

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Sidney Pinder

Sunday, November 26
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
Mike Musachio
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Richard "Dick" Harfeld

Monday, November 27
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, November 28
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Intentions of Marianna & Marvin Breeding

Wednesday, November 29
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Robert Schmitt

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Megan & Jason Hayes

Thursday, November 30
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Dr. Zvonimir Sego

Friday, December 1
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 2
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

Sunday, December 3
First Sunday of Advent
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
Donald A. Campbell
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
Donny Gallagher
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Rosemarie Heaney

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 25 through DECEMBER 8

St. Elizabeth Church

Intentions of Maureen Duggan-Cassidy

St. Benedict Church

Intentions of Maureen Duggan-Cassidy

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD	
FOR NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 2023	
Envelopes	\$ 1,387.00
Loose	\$ 1,178.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 2,565.00
Parish Cemeteries Support	\$ 362.00
Poor Box	\$ 150.00
YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY	
Actual Offortory	\$ 114,208.42
Average Weekly Offortory	\$ 5,710.42/wk
(Week 20 of 52)	

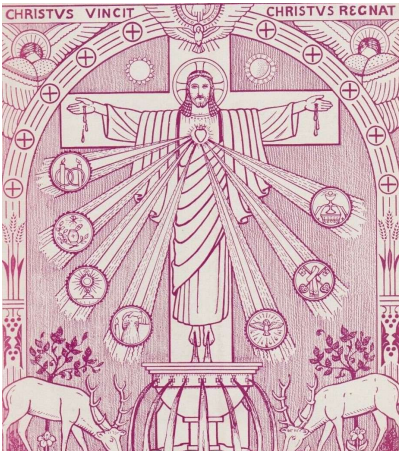
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious on the weekend of December 2 & 3. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...



Maureen Duggan-Cassidy, the Coordinator of the Religious Education programs for our parish, is currently undergoing treatment for cancer. She is asking for as many prayers and as much support and love as possible. As Maureen will be out of the office for a while as she undergoes surgery and treatment and regains her strength, please be aware that all business correspondence related to the Religious Education office should be addressed to the Main Office until further notice. Please be patient, as we may rely on some volunteers to help in this area until Maureen is able to return. We pray for Maureen to return with health, vigor, and strength. ☺

You will notice we have some new chairs at the front and back of both churches with cushions and side handles/arms. These seats are reserved for those with special needs who may have difficulty getting up and need something to hold on to for stability or support. Please use them for your benefit.

Thanks to your generosity, we went way above and beyond the needed donations towards our new roof at St. Elizabeths. With that extra money, we have installed new gutter-leaf guards and will soon be installing new security lighting around the church. Thank you for caring so much about the integrity of our historic houses of worship.

As Advent begins, which is a liturgical season of anticipation, prayer, and penance, it is a good to remember why we see the color purple. Advent is like a mini-Lent. A time to prepare in quiet stillness and not rush. A time to fast and not eat a million cookies and pies at various holiday parties. A time to do almsgiving, rather than just receiving. With that in mind, perhaps you might do something "Lenten" and donate a coat, hat, or gloves to those in need this Christmas. The Knights are collecting these various items and you can drop them off into the bins in the back of church or in the hall.

~ Fr. Coffey

This week, November 26 – December 2, is Eucharistic Adoration Week in our diocese. Eucharistic Adoration will take place at various times throughout the week at every parish in the Diocese of Wilmington beginning Nov. 26. An adoration schedule listing broken out by the seven deaneries in the diocese appears in the Nov. 17 print edition of The Dialog and online at thedialog.org. Parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of a visit to adoration sites in the week after Thanksgiving and preceding Advent. "As you may know, in June 2022 the church in the United States began a three-year Eucharistic Revival," Bishop Koenig said in a letter to Catholics of the diocese. "I am very grateful for the many ways that over the past sixteen months we have had the opportunity to gather in the Diocese of Wilmington and deepen our devotion to and understanding of the Eucharist." Adoration at our parish will take place, as it does each week, on Tuesday, November 28th from 9:30-10:30a.m. at St. Benedict Church and Wednesday, November 29th from 5:15-5:45p.m. at ST. Elizabeth Church.

