

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 25	
4:00p.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Jerry & Josephine Campanella
Sunday, March 26	
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
7:15 a.m.	St. Benedict Church People of the Parish
8:30a.m.	St. Benedict Church Intentions of Julie & Justin Medrano
11:15a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Bruce Dill
Monday, March 27	
9:00a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Renee, June, & Parker Dorsey
Tuesday, March 28	
9:00a.m.	St. Benedict Church Intentions of the Gawlik Family
Wednesday, March 29	
9:00a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Mary Keith & Terry Keith
6:00p.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Jimmy M. Rouse
Thursday, March 30	
9:00a.m.	St. Benedict Church Mickey Usilton
Friday, March 31	
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS	
Saturday, April 1	
4:00p.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Virginia Blades
Sunday, April 2	
PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD	
7:15 a.m.	St. Benedict Church Rita Miedl
8:30a.m.	St. Benedict Church Chris Powell
11:15a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church People of the Parish

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

MARCH 18 through MARCH 31	
St. Elizabeth Church	
Intentions of Tabitha Frantum	
St. Benedict Church	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP
BACK TO THE LORD
FOR MARCH 18 & 19, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 2,150.00
Loose	\$ 1,370.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 3,520.00

Poor Box	\$ 160.38
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YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY

Actual Offertory	\$ 192,845.92
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,212.05/wk.
(Week 37 of 52)	

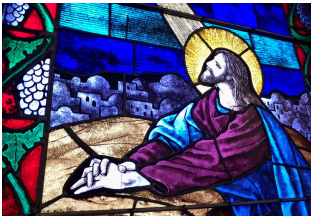
2022 TAX LETTERS
If you use offertory envelopes and would like to receive a statement of your 2022 Offertory contributions for tax purposes, please contact Kim Ernest to request a copy: 410-634-2253 or kernest@beparish.com.



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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON
A WORD FROM FR. COFFIEY...

Dear Parishioners ~



We now enter into the last two weeks of Lent which is known as Passion-Tide. The readings change their tone, particularly the gospels, to focus more on the contention felt between Jesus and the hostile Jewish leaders. There becomes an intensifying danger for Jesus to perform miracles out in public and not be ridiculed or arrested. During these last two weeks you will notice all the statues and crucifixes covered in the churches. It recalls the gospel this Thursday which says: "So they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple area." The statues and crucifixes are veiled in purple cloths and "hidden" from us. It's a subtle reminder that we can often feel like we are put into dangerous and uncomfortable situations when we do good and speak the truth about God to others.

This ancient practice of veiling the crucifixes and statues also recalls the shortness of our Lenten journey and our very own life. As we age and approach the end of our life, many things will be taken away from us; our health, our good looks, our independence, our continence. So, with the Lenten journey, many things are taken away from us; food, treats, old habits, flowers and decorations in the church, statues and images of our Lord. All of this is summed up when finally, the most important and vital thing in the world is taken away from us on Good Friday: The Holy Mass. Nowhere in the world this day is a Mass celebrated. It is a compelling reminder that in the end, the only thing that will remain is the Word of God. After all, Good Friday is just a "Liturgy of the Word" with the distribution of Holy Communion consecrated the day before. But let us not fear! We know the Lord will rise and He will raise us with Him! As the prophet Ezekiel says in the first reading this weekend: "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live!"

Please be as generous as possible in the Second Collection this weekend which helps to pay for Easter flowers and decorations. Our Environment teams work very hard to make sure our churches are as elegant and dignified as possible to celebrate our Risen Lord!

~ Fr. Coffey

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Confirmation prep class will be held this Sunday, March 26th in the 10th grade classroom (Resource Room) from 10:45 to 11:15.

First Eucharist classes will begin this coming Thursday, March 30th in the hall from 6:15 to 7:30pm.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser. Through the fundraiser, you may order glazed or chocolate frosted donuts by the dozen (\$12/dozen) as well as bagged coffee – regular or decaf (\$14/bag). All orders must be received in the Parish Office no later than Friday, April 7th. Donuts and coffee will be available for pickup after the Mass of your choosing on the weekend of April 15th & 16th. Order forms can be found at the entrance of either church or on the parish website at www.beparish.com.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

CHOCOLATE EGG SALES
The St. Benedict's Youth Group has chocolate Easter eggs for sale! They are filled with butter cream, coconut, or peanut butter and are \$4 each. The egg fundraiser is one of our two fundraisers for the year and helps fund our monthly gatherings, recreational trips, and summer retreat at Camp Veritas for youth in grades 6-12. We always sell out, so get your eggs early! Thank you in advance for your support!



PALM SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Koenig invites youth, young adults, and families from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the twelfth Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 1st. Pilgrims from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth Parish in Wilmington with opening prayer and a concert and concludes with Mass @ 4pm. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). For more information, visit www.cdowcym.org. Registration deadline is March 26, 2023. Please contact Pam King at 410-708-5450 if you are interested in carpooling with the youth group.

