

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS
Saturday, February 10 4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church Jimmy Blades
Sunday, February 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church People of the Parish
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church Mike Musachio
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church Walt Scanlan
Monday, February 12 9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church Mike Musachio
Tuesday, February 13 9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church Mark Cassidy
Wednesday, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30a.m. St. Elizabeth Church Prayer Service w/Distribution of Ashes
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church Herbert Sliwkowski
12:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church Prayer Service w/Distribution of Ashes
7:00p.m. St. Benedict Church Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, February 15 9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church Intentions of Robin Glanden
Friday, February 16 NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
Saturday, February 17 4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church Jeanne & Joseph Dombroski
Sunday, February 18 First Sunday of Lent 7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church People of the Parish
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church Mark Cassidy
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church Intentions of Megan & Jason Hayes

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS
FEBRUARY 3 – FEBRUARY 16, 2024
St. Benedict Church Intentions of Pamela & Brett Carmean
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP
BACK TO THE LORD
FOR JANUARY 27 & 28 2024

TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 10,543.00
2 nd Collect.- Indian/Home Missions	\$ 250.00
Poor Box	\$ 559.95
YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY	
Actual Offortory	\$ 186,364.25
Average Weekly Offortory	\$ 6,012.07/wk.
(Week 31 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 (*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*) 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 ~



Our readings this weekend speak of being unclean. The first reading and gospel in particular deal with leprosy, a very common disease in the time of Christ. Many in the world, especially strict Jews, thought that if you contracted such a disease, it must mean that you had lost favor with God or that God was punishing you because you had sinned or done something wrong. Not only would you suffer

from the ill effects of the disease, but the whole community would shun you. You would have to live outside of the town. Jesus breaks these barriers of superstition by curing those with various diseases. He assures us that it is not that which is outside that makes you unclean, but what is on the inside.

As we approach Lent which begins this Wednesday, we are reminded of the need for constantly being made clean. The most perfect way to do this is to come to Confession. We have Confession every day before daily Masses and on Saturday evening before the Vigil Mass. Perhaps this Lent will be a time for us to speak to Jesus just as the Leper did in the gospel: “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.”

Please take advantage of our Knights of Columbus Fat Tuesday FREE ALL-U-CAN-EAT Pancake and Sausage Dinner. Mardi-Gras fun and games will be provided for children. Additionally, the Ladies Sodality will have a FREE Meatless Homemade Soup and Bread Dinner on Ash Wednesday evening. These are wonderful opportunities to gather as a parish family and to save yourself from cooking two nights this week. ☺

~ Fr. Coffley

LITURGY

LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 14th with ASH WEDNESDAY.



PRAY FAST GIVE

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

Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays throughout Lent at 7pm. Please check the Calendar of Events in the bulletin or the parish website for location.

LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE
In case you need a refresher on fasting and abstinence during Lent: If you are 14 years old or older, you are required to **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent. If you are 18 to 59 years old, **you are required to fast** on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. This means you may have one full meal and two small meals that together do not equal a full meal.

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 (<https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/153139>) or by contacting the parish office.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS
Magnificat is a monthly publication which contains daily and weekend mass prayers and readings, morning and evening prayer, meditations, spiritual writings and essays on the saints. Magnificat subscriptions will be available through the parish office beginning with the May 2024 issue. The cost of \$39.00 per subscription (which is a \$10 savings off the cost of ordering a subscription on your own). The deadline to subscribe through the parish is March 5, 2024. Please see the insert in today's bulletin to sign-up or contact the parish office for more details

FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2024

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORTS

Mid-Year Progress Reports have been distributed to all students. Parent feedback is important as well as your commitment to your baptismal commission to educate your child in the ways of faith. Please review the Progress Report, sign it and drop it in the specially marked grey box near the entrance of the classroom area or return it via US mail, drop off at parish office, or placement in collection basket at any Mass.

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). Sign up on Flocknote at <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/142285> or contact Lori in the Parish Office.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC BEST LENT EVER ~ 33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY

What are you doing for Lent this year? This Lent, sign up for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program by Dynamic Catholic. Each day you'll receive a short reflection video and spiritual coaching from Matthew Kelly, one of the bestselling Catholic authors in America. But this year's BEST LENT EVER is unlike any year before. It will take you on a powerful spiritual pilgrimage through 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory—the first ever guide to Eucharistic Consecration. Just think, you, your families and our entire parish could be among the first people in history to go on this incredible journey and experience Jesus like never before. All you need to do is sign up at www.BestLentEver.com

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER + WE CELEBRATE + WE BELIEVE

CELEBRATING the SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Krisna Putri Mamesah & Nikolai Pytryga
on January 6, 2024

Pamela King & Brett Carmean
on February 3, 2024



May God bless them with the fullness of His grace, so that through this holy sacrament their love for each other will be a living witness of God's love in the world.

SODALITY NEWS



The Blessed Virgin Mother Ladies' Sodality is sponsoring a “Love for Our Seminarians” collection throughout the month of February in honor of our two parish seminarians, Joe Lewis and Dylan Emerson. At the entrance of each church are boards which contain paper hearts listing items that would help support our seminarians in their vocation journey. You are encouraged to take a heart from the board, purchase the requested item, and then return the items to the vestibule of either church by the end of February. If you are purchasing a gift card, you may place it in an envelope marked “Love for Our Seminarians” and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass. Thank you for helping us to shower our seminarians with love and care.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS
Hello fellow parishioners ~ I wanted to give you an update on what the St. Joan of Arc Council has been up to lately. Our annual Coat Drive is going very well thanks to your overwhelming response in donating new & used coats as well as new hats & gloves. This effort will continue until the end of February and it really helps needy families in our community.
Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14th) and on Shrove Tuesday (February 13th), the Knights are doing a Pancake & Sausage dinner in the Parish Hall from 5-7pm. Please sign up on Flocknote or by contacting the parish office so we can have enough food.