SIGN-UP TO TAKE HOME THE TRAVELING CHALICE

Pray for Vocations, Eucharistic Revival, Life, Peace & More!

Our parish has begun a Traveling Chalice prayer effort in observance of the National Eucharistic Revival and to pray in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The program will continue until the closing weekend of the Year of Parish Eucharistic Revival on July 20, 2024. We are asking all parishioners/parish families to consider signing up to participate. Participation entails receiving the Traveling Chalice at a weekend liturgy, keeping it in a place of honor in your home for a one-week period and offering simple prayers each day for vocations, Eucharistic Revival, peace and your own personal intentions (a prayer guide will be provided). If you would like to sign-up, visit <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/142285> to choose a date or contact Lori in the Parish Office (410-634-2253 or LParks@beparish.com). Once you sign up, you will be contacted as the date you have chosen draws near so that we can find out which Mass you plan to attend on your chosen weekend; then, the Chalice will be presented to you at that Mass.

NOVEMBER 25 & 26, 2023

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

NEXT SUNDAY IS SUPER SUNDAY!

Sunday, December 3rd is Super Sunday. All parishioners are welcome to sign-up to attend the Knights of Columbus breakfast which is offered after both the 7:15 & 8:30a.m. Masses. The buffet includes scrambled eggs, bacon, scrapple, biscuits with sausage gravy, potatoes, pancakes and coffee/juice/milk all for the bargain price of \$6 per person (\$35 per family). Please sign-up via Flocknote or by contacting the parish office. Religious Ed classes take place from 10:00-10:45a.m.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & SPONSOR GATHERING

There will be a gathering for all Confirmation candidates and their sponsors this Tuesday, November 28th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Candidates are reminded that they should turn in their Confirmation Saint name by December 10th (please email the names to mduggan@beparish.com or contact Lori in the Parish Office).

FIRST RECONCILIATION INFO

Our last class for First Reconciliation Prep will take place this Thursday, November 30th. Class will begin in the Parish Hall at 6:15p.m. and will continue in the church at 7pm so that the children can see the confessional and practice for the celebration of the sacrament which will take place on Sunday, December 3rd at 6pm in St. Benedict Church.

SAVE THE DATE ~ ADVENT FAITH FORMATION

WHEN: Saturday, December 16th

WHAT: Mass at 11:00a.m. at St. Benedict Church followed by lunch and presentation with Eucharistic theme by Sr. Deirdre Byrne, POSC in the Parish Hall

WHO: All parishioners & friends are invited to attend. Please RSVP via Flocknote or by contacting the parish office by 12/12



Sr. Deirdre Byrne, POSC

Sister Deirdre Byrne is an active missionary sister and superior of her community in Washington, DC. She is double board-certified in family medicine and general surgery. A native of the Washington, D.C. area, Sister Deirdre (known to many as Sister DeDe) is one of eight siblings, attended Langley High School, and graduated from Virginia Tech. After college, Sister DeDe followed in her thoracic surgeon father's footsteps and entered medical school at Georgetown University, where she eventually completed a surgical residency. During that time, she also joined the Army. After a life of medical and military service in far ranging areas, she was led to the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts community, whose charism involves sisters placing each and every person they care for between the Heart of Jesus and Mary.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER + WE CELEBRATE + WE BELIEVE

Zoe Rose Auerbach, daughter of Zachary & Corinne Auerbach, was baptized last weekend. We celebrate the beginning of a life of faith for Zoe as she receives the gift of new life in God's spirit and becomes a part of the fellowship of the Church through the Rite of Baptism. Zoe is the granddaughter of Lilian Rogers.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

RIDGELY CHRISTMAS PARADE

Our Youth Ministry will be participating in the Ridgely Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2nd at 6:45p.m. Come and grab a seat along the parade route to view the Youth Ministry float and many others!

