

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS	
Saturday, March 30 HOLY SATURDAY 8:00p.m. St. Benedict Church People of the Parish	
Sunday, March 31 EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church People of the Parish 8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church People of the Parish 11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church People of the Parish	
Monday, April 1 9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church Intentions of Joan Callens	
Tuesday, April 2 9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church Chris Powell	
Wednesday, April 3 9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church Roger Wilkin 6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church Mark Cassidy	
Thursday, April 4 9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church Chris Powell	
Friday, April 5 NO MASS/CONFESSIONS	
Saturday, April 6 4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church Virginia Blades	
Sunday, April 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday 7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church Mary Lukacsina 8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church Mark Cassidy 11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church People of the Parish	
TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS MARCH 30 - APRIL 12, 2024 St. Benedict Church	
St. Elizabeth Church	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD FOR MARCH 23 & 24, 2024	
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 2,194.00
2 nd Collection - Rice Bowl	\$ 501.83
Poor Box	\$ 257.00
YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY	
Actual Offertory	\$ 217,393.15
Average Weekly Offertory (Week 38 of 52)	\$ 5,720.87/wk.

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...



Dear Parishioners ~

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad! As the Easter responsorial psalm reminds us, this day of Resurrection has been given to us by God to celebrate eternal life. On behalf of our Deacons, parish staff, and myself, we wish all of you and yours a very blessed and joyous Easter! **Congratulations to Kiera, Betty, and Olivia who we welcome as new Catholics and fully initiated members of our parish family!** 😊 Their long journey has been an inspiration to all of us to take our Faith seriously. I thank our RCIA team and sponsors for nurturing their Faith and bringing it to fruition.

The Parish Office will be closed for the Easter Holiday starting Holy Thursday and will reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd.

I thank both of our Environment Teams for decorating our churches beautifully for the Easter Triduum. I also thank our musicians, cantors, servers, Knights, seminarians, and all who made our Liturgies reverent and awe-inspiring. Please remember to keep in your prayers, and visit if you are able, all our sick and homebound of the parish. Sometimes your simple visit, phone call, or card may be the Easter joy and Resurrection experience they need to feel the Lord's love.

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have a Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 3pm at St. Benedict Church followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. I encourage you to join in praying the Divine Mercy Novena (which began on Good Friday). You can pick up a yellow novena booklet in either of the church vestibules.

~ *Fr. Coffley*

2024 FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL



As we joyously celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, the promise of everlasting life fills our hearts with hope. Following in His footsteps, we are called to embody a spirit of unity and compassion. Mark your calendars for the weekend of April 20 & 21, as our parish participates in the 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. This year's theme is: Theme: "One Body, One Spirit in Christ". In recognizing our unity as one body, we acknowledge the strength that comes from the Spirit of Christ among us. The theme echoes the essence of our collective journey, highlighting the interconnectedness of our community in the light of Christ's spirit. By participating in the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, you contribute to the support of more than 40 pastoral, charitable, and educational programs and ministries that enrich and strengthen our diocesan community.

How You Can Participate?

- Prayerful Support: Keep the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal in your prayers, asking for guidance and blessings for the success of our shared mission.
- Financial Contribution: Consider making a financial contribution to support the vital programs and ministries that benefit our parish and the wider diocesan community.

Together, "One Body, One Spirit in Christ," let's make a meaningful impact on our community and continue to strengthen the bonds that unite us. Thank you for your support.

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

"The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? Talk to Fr. Coffley or reach out to the diocesan Vocations Office at (302) 573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org.

MARCH 30 & 31, 2024

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

NEXT SUNDAY IS SUPER SUNDAY!

Next Sunday is our last Super Sunday of this program year. The Knights of Columbus will offer their delicious buffet breakfast featuring farm-fresh scrambled eggs, sausage gravy with biscuits, potatoes, bacon, pancakes and beverages for the bargain price of \$6 per person (\$35 max per family). All parishioners are invited. Please sign up by contacting the Parish Office or via Flocknote at <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/160831> by April 4th.