I want to invite all men of the parish and your families to attend these events at our church. Please ask for some information about becoming a knight. In doing so you will make new friends plus learn more about our faith. I can tell you that you will receive so much satisfaction knowing that you have reached out to help our parish and community.

Thank you and God Bless ~ *Chuck Gailunas*, Grand Knight

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, February 11

- 2nd Collection – Building & Maintenance
- R.C.I.A. Rite of Sending – during 8:30a.m. Mass
- Religious Ed/R.C.I.A. Classes – 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Hospitality provided by Knights of Columbus – 9:30-10:30a.m. – Parish Hall
- Private Event – 1:00-3:15p.m. – Parish Hall

Monday, February 12

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SE Church
- Intercessory Prayer Group – 9:30a.m. – SE Church

Tuesday, February 13

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:30a.m. – SB Church
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Dinner – 5:00-7:00p.m. – Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 14 ~ ASH WEDNESDAY

- Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes – 6:30a.m. – SE Church
- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m. – SE Church
- Mass with Distribution of Ashes – 9:00a.m. – SE Church
- Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes – Noon – SE Church
- Ash Wednesday Soup & Bread Dinner – 5:00-7:00p.m. – Parish Hall
- NO Evening Confessions
- Mass with Distribution of Ashes – 7:00pm – SB Church

Thursday, February 15

- 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
- Cemetery Committee Meeting – 6:30p.m. – FLC Resource Room

Friday, February 16

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Stations of the Cross – 7:00p.m. – SE Church

Saturday, February 17

- R.C.I.A. Rite of Election – 11am – Holy Cross, Dover DE
- Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m. – SE Church
- Mass: 4:00p.m.– SE Church

Sunday, February 18

- 2nd Collection – Poor Box Offering
- Religious Ed/R.C.I.A. Classes – 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Hospitality provided by Knights of Columbus – 9:30-10:30a.m. – Parish Hall
- Confirmation Prep Class – 10:45a.m.-11:15a.m.
- 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 ~ Willard Parks ~ Erica Jarman ~ Mike Babige ~ Mark Hartlage ~ Maureen Duggan-Cassidy ~ Donald J. Kempel ~ Page Murphy ~ George Sebestyen ~ Todd Gross ~ Tom Haney ~ Jeffrey Kinnamon ~ Dawn Auman ~ Christina Jewell ~ Sue Kibler ~ James Smith ~ Renee Medri ~ Trudy Dean ~ MaryJo Hathaway ~ Brigett Clark

**** 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.

CEMETERY NEWS

With Springtime on the horizon, we respectfully request that all Christmas and Fall decorations are removed from gravesites at Holy Cross Cemetery by the end of February. A general Cemetery Clean-Up will take place in the Spring prior to Easter.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

"Do everything for the glory of God." Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Fun Fact about Black Catholic History #2

Did you know that St. Joseph Church on French Street in Wilmington was founded by the *Josephites* in 1889? The religious order of *St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart*, otherwise known as the *Josephites*, "is a religious community of Catholic priests and brothers, committed to serving the African American community through the proclamation of the Gospel and [their] personal witness." While the *Josephites* no longer serve here in the Diocese, St. Joseph Church in Wilmington remains a vibrant community of predominantly African American Catholics.

FUNDRAISER FOR MARTIN'S HOUSE & BARN



ONE HOPE

Would you like to support a fundraiser to benefit Martin's House & Barn in Ridgely? Through their Family Shelter, Food Pantry and Thrift Shop. Martin's House & Barn provides support for Caroline County residents and others in need. Check out One Hope Wine where all wine and gift purchases make an impact. Shop with CE, Nancy Campbell (410-310-6732; campbellmn.218@gmail.com) or visit <https://www.onehopewine.com/event/202718>. You can also shop by contacting Deborah Hudson-Vornbrock, Director of Martin's House & Barn.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

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.com or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! No group sharing required. The next weekend is March 1-3, 2024 at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website <http://www.wwme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

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

LISTEN TO CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK. Next Saturday, February 17th, tune-in to hear an interview with Father Alexander Pocetto, OFSF, author of the book: "Journey Through Lent with Francis de Sales." 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 most interviews at [YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DiocesefofWilm). For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



Men of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington are invited to participate in the 25th Anniversary Conference of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland on Saturday, March 9, at Saint Philip Neri Church in Linthicum (Maryland). Conference activities will include presentations, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Adoration. Ticket price (\$50) includes all programming, continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. Volunteers can attend for free. Select vendors will also be available throughout the day for the purchase of Catholic religious items and to provide information about programs and resources for Catholic men. For conference details, biographies of the main speakers, and registration, please visit the website Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland - (catholicmensfellowship.com).

The theme for this year is "Jesus Christ - Yesterday, Today and Forever" (Heb. 13:8). The two main speakers will be:

- Peter Herbeck, Executive Vice President and Director of Missions for Renewal Ministries.
- Dr. Edward Sri, founding leader with Curtis Martin of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), where he currently serves as Sr. Vice President of Apostolic Outreach.

For additional details, please contact Ed Roberts at edw.roberts.28@gmail.com or by call 443-858-7504.