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

NEXT STEPS... TURN IN A PHOTO IF YOU DIDN'T GET ONE TAKEN

Our Parish Directory photo sessions wrapped up this past Monday. If you were not able to schedule a photo session, we would still love to have your smiling face included in the new directory. You can submit a photo for inclusion by following these steps: Your photo must be a 4x6 or vertical wallet size paper photo OR a digital photo in JPEG format (email digital photos to LParks@beparish.com with subject line: Directory Photo). A payment of \$15 must accompany your photo along with the following information on a separate sheet of paper: the names of all those shown in the photograph, your address, phone #, and email address as you would like them to appear in the directory (omit any information you do not want included). If you are submitting a paper photo you may include payment & info in envelope with photo. If you are submitting a digital photo, place payment & info in an envelope marked "Photo Directory". Photos/payment may be submitted via the collection basket at any Mass or via mail or drop off at the Parish Office. The final date for photo submissions will be December 19th. Finally, even if you were not photographed, please let us know if you DO NOT want your contact information included in the parish directory (that is, your name, address, phone number, email address) as there will be an address directory listing all parishioners in the back of the directory booklet. Thank you for your support of this project.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, November 26

- 2nd Collection – Poor Box Support
- Masses: 7:15 & 8:30a.m. – SB Church; 11:15a.m. – SE Church
- NO Religious Ed/RCIA Classes – Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 27

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SE Church
- 9:30a.m. – Intercessory Prayer Group – SE Church
- 10:15a.m. – Diabetes/Pre-Diabetes Support Group – SE Church
- Set-Up for Bazaar – 6pm - Parish Hall/Great Room

Tuesday, November 28

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:30a.m. – SB Church
- Set-Up for Bazaar – All Day - Parish Hall/Great Room
- Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Meeting – 7:00p.m. – Hall

Wednesday, November 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
- Set-Up for Bazaar – All Day - Parish Hall/Great Room
- Bazaar Volunteers Meeting – 7pm – Hall

Thursday, November 30

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Set-Up for Bazaar – All Day - Parish Hall/Great Room
- First Reconciliation Prep Meeting – 6:15p.m. – 7:30p.m. – Parish Hall/Church

Friday, December 1

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Christmas Bazaar & Dinner– "Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree" – 5:00-9:00p.m. – Parish Hall/FLC (NOTE: Dinner requires ticket and there will be no ticket sales at the door.)

Saturday, December 2

- Christmas Bazaar – "Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree" – 8:00a.m. -2:00p.m. – Parish Hall/FLC
- First Saturday Rosary – 3:30p.m. – SE Church
- Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
- Mass – 4pm – St. Elizabeth Church
- Ridgely Christmas Parade – 6:45p.m. – Come & see our Youth Ministry float!

Sunday, December 3

- 2nd Collection – Retirement Fund for Religious
- Masses: 7:15 & 8:30a.m. – SB Church; 11:15a.m. – SE Church
- Super Sunday Breakfast after 7:15 & 8:30a.m. Masses
- Religious Ed/RCIA Classes – 10:00a.m-10:45a.m.
- Confirmation Prep Class – 10:45-11:15a.m.
- First Reconciliation Service – 6:00p.m. – St. Benedict Church

ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE HAS BEGUN

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting winter coats throughout December, January, and February for distribution to local shelters and schools and to anyone needing these items, parishioner or non-parishioner alike. They are accepting new or gently used coats of all sizes (adult & children) as well as gloves and hats (only new, please). If you are donating used coats, please be sure that they are laundered before donation. Donation boxes can be found in the back of St. Elizabeth Church and in the Parish Hall. Please let us know if you know someone in need of winter coats, hats, or gloves. (NOTE: No clothes, please. Only coats/hats/gloves).



