Charities which provides food, shelter, resources, and programs for those who are elderly or in need, our Catholic schools, college campus ministries, youth and young adult ministry, ASL deaf ministry, marriage and family programs, ethnic cultural ministries, funds to help our retired religious sisters and brothers, formation of our deacons, pro-life efforts, as well as public relations and media. If you have not yet contributed, I ask you to please consider giving. Our Diocese is blessed every year, despite the financial burdens of our economy, to exceed its goal. The Church of Delaware and the Eastern Shore depends on your help to continue its mission.

~ Fr. Coffiey

2022 FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL ~ "WALKING BY FAITH"

In today's gospel, we once again hear of the disciples encountering Jesus. And Jesus calls the disciples to "tend my sheep...feed my sheep...follow Me." The disciples show us time and time again, *Walking By Faith*, ordinary people accomplish extraordinary things. As men and women of faith, we are like those disciples, living our lives in the real world, walking along with Jesus who is always there accompanying us. Our Lord asks us: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and attend to the needs of our brothers and sisters not only in our parishes and diocese but throughout the world.

The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, with its theme, "*Walking By Faith*" challenges each of us to bear witness to our faith and open our minds and hearts to bring those less fortunate closer to God's table. To know Christ is to know His message of salvation; to



love Christ is to imitate His love for all people; and to serve Christ is to manifest His teachings through acts of Christian Stewardship. This weekend you are invited to participate in the 2022 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this important campaign. To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal", or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.

PARISH LEADERSHIP NEWS**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MAY ~ Seeking Candidates**

Parish Council Elections will be held on the weekend of May 21/22, 2022, 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*) and lend their voice to issues affecting our parish. If you'd like more information or if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to be included on the ballot, please contact Lori Parks in the Parish Office (LParks@beparish.com or 410.634.2253).

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Congratulations to our First Communicants this weekend! They are: Angelina Amalfitano, Laura Bennett, Brayden Bringman, Christian Butler, Jackson Dennis, Ariana Feltz, Jamalin Iniguez-Espinoza, and Kaitlyn Ferraro. We pray that you fall deeper and deeper in love with Jesus in the Eucharist! It is God's greatest gift for your soul!

"When you have received Holy Communion, close your bodily eyes so that you may open the eyes of your soul. Then look upon Jesus in the center of your heart." ~ St. Teresa of Avila

The last class of the Religious Education year of 2021-2022 was last Sunday, April 24th. We are so grateful for the time and talent given so freely by our wonderful catechists, classroom assistants, and hall monitoring volunteers! Our parish children benefit immensely by your willingness to share your faith with them. God bless you always!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

In place of our traditional Springfest celebration, our parish is proud to present for the first time ever:

St. Benedict's Bluegrass Festival

Save the Date: Saturday, June 4th in our Family Life Center from 2pm till 7pm. Rain or Shine. Three renowned local Bluegrass Bands will play live music: Flatland Drive, Bluetrain Bluegrass and Sweet Sunny South String Band.

For only \$45 per person or \$80 a couple, you receive tons of homemade all you-can-eat food and drink, live entertainment, free dance lessons in between sets so you can learn some new moves, cash bar, the chance to participate in a silent auction, raffles, chances, a homemade bake sale, PLUS a bounce house and games for the kids. Children under 12 are FREE.

With all events at our parish, we need YOU to volunteer. If you would like to help, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AAAA2EA1F85-stbenedict> to sign up directly or you may contact Julia Neph at 410-371-6139 or email her at jazzyjuls@icloud.com. We need servers, clean-up crew, auction volunteers, bake sale monitors, bartenders and food runners. If any teens would like to participate, we will gladly give them volunteer hours for school.

IMPORTANT!!

As with our past Springfest, we ask parishioners to donate items or theme baskets to auction off. If you are willing to donate an item, you can bring it to the parish office starting on May 31 thru June 2nd. This always helps to raise extra funds. If you cannot donate an auction item or basket, please consider making a monetary donation. Simply make a check payable to St. Benedict's and earmark it for "Blue Grass Festival".

We are also calling upon all bakers and cooks to make specialty cakes or other baked items for our bake sale that will be a part of this event. If you are able to make something, please contact Denise Williams to let her know denisewilliams2006@yahoo.com. Our church is always blessed with many very giving parishioners and this event will not be as successful without YOU 😊

You can purchase tickets for this event after all the weekend Masses. Or, scan your camera phone on the QR code above to buy tickets online. Help spread the word to our parishioners and the greater Caroline County Community! We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your help and support!

