

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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 Intentions
8:30 a.m. St. Benedict Church
Mother's Day Intentions
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Mother's Day Intentions

Monday, May 9
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Marianna Breeding

Tuesday, May 10
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Delilah Davis

Wednesday, May 11
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Tom Davis, Sr.
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Dennis Clegg

Thursday, May 12
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Deceased Members of the
Charles L. Knott Family

Friday, May 13
NO MASS/CONFESIONS

SATURDAY, May 14
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Ernie & Dot Blazejak

Sunday, May 15
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:15 a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish
8:30 a.m. St. Benedict Church
Opal Boggs
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Marion Wood & Doris Wood-Sharp

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

MAY 7 through MAY 20
St. Benedict Church
In Memory of Rita Miedl
St. Elizabeth Church
In Honor of Deacon Hal Jopp

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD FOR APRIL 30/May 1, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 4,565.00
Loose	\$ 638.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 5,203.00

Mother's Day Devotions	\$ 866.00
Poor Box	\$ 143.00
YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY	
Actual Offertory	\$ 206,657.88
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,805.00/wk.
(Week 43 of 52)	

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A WORD FROM FR. COFFIEY...



Dear Parishioners ~

This is an appropriate weekend to celebrate the comfort of Jesus the Good Shepherd in light of so much turmoil and conflict in our country around the issue of abortion. As Catholics, we have the responsibility and divine pledge to defend all life – from conception to natural death. With defending life, there will always be persecution and even hatred. Notice in the first reading this weekend the violent abuse issued against St. Paul for preaching the truth. And in the second reading, St. John has the vision of those in heaven who he said have survived the great persecution and distress. They have won the crown of glory. And finally, the gospel, which reminds us we are all in the hand of God. Nobody can remove us from the protection and love of the Heavenly Father. We pray for all Mother's on this Mother's Day weekend, especially those who have lost a child or have suffered through abortion. May Our Lady bring them comfort and peace as this is Her month.

This is a final reminder about our 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 and I personally invite you to attend an evening filled with prayer, discussion, and sharing. Free babysitting is provided, and refreshments will be served. We hope you will join us.

Last weekend was the kickoff for the Diocesan Faith and Charity Appeal. Our parish goal this year is \$46,000.00, which is only a \$1,000.00 increase from last year. I am happy to report that in just a short amount of time, **we have already raised \$22,500.00 of our \$46,000.00 goal.** ☺

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. Coffey

SYNOD 2021-2023: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION
Please see the bulletin insert in today's bulletin for more details about this Monday's Listening Session along with a list of questions to consider and pray with.

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

Thank you to everyone who "Walking By Faith", made a pledge to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and at the entrance of the church and completed cards can be placed in the offertory basket, mailed (SB Church, P.O. Box 459, Ridgely MD 21660), or dropped off at the Parish Office. Or, you may scan the QR code above with your cell phone for a link for making an online pledge. Thank you for your generosity and support. To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal".

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 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).



ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM FR. COFFIEY...

Parents,

APRIL 30 & MAY 1, 2022

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Summer is such a great time of year -- time for more family togetherness, for outside activities, for vacation. For a couple of months, we get to dial back all the school year frenzied activity -- the school schedule, the kids' sports schedules, the whole family's extracurricular activities. As we enter into that lazier frame of mind for a few precious weeks, it's tempting to relax our commitment to Sunday Mass. "God will still be there in September when we return to our crazy schedules, right? This is 'me' time." I saw this article today that speaks to why we don't want to be lulled into that kind of thinking: <https://catholic-link.org/children-mass-sundays/>. God longs for each of us every moment of every day. Let us renew our commitment to spending one hour a week with Him. God bless you and your summer months!

~ Maureen Duggan-Cassidy

SOCIAL CONCERN MINISTRY NEWS

FOOD COLLECTION for MARTIN'S BARN PANTRY

The Social Concerns Ministry will be collecting non-perishable food items prior to all Masses next weekend, May 14 & 15, to help stock the shelves at the Martin's Barn Pantry in Ridgely. Please bring items to Mass with you next weekend and give them to the volunteers who will be outside the churches. All canned goods (i.e., tuna fish, soups, canned meats, beans, etc...) as well as peanut butter & jelly, cereals, boxed meals (Hamburger Helper, macaroni and cheese, etc...) and any other non-perishable items will be helpful. Thank you for your support of this effort.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

MAY KNIGHTS NEWS

Spring is finally here, and the Knights of Columbus are about to get even busier. On May 1st we started the month with our final Super Sunday Breakfast of the program year along with a Mother's Day Flower Sale. The proceeds from our flower sale go to our parishioner, Mrs. Amanda Krow, who is a postulant with the Little Sisters of the Poor. We also welcome two new Knights to our Council – Trey Breeding and Joe Mayer. We will be having their Exemplification soon.

Our support of our parish is always our first priority. We are well on our way to providing a new outdoor altar for Holy Cross Cemetery – construction is happening this month. Also, on May 29th, our Council will be at the Strawberry Festival at Martin Sutton Park in Ridgely where we will be selling our famous funnel cakes. The Charity work that we do supports our parish, community, and many charities like Choices Pregnancy Center, Little Sisters of the Poor and families from Ukraine to name a few.

So, if you are looking for fellowship and somewhere to give your time for two hours per month, our council is always looking for a few good Catholic men. Please contact me at upcycle1atatime@gmail.com or call or text me at 443-996-3024.