LITURGY

Next Sunday, December 3rd, is the First Sunday of Advent. There are several free prayer booklets available at the entrances of the churches to enrich your Advent journey. Be sure to pick some up.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Kathleen Green ~ Edie Crank ~ Ben Shirley ~ Butch Petroski ~ Michael Petroski ~ Mary Jo Clancy ~ Socorro McIntire ~ Allen Kinnamon ~ Rita Albright ~ Ben Adams ~ Joe Dobrenski ~ Sr. Paula Revire ~ Marianna Breeding ~ Jackie Long ~ Mary Ellen Black ~ Mindy Shiflett ~ Sarah Griffith ~ Tony Keating ~ Jeanie Bennett ~ Kenny Breeding ~ Rodey Eckenrode ~ Jimmy Sheeran ~ Logan Persyn ~ Randy Jopp ~ Rob Schmitt ~ Dave Parrott ~ Justin Burgess ~ Doug League ~ Susie Crocco ~ Jessie Rinehart ~ William R. Walton ~ Ruth Susini ~ Helen Vogt ~ Shirley Proctor ~ Eleanor Chambers ~ Erica Redgraves ~ Cindy Cummings ~ Myrtle Boyd ~ Marceline Rukavina Huey ~ Elisa Walker ~ Susan Frear ~ Dawn Lopez ~ Brenda Breeding ~ Claire Stevens ~ Joan & E.T. Dize ~ Martie Greco ~ Remi Michael Tedesco ~ Sr. Maritia Smith ~ Catherine Buchanan ~ Dan Finnerin ~ Andrew Tetrack ~ Teresa Pinder ~ Tracey Jarvis ~ Dan Hayes ~ Frances Vogt ~ Grace Burnside ~ Mike Porter ~ Theresa Cochrane ~ Joan Mollick ~ Suki Irwin ~ Kathleen Ruskin ~ Ashley Gnacyk ~ John & Anne Rastelli ~ Joe Smiegelski ~ Andrea Emilia Bernabey ~ Gustavo Cáceres & Family ~ Beau Larson ~ Judy Klug ~ Punky Bennett ~ Michael Mumford ~ Josie Prince ~ Richard Norfolk ~ Ernest Becraft ~ ~ Kathy Brown ~ Olivia Wade ~ Lynn Campbell ~ Kim Mayer ~ Nancy Sollers ~ Keith & Maria Poptanich ~ Wayne Winchester ~ Matthew Bach ~ Caryn Tablib ~ Anne & John Rastelli ~ Marge Miller ~ Selene Escobar-Rodriguez & Family ~ Adelaide Meyer ~ Willard Parks ~ Erica Jarman ~ Mike Babige ~ Mark Hartlage ~ Maureen Duggan-Cassidy

WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON A SURVEY FOR OUR DEANERY

The Eastern Shore Deanery has prepared a survey and invites all parishioners aged 15 and older within the Deanery to take part in this initiative. The purpose of the survey is to identify priorities and allocate resources effectively for the Deanery. As a valued member of the Church, we kindly request that you take a moment for reflection and complete the survey. Your input is greatly appreciated.

To access the survey, please use the link or QR Code below:



English:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CXNVWYR>



Español:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CXPRCQD>

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

QUEEN ANNE'S CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The Queen Anne's Chorale is having its annual Christmas Season concerts (two days) "Christmas Memories", on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday December 3, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Both of the concerts are being held at the Centreville United Methodist Church, 608 Church Hill Rd, Centreville. The concert is geared to the young and young at heart. The ticket price is \$25 per adult; students ages 13-17 are \$15 and Children under 12 are FREE (when accompanied by a paid adult admission and with a FREE ticket). We are trying out an online ticket purchase process this semester which can be accessed through our website: qachorale.org. Our fellow parishioner, Sharon Balling, is a member of the Chorale and thanks you for your past support and is looking forward to seeing you at this year's Christmas concerts. If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach her by e-mail at edwardballing@comcast.net or by phone at 410-897-7663.

CHRISTMAS WITH MARK TWAIN

Christmas with Mark Twain, a solo performance by Fr. Paul Mast, is set for Sunday, December 10 at 3 pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 319 E. Main St, Middletown, DE. Tickets are \$12.00 and include a Basket Raffle entry. There is no charge for students under the age of 18. Additional Basket Raffle entries are 3 for \$10. Fr. Mast will sell signed copies of his book and refreshments will be served following the performance. Proceeds from the event benefit the restoration of St. Francis Xavier Shrine in Warwick, MD. Go to <https://bit.ly/TwainChristmas> to purchase tickets. For additional information, email OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

A Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of April 19-21, 2024. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by April 5.