PRE-REGISTRATION - 2024-2025 RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTAL PREP

During the last few Sundays of CCD classes on April 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, there will be early registration for next year's CCD classes, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, and Confirmation! Sign up early for CCD classes and get a discounted rate. You can register before, during, and right after classes on each of these Sundays in the Great Room (the large room in the middle of the classroom area). If you have any questions, please contact Kasey Perza, Coordinator of Religious Education at 410-634-2253 or kperza@beparish.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Are you interested in sending your child to Vacation Bible School this summer? Do you have an older child who would like to volunteer or needs service hours? VBS is a great opportunity! Adult volunteers are needed too! See the interest form in today's bulletin or find it on the parish website at <https://16009.sites.ecatholic.com/christianformation>.

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

MARYLANDERS FOR HEALTH NOT HARM

Safeguard Children- Reject the Constitutional Amendment

Imagine how stunned you would be upon hearing that your 12-year-old son or daughter is receiving puberty blockers and is scheduled for life-changing surgery. Maryland's proposed "reproductive freedom" amendment would create new and unlimited rights for all individuals, regardless of age. The amendment does not contain minimum age or parental consent requirements. Go to HealthNotHarmMD.org and learn why to Vote No in November 2024.

PARISH LEADERSHIP NEWS

HELP WANTED: PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS



Parish Council elections will take place in May and we are seeking nominees. Meetings are monthly 9 times a year in the evening. If you are interested or would like to nominate another parishioner, please contact Lori in the Parish Office. All nominees must be registered members of the parish at least 18 years of age who are fully initiated and practicing members of the Roman Catholic Church.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

QUEEN ANNE CHORALE SPRING CONCERTS

The Queen Anne's Chorale is presenting its annual Spring concert, "Chorale Classics", on Saturday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 at 3:00 p.m. at the Centreville Methodist Church, 608 Church Hill Rd, Centreville. The concerts will feature beautiful music with selections by Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn and more and will also feature accompaniment by a String Quartet. There will be some fun selections to delight the audience including a few sing-alongs. Tickets are available online at www.qachorale.org for \$25 per adult (students aged 13-17 are \$15 and Children under 12 are FREE when accompanied by a paid adult admission and with a FREE ticket). 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 Spring concerts. Questions: edwardballing@comcast.net or 410-897-7663.

LISTEN TO CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

Next week, we talk about the work of **Catholic Charities' Casa San Francisco**, providing a wide range of services aimed at helping low-income residents of Sussex County, when Program Director, Gary Belkot is the guest. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoons at 1:30.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

- 2nd Collection - Easter
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - SB Church and 11:15a.m. - SE Church
- Resurrection Procession prior to 8:30a.m. Mass
- Easter Egg Hunt after 8:30a.m. Mass
- NO Religious Ed/R.C.I.A. Classes

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30-10:30a.m. - SB Church
- BVM Ladies' Sodality Meeting - 7pm - Parish Hall (Rosary prayed at 6:30p.m.)

Wednesday, April 3

- 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
- Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, April 4

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SB Church
- Adult Bible Study - 9:30a.m. - FLC Resource Room
- Homeschool Group Classes - 9:30am-1:30pm - Parish Hall/Great Room/Classrooms

Friday, April 5

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, April 6

- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - SE Church
- First Saturday Rosary - 3:30p.m. - SE Church
- Mass: 4:00p.m.- SE Church

Sunday, April 7 - Divine Mercy Sunday

- 2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - SB Church and 11:15a.m. - SE Church
- Super Sunday Breakfast - after 7:15am & 8:30am Masses - Parish Hall
- Religious Ed/R.C.I.A. Classes - 10:00-10:45a.m.
- Confirmation Prep Class - 10:45-11:15a.m.
- Divine Mercy Holy Hour - 3:00-4:00pm - SB Church - followed by refreshments in 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 ~ 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 ~ Mark & Dawn Auman ~ Christina Jewell ~ Sue Kibler ~ James Smith ~ Renee Medri ~ MaryJo Hathaway ~ Brigett Clark ~ Chelsey Townsend ~ Yvonne Liswell ~ Andrea Emilia Bernabey ~ Gustavo Caceres and the Caceres Family ~ Debbie Layton ~ Cindy Cummings ~ Rosemary Kinnamon ~ Keith Poptanich