Thank you and God Bless You ~ Tom Lough, Grand Knight

The Knights will host their next Friday Night Fellowship Dinner on Friday, May 20th from 5:30-7:00p.m. in the Parish Hall. The menu will include BBQ Chicken Quarters, fresh potato salad, green beans, tossed salad, and a dinner roll. Cost is \$8 per person. Added bonuses for those choosing to dine in at the hall include desserts and beer & wine. Please sign up by Wednesday, May 18th via Flocknote or by contacting the Parish Office.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

Two ordinations will be live streamed on the diocesan YouTube channel this month. On Saturday, May 14th at 11:00 a.m., you can view the ordination of John Enemuo to the transitional diaconate. This live stream is courtesy of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. On Saturday, May 21st at 11:00 a.m., you can view the ordination of Deacon Brennan Ferris to the priesthood at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Wilmington. The Diocese of Wilmington's YouTube channel is available at [YouTube.com/DioceseofW...](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofW...)

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, May 14th, tune in to hear an interview with newly ordained transitional deacon, John Enemuo. 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](http://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, May 8

- 2nd Collection – Building & Maintenance
- Blessing of Mother's @ all Masses

Monday, May 9

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SE Church
- Synod Listening Session – 7:00p.m. – Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 10

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:30a.m. – SB Church
- Ladies' Sodality Meeting – 7:00p.m. – Hall
- Finance Council Meeting – 7:00p.m. – Pastor's FLC Ofc.

Wednesday, May 11

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

Thursday, May 12

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

Saturday, May 14

- Choir Practice – 9:30a.m. – SB Church
- Social Ministries Committee collecting items for Martin's Barn prior to all Masses
- Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m. – SE Church
- Mass – 4:00p.m. – SE Church

Sunday, May 15

- Social Ministries Committee collecting items for Martin's Barn prior to 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 Kinnaman ~ 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 ~ Ron Larkin ~ Justin Burgess ~ Kahle Clegg ~ Nicholas Thomas ~ Joey Dixon ~ Larry Lough ~ Mary Lukacsina ~ Caleb Duggan ~ Sharon Balling ~ Doug League ~ Paula Neph-Cleaver ~ Olivia Cleaver ~ Raymond & Susie Crocco

COFFIEY & DESSERTS BOOK CLUB

The next Coffey & 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.

WELCOME! We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers. Parish registration forms can be found at the entrances of our churches. You can also register online at www.beparish.com. If you have questions, see an usher at Mass or simply contact the parish office at 410-634-2253 or parishoffice@beparish.com.



ST. BENEDICT BLUEGRASS FEST

Saturday, June 4, 2022

2:00-7:00p.m. ~ Parish Hall

Rain or Shine!



In place of our traditional Springfest celebration, our parish is proud to present for the first time ever the **St. Benedict's Bluegrass Festival**. 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. Tickets for the event, as well as 50/50 raffle tickets, are now on sale after all weekend Masses. Or, you can scan your camera phone on the QR code (*pictured above*) to purchase event tickets online. Help spread the word to all parishioners and the greater Caroline County Community! We hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As with all events at our parish, we are seeking volunteers to support this event. If you would like to help, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AAA2EA1F85-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.

SUPPORT OUR SILENT AUCTION WITH A DONATION

As with our past Springfest events, we ask parishioners to donate items or theme baskets for a silent auction which will be held in conjunction with the event. If you are willing to donate an item or basket, you can drop it off at the Parish Office anytime through June 2nd. Or, get in touch with Kasey Perza at kperza@mayperza.com or 302-736-1776 to arrange for pick up of your item. If you are unable to attend the event or donate an auction item or basket, please consider making a monetary donation to support this fundraiser (checks should be made payable to St. Benedict Church with "Bluegrass Fest" noted in memo section of the check).

BAKE SALE AT EVENT



BAKE SALE

Do you enjoy baking? We are calling upon all bakers and cooks to make specialty cakes or other baked items (cookies, brownies, bars, pies, etc...) for a bake sale that will be a part of this event. If you are able to make something, please contact our bake sale organizer, Denise Williams-Sala, to let her know so that she can plan accordingly. Knowing ahead of time

what kinds of baked goods will be donated, and how many, will help us decide how much space is required for displaying these items at the event. You can reach Denise at 410-829-4976 or denisejwilliams2006@yahoo.com.

NOTE: In order to comply with Caroline County Health Department and Maryland COMAR requirements for a public event, all items that are donated for the bake sale need to be accompanied by one (1) index card with the following information: **Name & Address of Church** (*St. Benedict Catholic Church, 408 Central Avenue, Ridgely MD, 21660*), **Name of the Product** (i.e. Chocolate Chip Cookies), **The ingredients listed in descending order by weight** (*The actual weights do not need to be listed*), **Allergen information** (*May contain peanuts, soy, etc....* All items need to come packaged ready for carry out, not exposed or sitting out. Please refrain from making items which require refrigeration (i.e. cream filled or custard filled products, meringues, cream cheese products, etc...) as we do not have ample space to refrigerate items as required by health department guidelines.

Our church is always blessed with many very giving parishioners ~ thank you all in advance for whatever help and support you can lend to make this event a success. ☺

OTHER PARISH FUNDRAISERS GOING ON NOW



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. 25% of your total purchase will be donated to the parish. 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!

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.

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. (**NOTE:** If you are unable to order online, you can pick up one of the Avon booklets at the entrance of the churches or contact the parish office to request one. You may also place your order by phone with Azie at 410-310-2198.)



PARISH NOTECARDS

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, or contact, 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.