

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27	
4:00p.m.	ST. BENEDICT CHURCH
People of the Parish	
Sunday, January 28	
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:15a.m.	St. Benedict Church
Deceased Members of the Ernest Family	
8:30a.m.	St. Benedict Church
F. Donald Kempel	
11:15a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church
Kevin Flynn	
Monday, January 29	
9:00a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church
Mark Cassidy	
Tuesday, January 30	
9:00a.m.	St. Benedict Church
Charlotte Tucker	
Wednesday, January 31	
9:00a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church
Mike Musachio	
6:00p.m.	St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Stephen Robert Sebestyen	
Thursday, February 1	
9:00a.m.	St. Benedict Church
Intentions of Blaise Humphries	
Friday, February 2	
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS	
Saturday, February 3	
4:00p.m.	St. Elizabeth Church
Mary Lukacsina	
Sunday, February 4	
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:15a.m.	St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish	
8:30a.m.	St. Benedict Church
Intentions of Kelly Smith	
11:15a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church
Walt Scanlan	

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 3 – FEBRUARY 16, 2024

St. Benedict Church

Intentions of Pamela & Brett Carmean

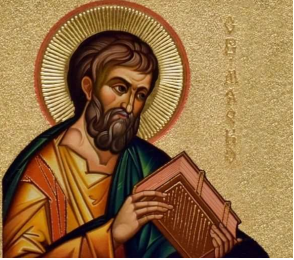
St. Elizabeth Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD FOR JANUARY 20 & 21, 2024	
Envelopes	\$ 1,446.00
Loose	\$ 1,007.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 2,453.00
Poor Box	\$ 168.00
YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY	
Actual Offertory	\$ 168,294.15
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,803.25/wk.
(Week 29 of 52)	
2023 TAX LETTERS	
If you would like a 2023 statement of your contributions for tax purposes, please contact the parish office to request one (parishoffice@beparish.com or 410-624-2253).	
Do I need a tax letter?	
If the amount of your deductible 2023 donations & expenses is more than the standard deduction (<i>standard deductions for the tax year 2023 are: \$13,850 for single and married filing separately, \$27,700 for married filing jointly, and \$20,800 for heads of households</i>) then you should consider itemizing and requesting a tax letter from the parish would be necessary.	

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...



Dear Parishioners ~

Now that we are in the Year of St. Mark, there is a unique literary theme which is particular to his gospel. Mark uses the word “immediately” repeatedly. This word occurs in the Gospel of Mark more often than in the rest of the New Testament combined. The frequent use of the word stresses the importance of an event and helps to show that Christ’s ministry has a divine purpose and plan behind it. In other words, St. Mark stresses the importance that Jesus is a man of action, not a quiet bystander. This is a blueprint for our spiritual life. It is one thing to be at peace and be in quiet reflection. But we must get up, move, and act. We cannot just sit and wait for Jesus to do all the work. He will give us the motivation. But we are the hands, mouth, and feet to carry out his work.

Now that we are in a new year when many individuals make promises to better themselves and become more motivated, what have you done thus far to be more spiritually motivated? Do you heed Jesus’ immediate action? Have you become more involved in the life of the parish? Are you sitting back waiting for Jesus or someone to get you up or ask you to do something? There is so much work to be done! Let us immediately tend to the Kingdom of God!

Lent is a little over two weeks away and begins with Ash Wednesday which is on Valentine’s Day this year (February 14th). You will notice in the vestibules of both churches there are Lenten booklets and devotional materials. Please take a copy to help you as you prepare for these 40 days leading up to Easter. The schedule of prayer services and Masses for Ash Wednesday can also be found below.

~ Fr. Coffey



LITURGY

LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 14th with ASH WEDNESDAY.

Masses with the Distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 9:00a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church and 7:00p.m. at St. Benedict Church.

Prayer Services with the Distribution of Ashes will take place at 6:30a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church and Noon at St. Elizabeth Church

The Blessed Virgin Mother Ladies' Sodality will offer a Soup & Bread Dinner from 5:00-7:00p.m. in the Parish Hall on Ash Wednesday. A variety of meatless soups along with crackers & bread will be served. There is no cost for the dinner; a basket will be available for a Free Will Offering. No sign-up/RSVP is required for the Soup & Bread Dinner.

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER ~ FEAST BEFORE THE FAST ON FEBRUARY 13th

Featuring Mardi Gras Activities for Kids

The Knights of Columbus will offer a Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER on Tuesday, February 13th from 5:00-7:00p.m. in the Parish Hall. There is no cost for the dinner, but a basket will be available for a Free Will Offering to benefit the parish Poor Box Fund. Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship. There will also be some simple and fun activities for kids --- mask making, games, and a parade to Mardi Gras music. Older youth are welcome and encouraged to come and help the younger kids with these activities. Please RSVP for the Pancake & Sausage Dinner by Sunday, February 11th h via Flocknote or by contacting the parish office (LParks@beparish.com or 410-634-2253).



PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

MONDAY (1/29) ~ Closed

TUESDAY (1/30) ~ 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY (1/31) ~ 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.

THURSDAY (2/1) ~ 9:30a.m. – 1:00p.m.

FRIDAY (2/2) ~ 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

The next phase of the new parish directory is underway and includes laying out the booklet. This part of the process may take a month or two. Then the booklet will be sent to production. We are hoping to have the finished product by Easter or sometime in early to mid-April. We'll keep you posted.

JANUARY 27 & 28, 2024

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

NEXT SUNDAY IS SUPER SUNDAY!

Next Sunday, February 4th, is Super Sunday. The Knights will offer their delicious buffet breakfast after the 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses for just \$6 per person (carryouts also available). All parishioners (along with friends and family) are invited! Please RSVP by February 1st via [Flocknote](#) or by contacting the parish office.

MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORTS

Mid-Year Progress Reports will be sent home with all students within the next couple of weeks. Parent feedback is important as well as your commitment to your baptismal commission to educate your child in the ways of faith. You will be asked to review the Progress Report, sign it and return it via US mail, drop off at parish office, or placement in collection basket at any Mass.

KEEPING OUR PROMISES CURRICULUM

Parents of students in grades 2-8 should have recently received an email regarding the special Keeping Our Promises curriculum. Students in grades 2-8 will soon participate in a lesson that provides age-appropriate instruction about personal safety and safe environments. Please see the email or the letter that your child should have brought home from class with them last week which provides all of the details. If you have any questions or did not receive an email or letter, feel free to contact the parish office.

YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

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. 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). Visit Flocknote or contact Lori in the Parish Office to sign up.

SHARE YOUR WITNESS STORY

What impact has the Eucharist had on your life? How have you been transformed by your encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist? What does the Eucharist mean to you? Have you experienced any Eucharistic miracles in your own life? The stories and experiences of our own life of faith, our “witness stories”, can often serve as doorways to conversion for others. These stories have the power to evangelize, to break down barriers, to offer mercy and to revive the faith of those who have fallen away. As part of the year of Eucharistic revival in our parish, we are collecting these witness stories in order to create an inspiring webpage or booklet to share with parishioners and others who might benefit from these insights and inspiration. If you are willing to share your story, please send it via mail (PO Box 459, Ridgely MD 21660) or email (LParks@beparish.com) or click [this link](#) for a downloadable form. If you would like to share your story anonymously simply let us know and we will not publish your name. Stories come in all shapes and sizes, so whether you have a few thoughts to share or a paragraph or two, all stories are welcome. Want to be inspired by the Eucharistic witness stories of others? Visit <https://www.iamhere.org/stories>.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

The Caroline County Right to Life Chapter started in January 2023. We are humbly asking that members renew their annual \$15 membership for 2024 by using the form that is inserted in today’s bulletin. Your dues pay for signage, human fetal models, printing costs, etc... for education and in our battle to defeat the so-called "Reproductive Freedom Act" amendment on the 2024 ballot. If you are not yet a member of CCRTL and would like to become one, you may fill out the same form.

You will also find an insert in today’s bulletin which describes some of the effects of the "Reproductive Freedom Act", two of which are that 1) there would be NO LOWER AGE LIMIT for a child to make life-altering medical decisions without parental knowledge, and 2) this is an AMENDMENT, not a law. Amendments are much more difficult to change than laws. Please read this document and do what you can to raise your voice in the public square to defeat this Act. And, most importantly, please pray and fast that God’s will be done.

Finally, Senate Bill HB0403 – the End of Life Option Act – was introduced in the Maryland State Senate this week. This bill aims to legalize physician assisted suicide in Maryland. We must raise our voices urging legislators to oppose this dangerous bill. See the insert in today’s bulletin with information about how you can sign-up for legislative alerts through the Maryland Catholic Conference which will allow you to easily communicate with our legislators. You can also visit their website at www.mdcathton.org for more information.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, January 28

- 2nd Collection – Energy Offset
- Religious Ed/R.C.I.A. Classes – 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Hospitality hosted by Ladies’ Sodality – 9:30-10:30a.m. – Parish Hall
- Keeping Our Promises Lesson for Grades 2 & 3 – during regular class time in 3rd Grade Classroom
- Private Event – 1:00-3:15p.m. – Parish Hall

Monday, January 29

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SE Church
- Intercessory Prayer Group – 9:30a.m. – SE Church
- District 26 Knights of Columbus Meeting – 6pm – Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adult Bible Study – 9:30a.m. – Resource Room
- Homeschool Group Classes – 9:30a.m.-1:30p.m. – Hall

Friday, February 2

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Set-up for Private Event – Noon – Parish Hall
- Wedding Rehearsal – 5:30p.m. – SB Church
- Private Event – 6:30p.m. – Parish Hall

