

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 6  
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
People of the Parish

Sunday, May 7  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
7:15 a.m. St. Benedict Church  
Rita Miedl  
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church  
Raymond Crocco  
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
Bruce Dill

Monday, May 8  
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, May 9  
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church  
Deceased Members  
of the Sherwood Family

Wednesday, May 10  
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
Intentions of Velda Corrigan  
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
Jimmy Rouse

Thursday, May 11  
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church  
Al Buccalo

Friday, May 12  
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, May 13  
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, May 14  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
7:15 a.m. St. Benedict Church  
Mother's Day Intentions  
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church  
Mother's Day Intentions  
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church  
Mother's Day Intentions

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

APRIL 29 through MAY 12  
St. Elizabeth Church  
Intentions of Christina Black  
St. Benedict Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP  
BACK TO THE LORD  
FOR APRIL 29 & 30, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 2,427.00
Loose	\$ 1,527.00
Online Giving WeShare for April, 2023	\$ 4,963.20
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 8,917.20

2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – Bldg. & Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00
Poor Box	\$ 16.00

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY	
Actual Offortory	\$ 231,458.73
Average Weekly Offortory	\$ 5,382.76/wk
(Week 43 of 52)	

Thank you for your generosity and support through your sacrificial giving. If you would like to make an online donation via WeShare, simply use this QR Code.



A WORD FROM FR. COFFIEY...

Dear Parishioners ~



In our first reading this weekend we hear about the conflict between the Hellenists and Hebrews. The Hellenists were Jewish-Christian converts who were Greek in their culture, language, and outlook in life, but were not even the slightest Greek in ancestry. But, because the Greek culture was then at the height of its popularity at this time in the world, they chose to be “Greek”. It was the “cool, hip, and fashionable” thing to do. These small tidbits and insights in the scriptures show the many different Christian communities that started to be formed after the Lord’s Resurrection.

According to the Law of the Torah, one of the highest forms of giving honor to God was to care for widows, orphans, and the neglected. Both communities needed to do something about these uncared-for individuals who were being left to the wayside. And so, the two communities worked together to call reputable men who would care for these specific people in need. These men chosen were the first Deacons of the Church. They were selected from the community, chosen with high regard and esteem, and the Apostles laid hands on them – thus ordaining them for service in the Church. This is exactly what the word Deacon means translated from Greek – servant. Deacons Hal, Bill, and Adam are more than just men who help at the altar and preach occasionally. They can baptize, witness marriages, perform funerals, distribute Holy Communion, teach, preach, and do so much around the parish helping with the sacramental, outreach, and day-to-day life of the parish. Every time you see them, thank them for their vocation from God and for being true servants for Christ. Indeed, they fulfill what the Scripture requires...“reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom”.

We congratulate all our young children who received their First Holy Communion this weekend! May our children allow the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to touch their hearts and may they grow daily in a relationship with Jesus!

~ Fr. Coffey

2023 FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL – “Shining the Light of Christ”



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us, "Let not your heart be troubled...I am the way, and the truth and the life. No man cometh to the Father, but by me." When we follow Jesus and listen to him, he leads us by His light. We are called to shine the Light of Christ and live Jesus' example; by doing so, he promises us a place with Him. As followers of Christ, we must act faithfully to reach out to others as Jesus does. We are called to commit ourselves as good stewards of our gifts, and by doing so, we bring Christ's light with us everywhere! Jesus reminds us to help those on the margins and support the faith journey of those around us. Thank you to everyone who "Shining the Light of Christ" pledged 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 each church and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support. To make an online pledge/donation or to learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org); click “Giving” then “Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal,” or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.

PARISH LEADERSHIP NEWS

SEEKING PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jesus had 12 disciples who helped him to spread His Word and do the work of His Church. Would you consider embracing your role as a modern-day disciple by becoming one of 12 parishioners who helps to lead and guide the work of our parish and, by extension, Christ’s Church on earth?

Some of the perks of the job: the opportunity to spend time growing in faith, getting to know your pastor and 11 of your fellow parishioners better, and helping to steer the direction of our parish for the future.

Elections will be held on May 20 & 21 at all Masses. Meetings are monthly, 9 times a year in the evening. If you are a registered member of the parish at least 18 years of age who is a fully initiated and practicing members of the Roman Catholic Church and you are interested in being included on the election ballot, please contact Lori in the Parish Office (410-634-2253 or [LParks@beparish.com](mailto:LParks@beparish.com)) All nominees will need to submit a short bio and a digital photo of themselves for inclusion on the ballot by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth Parish Community wishes to congratulate the following students on their First Holy Communion this weekend:

Anthony Auerbach  
Philomena Boggs  
Brett Bringman  
Maddox Flamma  
Luke Glenn  
Nicole Larios-Murillo  
Alberto Perez-Esparza

Katie Bennett  
Kit Breeding  
Leo Dill  
Caroline Gailunas  
Gabriella Goedeke  
Alejandro Perez-Esparza



We thank God for the gift of these beautiful children to our parish and we pray that the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist will always be at the center of their lives!