MARCH 25 & 26, 2023

LITURGY

Reconciliation Monday in the Diocese of Wilmington is April 3, 2023. Not only will we have confession here in our church during that time, but all parishes in the diocese will be holding confessions. So, if it is more convenient for you to go to another church closer to work, feel free to do so. Please invite those friends and family members who have been away from the Sacraments to take advantage of this opportunity. Visit cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday for more information.

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.

SACRED TRIDUUM & EASTER LITURGIES

Monday, April 3 – RECONCILIATION MONDAY
Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m. – St. Elizabeth/Morning Mass - 9am – St. Elizabeth
Confessions – 3:00-5:00p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
Confessions – 6:00-8:00p.m. – St. Benedict Church

Tuesday, April 4
Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m. – St. Benedict/Morning Mass - 9am – St. Benedict
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:30a.m. – St. Benedict
Diocesan Chrism Mass – 7:00p.m. – Holy Cross Church, Dover DE

Wednesday, April 5
Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m. – St. Elizabeth/Morning Mass - 9am – St. Elizabeth
Confessions – 5:15-5:45p.m. – St. Elizabeth/Evening Mass – 6pm – St. Elizabeth
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 5:15-5:45p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6

NO Morning Mass or Confessions
Holy Thursday Practice for Liturgical Ministers – 10:00a.m. – St. Benedict Church
Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00pm – St. Benedict Church
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration in the Parish Hall after Mass until 10:00p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7

Good Friday Practice for Liturgical Ministers – 10:00a.m. – St. Benedict Church
Ecumenical Walk of the Cross – begins at Noon at St. Luke's UM Church, Denton
Good Friday Service & Veneration of the Cross – 3:00pm – St. Benedict Church

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8

Easter Vigil Practice for Liturgical Ministers – 10:00a.m. – St. Benedict Church
Easter Vigil Practice for R.C.I.A. Candidates/Catechumens – 11:00a.m. – St. Benedict Church
Blessing of Easter Food & Baskets – Noon – St. Benedict Church
Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00pm – St. Benedict Church

NOTE: For practices for liturgical ministers on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, scheduled cantors, musicians and altar servers should attend. Practice is optional for ushers and lectors.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9

7:15a.m. Mass – St. Benedict Church
8:30a.m. Mass – St. Benedict Church (A Resurrection Procession will take place prior to the start of Mass)
11:15a.m. Mass – St. Elizabeth Church
There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children after the 8:30a.m. Mass on the parish grounds in Ridgely.

BLESSING EASTER FOOD & BASKETS



On Holy Saturday, April 8th, there will be a blessing of Easter Food and Baskets at Noon at St. Benedict Church. All parishioners are invited to bring food and/or Easter baskets for blessing. The blessing of Easter food has been a beloved Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin. On Holy Saturday morning, families prepare their Easter Baskets and fill them with symbolic items. The baskets are then brought to church to be blessed. After Easter Sunday Mass, the family and their guests share their blessed fare and exchange good wishes. The custom of blessing the Easter foods arose from the strict Lenten fasting of the past, when meat, eggs, fats, and other foods were forbidden during Lent. Easter was thus greeted with great joy as the day when Christ arose and when fasts were ended.

MEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUP

All men of the parish are invited to the next scheduled hour of Faith and Fellowship on Saturday, April 1st at 7:00a.m in the Hall. Please come for coffee and donuts and a chance to get to know the other men of the parish. We typically will read a bit from an inspiring author or watch a short video. We talk about how to live our faith well, and whatever else comes up in conversation, be it food, football, or family. At 8:00a.m. we wrap up with the whole day left to spend. It's a great way to start the weekend. Please come! If you have any questions, contact Peter Meyer, Faith and Fellowship Group Director, at 443-875-1616 (call or text) or Chesterfarm@gmail.com.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

SE = St. Elizabeth Church SB = St. Benedict Church
Sunday, March 26

- 2nd Collection – Easter Flowers
- Collection of items for His Hope Homeless Shelter prior to all Masses
- Religious Ed/R.C.I.A. Classes – 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Hospitality provided by Ladies' Sodality – 9:30-10:30a.m. – Parish Hall
- Confirmation Prep Class – 10:45-11:15a.m.

Monday, March 27

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SE Church
- Knights of Columbus District Meeting – 6:00-8:00p.m. – Hall
- Fundraising Committee Meeting – 7pm – FLC Great Room

Tuesday, March 28

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:10a.m. – SB Church

Wednesday, March 29

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am- SE Church
- Confessions – 5:15-5:45p.m/Mass – 6pm – SE Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 5:15-5:45p.m. – SE Church

Thursday, March 30

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adult Bible Study – 9:30a.m. – Resource Room
- First Eucharist Prep Class – 6:15p.m. – Parish Hall

Friday, March 31

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Stations of the Cross – 7pm – St. Elizabeth Church

Saturday, April 1

- Men's Faith & Fellowship Gathering – 7:00a.m. – Parish Hall
- Benedictine Oblate Gathering – 9am – 1pm – Parish Hall
- 3:00-3:45p.m. – Confessions – SE Church
- First Saturday Rosary – 3:30p.m. – SE Church
- Mass - 4:00p.m. – SE Church