The Fundraising Committee of St. Benedict

AVON FUNDRAISER

Parishioner Azie Casale, who is a longtime Avon representative, has set up an Avon fundraiser to benefit our parish. The fundraiser will run through May 31st. To participate, parishioners (and their friends & family) should simply visit <https://www.avon.com/fundraiser/beparish/?rep=acasale> to place orders and items



will be shipped directly to your home. 25% of your total purchase will be donated to the parish. With summer just around the corner everyone should consider purchasing some of the Skin So Soft Bug Guard products which have a pleasing fragrance but also repel mosquitoes and ticks. There are also a wide variety of products available for women, men, and children. As an added incentive, for every order of at least \$25, your name will be added to a drawing

which will be held at the end of the fundraiser, the winner of which will receive a dozen crab cakes. And, every week during May, free gifts will be offered to those who place orders. So, don't delay, place an order today! (NOTE: If you are unable to order online, you may request an Avon booklet from the parish office and can place your order by phone with Azie at 410-310-2198.)

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, May 1

- Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend
- First Eucharist at 8:30a.m. & 11:15a.m. Masses followed by the May Crowning of the Blessed Mother
- Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Flower Sale after 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses
- Super Sunday Breakfast – Dine-In Seatings after 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses and Carryouts (Advance RSVP required)
- Youth Ministry Gathering – 6-8pm – Parish Hall

Monday, May 2

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

Tuesday, May 3

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:30a.m. – SB Church
- Fundraising Committee Meeting – 7pm – Resource Room

Wednesday, May 4

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SE Church
- Confessions – 5:15-5:45p.m./Mass – 6pm – SE Church
- Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7pm – Hall

Thursday, May 5

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Homeschool Group Gathering – 10:30a.m. – Hall

Friday, May 6

- Wedding Rehearsal – 5pm – SB Church

Saturday, May 7

- Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m. – SE Church
- First Saturday Rosary – 3:30p.m. – SE Church
- Mass – 4:00p.m. – SE Church

Sunday, May 8

- 1:00p.m. – Wedding – SB Church
- 2nd Collection – Building & Maintenance
- Blessing of Mother's @ all Masses

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

Kathleen Green ~ Edie Crank ~ 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 Shifflett ~ 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 ~ Ron Larkin ~ Janet Jones ~ Justin Burgess ~ John Durner ~ Kahle Clegg ~ Nicholas Thomas ~ Joey Dixon ~ Larry Lough ~ Mary Lukacsina ~ Caleb Duggan ~ Sharon Balling ~ Doug League ~ Paula Neph-Cleaver ~ Olivia Cleaver

LITURGY**MOTHER'S DAY DEVOTIONS**

Honor the special mother's in your life by having them remembered at the Masses on Mother's Day weekend. Special Mass cards are available at the entrances of the churches. Simply pick one up, fill out the intention envelope, and place it in the offering basket by May 1st (or drop it off at the Parish Office). If you receive offertory envelopes, you can use the special envelope provided for the Mother's Day devotions in your envelope packet.



Synod
2021
2023

For a synodal Church
communion | participation | 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 Wilmington Diocese. The participants were encouraged to bring the process back to their parishes. Therefore, **on Monday, May 9th, a Listening Session will be offered in our Parish Hall at 7:00p.m. for any parishioner who is interested in taking part in this process**

Any parishioner who is not able to attend the in-person Synod listening sessions on May 9th has the option to participate online. Individuals, couples, families, or small groups that would like to answer Pope Francis’ invitation to participate in Synod 2021 – 2023 for a Synodal Church, can watch a video - hosted by Father Brian Lewis, pastor of St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Lewes, Delaware - and then complete an online form. This option will be available until the end of May on the Diocese of Wilmington’s Synod website – www.cdow.org/Synod

COFFIEY & DESSERTS BOOK CLUB

The next Coffiey & Desserts Book Club Gathering will take place on Monday, May 16th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. At that gathering, discussion will begin on a new book, The Noonday Devil: Acedia, the Unnamed Evil of Our Times by Jean-Charles Nault, O.S.B. We will discuss the Introduction and Chapter 1. The evening will also include coffee and desserts. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend. Be sure to purchase your own copy of the books from Amazon or your favorite bookseller.



Need a gift for a fellow parishioner, past parishioner, or just someone who likes nice notecards? Perhaps your own supply of notecards is running low? Simply visit the Parish Office to purchase a set of 10 notecards (with envelopes) featuring a print of a beautiful watercolor rendering of St. Benedict Church (as seen above). Cost is just \$15 per package. We have a limited quantity so be sure to request some soon.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

DO YOU BELIEVE you are called to holiness? **By Baptism, we are children of God! We are called to holiness. We are called to be saints! All of us, not just priests, sisters and brothers. Pray to be the saint God is calling you to be!** 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	David Zamora-Avelar
Amanda Krow		

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, April 30th, tune-in to hear student winners of the Knights of Columbus Vocations Essay Contest present their winning essays. 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).

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