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE NEWS

ADORATION, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Each month, a group of young adults gathers at St. Benedict Church for a half hour of quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a meal and socializing in the parish hall. Any young adult interested in meeting new people is invited to join us at our next gathering this Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to bring friends of any faith along with you.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

MAY YOUTH GATHERING

The May Youth Ministry Gathering will be held this Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm at the home of parishioner's Chris & Wendi Grazzini in Denton. The evening will include volleyball, fishing, dinner, and a campfire. All youth are invited to come for a fun evening and to tour the Grazzini's historic home. Bring games and/or fishing gear if you'd like. Got questions? Call Pam King at 410-708-5450

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

KNIGHTS NEWS FOR MAY

This weekend, May 6 & 7, the Knights of Columbus will be selling Mother's Day flowers after all Masses. All proceeds will support Sr. Amanda Marie de Jesus (daughter of parishioner, Amy Krow) who is a novice with the Little Sisters of the Poor. It is the season to buy flowers so why not to support a great cause and get your mother or other special woman in your life a lovely gift. Then, on May 19<sup>th</sup> the Knights will host a dinner & movie night. The evening will begin with dinner at 6pm. The Knights will supply fried chicken for the main course and ask that all those who attend bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP via Flocknote (or by calling the parish office) is requested if you are planning to attend the dinner. The featured movie, No Greater Love, is a beautiful tribute to the life of St. Mother Teresa and it will begin at 7pm (even if you don't come for dinner you are welcome to come for the movie without signing up). We hope you will join us to enjoy this evening of fellowship.

MEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUP

All men of the parish are invited to the next scheduled hour of Faith and Fellowship on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Chesterfarm@gmail.com).

DEACON FORMATION INFORMATION NIGHTS THIS WEEK!

Bishop Koenig invites the men of the Diocese to consider applying for the Deacon Formation Program, which starts in June 2023, by attending an Information Night. The five-year program consists of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation. Academic instruction, beginning in May 2024, consists of three 12-week trimesters per year and offers two courses per trimester. Spiritual formation is held one Saturday per month during the initial ten months of discernment and then every six weeks during academic instruction. Applicants must be at least 30 years of age and no older than 62 years of age by March 2024. They must demonstrate a zeal for service to God's people. Volunteer experience in a parish or diocesan ministry is preferred. Wives of interested married men are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Nights will include discussion of the Permanent Deacon's role, admission qualifications, and the formation process. The remaining sessions are scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the following locations: May 9, St. Margaret of Scotland, 2431 Frazer Rd., Newark. May 10, Ss. Peter and Paul Large Meeting Room, 1214 South Washington St., Easton, Md. May 11, Immaculate Heart of Mary Classroom 17, 4701 Weldin Rd., Wilmington. For more information, and to reserve, Deacon Phil Belt, (302) 573-2390.

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

SE = St. Elizabeth Church SB = St. Benedict Church  
Sunday, May 7

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Religious Ed Support
- First Eucharist at 8:30 & 11:15a.m. Masses
- May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 8:30 & 11:15a.m. Masses
- Mother's Day Flower Sale after all Masses
- Youth Ministry Gathering – 5-7pm – Grazinni Home, Denton

Monday, May 8

• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, May 9

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:10a.m. – SB Church
- Adoration for Young Adult Group – 6:30p.m. – SB Church followed by food and socializing in Parish Hall
- Finance Council Meeting – 7pm – FLC Resource Room

Wednesday, May 10

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

Thursday, May 11

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

Friday, May 12

• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, May 13

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

Sunday, May 14

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

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 Shiffett ~ 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 ~ Mark McGourn ~ William R. “Randy” Walton ~ Linda Zepp ~ Kate Dodson ~ Karen Yoder ~ Jack Smithmyer ~ Ruth Susini ~ Helen Vogt ~ Keith Poptanich ~ 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 ~ Milo ~ Claire Stevens ~ Joan & E.T. Dize ~ Joe Bennett ~ Stacy Seward ~ Mark & Maureen Cassidy ~ Martie Greco ~ Kenny Wood ~ Catherine Buchanan ~ Remi Michael Tedesco ~ Sr. Maritia Smith ~ Catherine Buchanan



## VOCATION REFLECTIONS

### SEMINARIAN JAMES GEBHART TO BE ORDAINED A DEACON ON MAY 13, 2023



Mr. James M. Gebhart, a resident of Newark, Delaware, will be ordained to the transitional diaconate by the Most Reverend William E. Koenig, on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., at his home parish, St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hockessin, Delaware, it was announced recently. Mr. Gebhart, who will turn 26 in July, attended St. Catherine of Siena and St. Elizabeth's Elementary Schools, and is a 2015 graduate of Delaware Military Academy. In 2019 he graduated from Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey with a Bachelor's in Catholic Theology. He was the class of 2019 Seton Hall Valedictorian. He is currently pursuing graduate studies at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland. He spent the summer of 2019 assigned to ministry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bear, Delaware, and his pastoral year, 2021 - 2022, at St. Ann Parish in Wilmington, Delaware.

