

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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
Monday, February 19	
9:00a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Mike Musachio
Tuesday, February 20	
9:00a.m.	St. Benedict Church Walt Scanlan
Wednesday, February 21	
9:00a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church David Wood
6:00p.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Ron Seeley
Thursday, February 22	
9:00a.m.	St. Benedict Church Mark Cassidy
Friday, February 23	
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS	
Saturday, February 24	
4:00p.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Virginia & Jimmy Blades
Sunday, February 25	
Second Sunday of Lent	
7:15a.m.	St. Benedict Church People of the Parish
8:30a.m.	St. Benedict Church F. Donald Kempel
11:15a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Ken Flynn

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 17 – MARCH 1, 2024

St. Benedict Church

St. Elizabeth Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD FOR FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2024	
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 3,340.24
2 nd Collect.- Bldg. & Maintenance	\$ 419.00
Poor Box	\$ 150.00
YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY	
Actual Offertory	\$ 189,704.49
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,928.27/wk.
(Week 32 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 410-634-2253).
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 ~



offer a close look at both the humanity and divinity of Jesus. Further, they also reveal important truths concerning how we can respond to temptations today, relying upon God and His Word in order to stand firm against the attacks of Satan. Even if this Lent you fall short here and there, remember that you have not failed. Keep going and make this a Lent unlike any other. It will make Easter even more special. ☺

Now that Lent has arrived, we pray the Stations of Cross every Friday at 7 PM. Stations alternate between our two churches, so please check the bulletin carefully for locations.

On Saturday morning, Bishop Koenig celebrated the Rite of Election at Holy Cross Church in Dover. The Rite of Election coincides with the opening of Lent and marks the beginning of the period of final, more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation, during which the elect will be encouraged to follow Christ with greater fortitude. The candidates from our parish, and throughout the Diocese, inscribe their names in a special book that lists those who have been chosen for initiation. The faculty to grant admission to becoming a full member of the Church belongs solely to the Bishop, who, under his authority, permits each pastor to present candidates to him for the Easter Sacraments. We congratulate from our parish: Catechumens, Betty Spath & Olivia McGregor and Candidate, Kiera Spath.

~ *Fr. Coffey*

SYNOD DISCERNMENT LISTENING SESSIONS	
Join Bishop Koenig in reflecting upon those things that encourage or hinder the Church's mission and ways that we as a Church can be helped in our ability to live and proclaim the Gospel. Two listening sessions will be held in the diocese as part of the universal Church's Synod of Synodality:	
Monday, March 4, 6:30 pm	Saint Margaret of Scotland, Glasgow, Del.
or	
Monday, March 18, 6:30 pm	Saint Francis de Sales, Salisbury, Md.

RSVP today at cdow.org/synod.

LITURGY	
	
Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays throughout Lent at 7pm. Please check the Calendar of Events in the bulletin or on the parish website for location.	
See the insert in today's bulletin for information about a Lenten Mission that will be held at Saints Peter & Paul Church in Easton. Saints Peter & Paul has invited out parish, along with other local parishes, to join them for this mission which will be facilitated by Fr. Jim Nash's seminary classmate, Fr. Mike Joly.	

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. You can find an order form on the Bulletin Insert page of the parish website (www.beparish.com) or you can request one by contacting the Parish Office.

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 prior to Easter.

FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 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.



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.

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS
If you are a registered member of Caroline County Right to Life and you have not yet turned in your Membership Renewal form, please do so as soon as possible. Thus far, we have only received renewals from about half of our registered members. Dues are just \$15 per person. If you need a Membership Renewal Form, visit the Bulletin Inserts page of the parish website to download one (www.beparish.com).

Caroline County Right to Life has a huge task ahead of the next presidential election in spreading the word to everyone to oppose the so-called Reproductive Freedom amendment. **Imagine...** how stunned you would be if you heard that your 12-year-old son or daughter was receiving puberty blockers and was scheduled for life-changing surgery without your knowledge. The proposed Reproductive Freedom amendment will create new and limited rights for all individuals, regardless of age. The amendment does not contain minimum age or parental consent requirements. Vote NO in November 2024. Go to HealthnotharmMD.org. to learn more. Please join us for our next meeting on February 20th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. And, you are also encouraged to attend the Maryland March for Life in Annapolis on March 11th. Bus transportation is available. See the flyer in this weekend's bulletin for details.

Thank you for your support ~
Tom Lough, Director, CCRTL

MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE ~ Bus Transportation Available
Please join us for the Maryland Right to Life March on Monday, March 11th. There will be a bus leaving from St Benedict Church at 3:30 pm for St. Mary's Church in Annapolis. We will march to the State House for the rally from there. The bus will return to Ridgely by 9:30 pm. Participation is particularly important now as we try to defeat the proposed "Reproductive Freedom" amendment. Please register on Flocknote (<https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/156205>) or call the parish office to reserve a spot on the bus.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, February 18

- 2nd Collection – Poor Box Offering
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. – SB Church and 11:15a.m. – SE Church
- 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

Monday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:30a.m. – SB Church
- Caroline County Right to Life Meeting – 7pm – Parish Hall
- Finance Council Meeting – 7pm – Pastor's FLC Office

Wednesday, February 21

- 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
- Parish Council Meeting – 7pm – FLC Great Room
- Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7pm – Hall

Thursday, February 22

- 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 23

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

Saturday, February 24

- Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m. – SE Church
- Mass: 4:00p.m.– SE Church

Sunday, February 25

- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. – SB Church and 11:15a.m. – SE Church
- 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
- Keeping Our Promises Curriculum for Grades 7 & 8 – students report to regular classrooms
- 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 ~ 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.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

"I establish My covenant with you." If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, talk to Fr. Coffey or reach out to the diocesan Vocations Office at (302) 573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Fun Fact about Black Catholic History #3

Did you know that African American Catholic, Augustus Hazeur, a parishioner of St. Joseph Church in Wilmington had two of his sisters join the religious order founded by Venerable Mother Henriette DeLille, one of the six African Americans who are being considered for sainthood? Henriette DeLille founded the order of the *Sisters of the Holy Family* in 1836 and Augustus's sisters became lifelong members. One of his sisters even became the Mother Superior of the order for two terms.

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

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 gythnks@aol.com or at 1-540-760-6387. Only three spaces remain.

LISTEN TO CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK. Next Saturday, February 24th, tune-in to hear an interview with the author of "You're A Miracle," Joe McGivney. 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/DioceesofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceesofWilm). 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.org).

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.

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR EASTER
RECONCILIATION
MONDAY
MARCH 25 3-8 PM