PILGRIMAGE: Join Fr. Mike Gallagher on a SEINE RIVER CRUISE PILGRIMAGE IN FRANCE with an optional post-tour to Lourdes, June 9-17, 2024. Lourdes: 17-20. This will not be a strenuous journey. We will spend seven nights on a ship and a bus will take us from the ports to various religious sites. Visit the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal, the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the Basilica of St. Theresa (the Little Flower) and Church of St. Joan of Arc. We will also visit the gardens of Giverny and the beaches of Normandy. For further information and registration forms, call Lisad at 1-800-842-4842.

LISTEN TO CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK. Next Saturday, December 2nd, we talk with author H.W. Crocker about his book, *Triumph: The Power and the Glory of the Catholic Church*. 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. You can see videos of select interviews at [YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofWilm). For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st ~ 5:00-9:00P.M.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd ~ 8:00A.M. - 2:00P.M.



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

On Friday, December 1st, a delicious dinner will be served in the Parish Hall at 6:00p.m. and will be preceded by a festive Cocktail Hour from 5:00-6:00p.m. The dinner menu includes your choice of two dinner entrees – Chicken Marsala with mashed potatoes **OR** a Pork Chop with baked potato. Each meal will also include soup, a vegetable, beverages, and dessert. Cost for the dinner is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. A kids' meal of chicken nuggets and mac & cheese will also be available, and kids aged 12 and under eat for free. Only 6 dinner tickets remain, and

tickets will not be sold at the door. Contact the parish office to request a ticket. Friday night's festivities will also feature live entertainment by The Warren Project (www.cocktailsat3.com), shopping with local vendors at the "Tinsels & Treasures" Marketplace and our Silent Auction. This year, a Live Auction will also take place beginning at 7:15p.m. featuring several exciting items. **Everyone can participate in the Live Auction, not just those attending the dinner.** If you can't attend the bazaar on Friday evening but would like to place a bid on one of the Live Auction items, sealed bids will be accepted. Simply write the item description and your name on a piece of paper, seal it inside an envelope marked, "Live Auction Bid: Attn: Tom Lough" and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass on 11/25-26 or drop it off at the parish office.

SATURDAY FESTIVITIES

Our Silent Auction will continue on Saturday as well as shopping with many local vendors at the "Tinsels & Treasures" Marketplace and our very own Parish Market. You can take "Selfies with Santa" when he and Mrs. Claus make a stop at the event. And, of course, delicious homemade food will be available throughout the day including breakfast sandwiches and hamburgers & hot dogs for lunch. You can also pre-order quarts of delicious homemade soup (Crab, Chicken Noodle & Italian Wedding) and pick them up at the event on Saturday (see the order form below). The Knights of Columbus will also be selling a variety of delicious fresh vegetables on Saturday.

VOLUNTEERS ~ WE NEED ELVES!

We need some helpful elves to assist with set-up, clean-up and a variety of other jobs related to this event. If you are able to assist in any way, please plan to attend our **Volunteer Meeting on Wednesday, November 29th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.** If you have any questions about volunteering, contact Tom Lough at 443-996-3024 or upcycle1atatime@gmail.com.

DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF EVENT

Silent Auction Donations: New items, gift certificates, theme baskets

Parish Market:

- Homemade items (jams & jellies, relishes & pickles, candy/fudge) or Handmade items – arts & crafts, wood items, paper crafts, bows for wreaths, etc...). ~ **OR** ~ If you're not the crafty type, consider donating any of the following new items to stock the Parish Market shelves:
Festive and/or fun coffee mugs/dish towels/fleece blankets/socks of any size, Christmas/Holiday liquid Hand Soaps, Scented Candles, Ornaments, etc...



COOKIE DONATIONS

Help us offer visitors to the Cookie Booth a large array of cookie choices to fill the boxes that they purchase. Cookies of all shapes, sizes and flavors are welcome. Do you have a family favorite or specialty? Plan to make several dozen and donate them to the Cookie Booth. Donated cookies can be delivered to the parish office/parish hall on Thursday, November 30th or Friday, December 1st and can be packaged in large Ziploc bags or a plastic container/box.



**You may place donations in the bins at the entrance of either church
or drop them off at the parish office during office hours.**