Saturday, February 3

- Private Event – 8:00am-Noon – Parish Hall
- Wedding – 1:30p.m. – St. Benedict Church
- First Saturday Rosary – 3:30p.m. – SE Church
- Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m. – SE Church
- Mass: 4:00p.m.– SE Church

Sunday, February 4

- 2nd Collection – Black & Indian/Home Missions
- Super Sunday Breakfast – after 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses
- Religious Ed/R.C.I.A. Classes – 10:00-10:45a.m.
- Confirmation Prep Class – 10:45-11:15a.m. – 10th Gr Classroom
- Private Event – 1:00-3:15p.m. – Parish Hall

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Kathleen Green ~ Edie Crank ~ Butch Petroski ~ Michael Petroski ~ Mary Jo Clancy ~ Socorro McIntire ~ Marianna Breeding ~ Jackie Long ~ Mary Ellen Black ~ Kenny Breeding ~ Randy Jopp ~ Doug League ~ Susie Crocco ~ William R. Walton ~ Ruth Susini ~ Helen Vogt ~ Erica Redgraves ~ Claire Stevens ~ Joan & E.T. Dize ~ Martie Greco ~ Remi Michael Tedesco ~ ~ Dan Finnerin ~ Dan Hayes ~ Frances Vogt ~ Mike Porter ~ Theresa Cochrane ~ Joan Mollick ~ Kathleen Ruskin ~ John & Anne Rastelli ~ Judy Klug ~ Josie Prince ~ Olivia Wade ~ Kim Mayer ~ Nancy Sollers ~ Keith & Maria Poptanich ~ Willard Parks ~ Erica Jarman ~ Mike Babige ~ Mark Hartlage ~ Maureen Duggan-Cassidy ~ Marie Harfeld ~ Donald J. Kempel ~ Page Murphy ~ George Sebestyen ~ Todd Gross ~ Tom Haney ~ Jeffrey Kinnamon ~ Dawn Auman ~ Christina Jewell ~ Sue Kibler ~ James Smith

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK...

** **NOTE:** Remember to let us know if someone whose name you have added to the list has experienced significant healing or entered into eternal life. In this way, we can keep our prayer list focused and offer prayers for those who are most in need. Thank you.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, speak with Fr. Coffey or reach out to the diocesan Vocations Office at (302) 573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org.

World Day of Consecrated Life

The diocese will commemorate World Day of Consecrated Life on Saturday February 3, 2024 at 5:00 PM Mass at Holy Family Parish, 15 Gender Road, Newark, Delaware. Bishop Koenig will preside at the parish liturgy where the Religious will renew their vowed commitments to a life of prayer and service. Laity are invited to liturgy. This experience is a witness to the people of the parish of their dedication to their vocations.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS with BISHOP KOENIG

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass being held on World Marriage Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 1:00PM at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, DE. Reservations are required by February 2, 2024. Bishop Koenig will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00pm or plan to stay after Mass. Questions may be referred to the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302-295-0657 or by emailing OMFL@cdow.org. Registration can be completed by using the following link – cdowcym.wufoo.com/form...

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

The observances of **National Marriage Week** (February 7-14 and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 11) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The theme for 2024 is "Love Beyond Words." The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has created a special resource – an At-Home Couples' Retreat – for married couples in order to help them continue to grow in love through the sacrament of marriage. To view the retreat or print out materials, visit <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/>

RETROUVAILLE:

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [HelpOurMarriage...](https://www.helpourmarriage.com) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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: PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND with Fr. Mike Gallagher, MAY 17-27, 2024. For an itinerary and registration forms, contact Heidi at gythnks@aol.com or at 1-540-760-6387. Only three spaces remain.

LISTEN TO CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK. Next Saturday, February 3rd, tune in to hear an interview with Lisa Ritchie, Program Manager of Catholic Charities Behavioral Health Services. 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://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

What happens when someone dies without a will? Lots of Americans are about to find out. According to one recent study, 68 percent of U.S. adults do not have a will or any other estate planning document. If you die without a will or intestate, the laws of the state, not you, decide who gets your assets. Could you resolve to make 2024 the year you get your affairs in order? Remember: Estate planning is for everyone. Consider a legacy gift to our parish. For your complimentary Estate Planning Guide, please email cfacciolo@cdow.org or call the Development Office of the Diocese at 302-573-3121.

NEED TO SIGN UP FOR A PARISH EVENT LIKE THE SUPER SUNDAY BREAKFAST?

Check out our new **FLOCKNOTE SIGN-UPS PAGE** on the parish website:
<https://16009.sites.ecatholic.com/flocknote-sign-ups>
All current sign-ups will be available on this page.

ON THE JAN. 27, 2024 EPISODE OF CATHOLIC FORUM

WE TALK WITH MR. SCOTT WILSON, PRINCIPAL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL HIGH SCHOOL IN EASTON, MD., AND FIND OUT ABOUT HIS SCHOOL AND HOW THEY WILL CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK.



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