"I am overjoyed to be ordained a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Wilmington," Mr. Gebhart said. "There have been countless people in my life who have supported me throughout my years of formation, and I am eager to give back to them by my service as a deacon. In this final time of preparation, I feel grateful to the Lord for calling me to serve Him and His Church in this capacity."

The Diaconate is a ministry rooted deeply in scriptural accounts of the early Church. The word "deacon" comes from the Greek word diakonia, which means, "to serve." There are two types of deacons in the Catholic Church, those who are ordained to the order and remain in it (permanent deacons) and those who are ordained to the order on their way to priestly ordination (transitional deacons). Mr. Gebhart is on track to be ordained to the Priesthood in 2024.

More information about the Diocese of Wilmington's efforts to increase vocations-awareness and to work with people who may have priestly or religious vocations is available by contacting the Rev. Norman Carroll, Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 302-573-3113 or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org). More information is available at [www.cdw.org/vocations](http://www.cdw.org/vocations).

## AROUND THE DIOCESE & COMMUNITY

### HEALING SERVICE ON MAY 20<sup>th</sup>

Jesus still heals! On May 20, you are invited to join St. John/Holy Angels Parish for a healing service (in English) sponsored by their healing ministry team, aRise. The event will be held at their Holy Angels Church, 82 Possum Park Road, Newark, beginning at 6:30 pm with worship. Their guest speaker, Dr. Bob Sawyer, will give testimony and teaching on healing at 7 pm. Prayer teams will be available at the end of the service. There will be an opportunity for adoration at 6 pm before the event begins. For your convenience, confessions are available at the church at 3pm, followed by their regular weekend Mass at 4pm. To read more about Dr. Bob Sawyer and his ministry, visit [www.miraclehealingsservice.org](http://www.miraclehealingsservice.org). For more information about this or future healing events, visit [www.stjohn-holyangels.com](http://www.stjohn-holyangels.com), contact Amy at (302) 731-2219, or [arise@holyangels.net](mailto:arise@holyangels.net).

### BRING THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS INTO YOUR HOME

Do you want more peace in your family, blessings on your undertakings, and a more perfect faith life? Jesus is standing at the door and knocking. Open the door for Him! Join our nationwide campaign to invite the Sacred Heart of Jesus into your home, classroom, or business. Visit [www.SacredHeartRevival.com](http://www.SacredHeartRevival.com) for more information on the graces of the Sacred Heart and sign up today.

### SPRING FORMAL DINNER & DANCE FOR TEENS

There will be a Spring Formal held at the Spring Mill Ballroom in Conshohocken, PA on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 pm. This formal dance is open to all Catholic Teens ages 14 thru 20. The evening will include a buffet dinner, dance instruction, open dancing, and more. This event is being planned and operated by a group of Catholic Parents who want to give our teens a fun, well-deserving dance that will uphold the Catholic view of morality and modesty. The cost of attendance is \$50 per teen registered. For more information or to register please contact [CatholicTeenFormal@yahoo.com](mailto:CatholicTeenFormal@yahoo.com)

**LISTEN TO CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.** Next Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, tune-in to hear an interview with Dr. Bob Sawyer and learn about the upcoming healing service at Holy Angels Church in Newark on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. You can see videos of select interviews at [YouTube.com/DiocesefWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DiocesefWilm). For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://www.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.

**HELP WANTED ~** An Orthodox priest, Fr. Robert Miclean, who recently moved to Hillsboro, MD with his wife and six children, is seeking to hire a loving and caring person of faith to provide assistance for his 87-year old father, James, who lives with him and his family. He seeks help for Sundays between the hours of 8am until 5pm and on feast days (as needed) from someone who can provide companionship and assistance with basic needs (make lunch, put wood in woodstove, turn on Zoom so his dad can watch Mass, etc...). Payment will be provided. Fr. Miclean is the rector and pastor at Holy Archangels Orthodox Church in Annapolis MD and is also the chaplain for the Naval Academy and St. John's College. If you are interested, please contact Lori in the Parish Office.