Sunday, April 2

- 2nd Collection – Operation Rice Bowl
- Super Sunday Breakfast – after 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses – Parish Hall (Advance RSVP required by 3/30)
- Religious Ed/R.C.I.A. Classes – 10:10-10:45a.m.
- Confirmation Interviews – 1:00-3:00p.m. - Family Life Center

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Kathleen Green ~ Edie Crank ~ Ben Shirley ~ Kevin Flynn ~ Butch Petroski ~ Michael Petroski ~ Mary Jo Clancy ~ Socorro McIntire ~ Allen Kinnamon ~ Rita Albright ~ Ben Adams ~ Joe Dobrenski ~ Sr. Paula Revire ~ Marianna Breeding ~ Jackie Long ~ Doris Schneider ~ Mary Ellen Black ~ Mindy Shiflett ~ Jackie Mickler ~ Sarah Griffith ~ Tony Keating ~ Jeanie Bennett ~ Kenny Breeding ~ Brianna & Austin Burck and Family ~ Stacey Davison ~ Rodey Eckenrode ~ Jimmy Sheeran ~ Logan Persyn ~ Randy Jopp ~ Rob Schmitt ~ Dave Parrott ~ Teresa Tallman-Flye ~ Ron Larkin ~ Justin Burgess ~ Kahle Clegg ~ Nicholas Thomas ~ Mary Lukacsina ~ Doug League ~ Susie Crocco ~ The Dickerson Family ~ Shirley Smith ~ Jessie Rinehart ~ Richard Harfeld ~ Mark McGourn ~ William R. "Randy" Walton ~ Linda Zepp ~ Kate Dodson ~ Karen Yoder ~ Matt Whaley ~ Jack Smithmyer ~ Ruth Susini ~ Helen Vogt ~ Keith & Maria Poptanich ~ John Carthan ~ Shirley Proctor ~ Mike Porter ~ Eleanor Chambers ~ The Nagel Family ~ Erica Redgraves ~ Cindy Cummings ~ Myrtle Boyd ~ Makenna & Adeline Miers ~ Marceline Rukavina Huey ~ Elisa Walker ~ Susan Frear ~ Dawn Lopez ~ Gregg Hrapchak ~ Brenda Breeding ~ Allyson Hlasney ~ Milo ~Claire Stevens ~ Joan & E.T. Dize ~ Joe Bennett ~ Stacy Seward

Deacon Formation Information Nights



New class of
Permanent Deacons
starting in June 2023

For more information, visit: cdow.org/deacons

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 John Enemuoh ♦ James Gebhart ♦ Brooks Jensen ♦ Dennis Stameza ♦ Eric Gianforcaro ♦ James Kimmel ♦ Harrison Frey ♦ Patrick Klous ♦ Anthony Miranda ♦ Sr. Amanda Marie de Jesus

PARISH LEADERSHIP NEWS

HELP WANTED: PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS



JOB DESCRIPTION: "To discern, with the authorization of the pastor, a set of pastoral goals for the parish, to assist with the implementation of these goals, and to evaluate existing programs and policies for their pastoral effectiveness." (from the Parish Council constitution)

WHEN: Elections held in May of 2023. Meetings are monthly 9 times a year in the evening.

QUALIFICATIONS: Registered members of the parish at least 18 years of age who are fully initiated and practicing members of the Roman Catholic Church.

BENEFITS: Get to know other parishioners and exercise your leadership abilities

NEXT STEPS: Pray for discernment to know if you are being called to this ministry. If you'd like to run, please submit a short bio about yourself (generally a paragraph or two), along with a digital photo, for inclusion on the ballot.

COFFEY & DESSERTS BOOK CLUB

The Coffey & Desserts Book Club will not meet in April. The next book club meeting will take place on Monday, May 8th at which time the remaining chapters of the current book, Nudging Conversions by Carrie Gress, will be discussed. After the May meeting, the Book Club will break for the summer with plans to resume again in the fall.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia Mission) on April 1 at 11:00 AM. Rev. Ronald Anton, SJ from Georgetown University will be the president. The rectory museum will be open at 9:00 AM for tours. The Shrine is located at 1690 Bohemia Church Road, Warwick, MD 21912. Email OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com or call 302.545.2126 for additional information. First Saturday Masses will continue through the end of the year.

AROUND THE DIOCESE & COMMUNITY

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK. Next Saturday, April 1st, we take a deep dive into the Sacrament of Penance, when Msgr. Steven Hurley, Diocese of Wilmington Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, and Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Wilmington, is the guest. 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).

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE with Fr. Mike Gallagher, June 15-24, 2023. Walk in the footsteps of the apostle Paul as well as visit PATMOS where the Book of Revelation was written and EPHESUS where Mary lived her final days. If you need a registration form, call Mirela or Matt at 1-800-842-4842. I do hope you will join us.