

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 16
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Mike Musachio

Tuesday, May 17
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Donald Kempel

Wednesday, May 18
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Rodey Eckenrode
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
John Smith

Thursday, May 19
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Bonnie Bell

Friday, May 20
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, May 21
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Carmen Guzman

Sunday, May 22
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:15 a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish
8:30 a.m. St. Benedict Church
Deceased Members of the
Charles L. Knott Family
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Dennis Clegg

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 MAY 7/8, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 3,411.00
Loose	\$ 790.00
Online Giving via WeShare for April	\$ 4,385.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 8,586.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 645.00
Poor Box	\$ 188.00

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY	
Actual Offertory	\$ 215,243.88
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,891.90/wk.
<i>(Week 44 of 52)</i>	

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.

A WORD FROM FR. COFFIEY...

Dear Parishioners ~



The gospel this weekend follows right after Judas' betrayal of Jesus. It reminds us that as soon as Judas betrayed Jesus, Jesus gives a new commandment: to love one another. The interesting thing about this is that Jesus knew what Judas was going to do with that money bag. He knew he would be betrayed, handed over, and killed. Despite all the upcoming violence and uncertainty of His passion, Jesus, in that moment, cared more about setting things right than getting revenge. He cared more

about instructing his disciples on the meaning of love and forgiveness than using violence. With so much unrest, violence, and attacks in the country and world today, what example do we follow? The commandment of love or revenge?

I thank everyone who attended our Synod Listening Session on Monday evening in the Parish Hall. We had a great turnout, and the conversations were lively and engaging. It was an evening with prayer and delicious treats ☺ Our Synod Committee will meet this week to combine all our responses and suggestions and forward them to the Diocese.

As the warmer months now approach, please be mindful of your dress and how you present yourself for Mass. We should always dress modestly when coming to Mass. Church is not a gym or a soccer field, nor a place to dress down like we are looking for a new boyfriend or girlfriend. We are called to be respectful with our bodies and curb our passions. As St. Francis DeSales, the patron saint of our Diocese would say: "Keep yourself always, as much as possible, on the side of plainness and modesty, which, without doubt, is the greatest ornament of beauty, and the best excuse for the want of it".

Don't forget to buy tickets for our Parish Bluegrass Festival on June 4th. We will have tons of all you can eat food, three live bands, auction items, and games and fun for the kids. If you are a millennial like me and never carry cash, you will be encouraged to know that we accept credit cards. Please spread the word and help our parish succeed and flourish!

Please mark your calendar for our Second Annual Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 17th at the 8:30 Mass. We will take the Most Blessed Sacrament around the block of the Church to affirm our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus by stopping at three outdoor altars for readings of the gospel and Solemn Benediction. After the Mass and Procession, the Ladies Sodality will be providing delicious breakfast treats and refreshments in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend this parish tradition.

~ Fr. Coffiey

PARISH LEADERSHIP NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

Parish Council Elections will take place during all Masses next weekend, May 21 & 22. Please see the Ballot Insert in this weekend's bulletin for information on all of the candidates. You may fill this ballot out at home and bring it with you to Mass on May 21/22. Ballots will also be available in the pews next weekend.

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".



CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Parents, 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*

CONFIRMATION NEWS ... There are 2-time changes for Confirmation weekend. **Confirmation Rehearsal** will be at 10 am at Sts. Peter and Paul Church Saturday May 21st instead of the original 9am time slot. The students will meet with Bishop Koenig at 12 noon in the SSPP Parish Life Center on Sunday, May 22, instead of the original time slot of 1pm.

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

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/Diocesefw...](https://www.youtube.com/Diocesefw...)

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

The Queen Anne's Chorale has announced that it is holding a concert for the Spring Season, and it is being held on two days in June. The concert titled: "From Stage and Screen" is being held June 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. and June 5, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. and will be at the Centreville United Methodist Church, 608 Church Hill Rd, Centreville. The ticket price is \$20 per person (students aged 18 and under are free). Our parishioner, Sharon Balling, is a member of the Chorale and is interested in selling advance tickets. You may reach her by e-mail at edwardballing@comcast.net or by phone at 410-897-7663.

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, May 14th, tune in to hear an interview with newly ordained transitional deacon, John Enemou. 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).

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, May 15

- Social Ministries Committee collecting items for Martin's Barn prior to all Masses

Monday, May 16

- Confessions -- 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass -- 9am -- SE Church
- Coffey & Desserts Book Club -- 7pm -- Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 17

- Confessions -- 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass -- 9am -- SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -- 9:30-10:30a.m. -- SB Church
- Adult Bible Study -- 5:30p.m. -- Resource Room

Wednesday, May 18

- 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 19

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

Friday, May 20

- Friday Night Fellowship Dinner -- 5:30-7pm -- Parish Hall (Advance RSVP Required by 5/18)

Saturday, May 21

- Choir Practice -- 9:30a.m. -- SB Church
- Confirmation Rehearsal -- 10am -- Sts. Peter & Paul Church
- Confessions -- 3:00-3:45p.m. -- SE Church
- Mass -- 4:00p.m. -- SE Church (Parish Council Election @ Mass)

Sunday, May 22

- Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation -- 1:00p.m. -- Sts. Peter & Paul Church (Confirmation Candidates will meet with Bishop Koenig at Noon in the Sts. Peter & Paul Family Life Center)

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 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 ~ Trudy Dean ~ Trish Puckett ~ Bob Doloway

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.



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/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.

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



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.