

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY	
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS	
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
Monday, April 8	
9:00a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Henrietta Wood
Tuesday, April 9	
9:00a.m.	St. Benedict Church Robert Gabage, Sr.
Wednesday, April 10	
9:00a.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Chuck Potter
6:00p.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Intentions of Maureen Duggan-Cassidy
Thursday, April 11	
9:00a.m.	St. Benedict Church Mary Keith
Friday, April 12	
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS	
Saturday, April 13	
4:00p.m.	St. Elizabeth Church Arcy Passwaters
Sunday, April 14	
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
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
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 30 & 31, 2024	
Offertory @ Masses on March 30/31	\$ 2,784.63
Online Giving for March via WeShare	\$ 5,077.17
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 7,861.80
Easter Collection	\$ 2,456.01
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,082.21
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 593.79
Holy Land Shrines	\$ 290.00
Poor Box	\$ 505.00
YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY	
Actual Offertory	\$ 225,254.95
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,775.77/wk.
(Week 39 of 52)	

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON	
A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...	
	
Dear Parishioners ~ The first reading this weekend, on the Second Sunday of Easter, tells us that many signs and wonders were done by the apostles on behalf of the people. The Acts of the Apostles recalls these post-resurrection accounts in the early Church, when the Faith in abundance was being spread and the message of the empty tomb was it's driving force. Jesus' first words to his disciples were: "Peace be with you". This peace is Christ's mercy, love, and forgiveness. He forgave them for abandoning Him when He was most in need during His passion and death on the Cross. He forgave them from their fear of being associated with him and being suspect of being a follower of the Christ. He made all things new by His Resurrection.	

In the year 2000, St. John Paul II dedicated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a day dedicated to the loving forgiveness that flows from the heart of Jesus. St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish Nun in the 1930's, experienced apparitions from Christ. He would communicate with her the desire to have all souls turn to Him with open hearts as the true fount and source of mercy for the forgiveness of all sins. It is celebrated this weekend by thousands of Catholics in which they take advantage of the Sacrament of Confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Please remember to sign your children up early for Religious Education classes for next year. If you sign up early, you will receive a discounted rate. ☺
~ Fr. Coffey

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, "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?	
1. Prayerful Support: Keep the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal in your prayers, asking for guidance and blessings for the success of our shared mission.	
2. 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	
"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ's mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. Talk to Fr. Coffey or reach out to the diocesan Vocations Office at (302) 573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org .	

APRIL 6 & 7, 2024	
CHRISTIAN FORMATION	
PRE-REGISTRATION - 2024-2025 RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTAL PREP On April 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , and 28 th , there will be early registration for next year's CCD classes, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, and Confirmation! Sign up early and get a discounted rate. You can register before, during, and right after classes on each of these Sundays in the Great Room. 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	
Please, come one, come all! All parishioners are invited and encouraged to join us for the next Caroline County Right to Life meeting on Tuesday, April 16th at 7 pm at St. Benedict's Family Life Center. Come hear our guest speaker, Deborah Brocato, from the Health Not Harm MD organization. She will give a presentation on the proposed amendment to the Maryland state constitution which is a real and serious threat to parental rights, religious freedom, and pregnancy resource centers. Bring a friend. Bring a neighbor. Learn the negative impacts this legislation will have if passed and what we can do about it. This will be on the ballot in November and it's vital to get the word out now.	

MARYLANDERS FOR HEALTH NOT HARM	
Reclaim Parental Rights- Reject the Constitutional Amendment. Do you know that the proposed amendment to the Maryland Constitution provides for youth, male or female, to receive puberty blockers and cross hormones and/or surgery without parental consent or notification? Did you know that the Mental Health Access Act of 2021 stipulates that minors as young as 12 have the mental capacity of an adult to seek mental healthcare without parental consent? If Marylanders vote to amend the Maryland Constitution, minors will be given the right to consent to drugs and procedures related to the reproductive system and reproductive anatomy. Go to HealthNotHarmMD.org. Vote No in November, 2024.	

THANK YOU FROM OUR SEMINARIANS	
I want to thank everyone of our parish, especially the Knights of St. Joan of Arc Council and the Ladies' Sodality for your generosity towards me and prayers for me as a seminarian! The donations I've received will be a great help! Our parish of St. Benedict's and St. Elizabeth's is my home, and just as all of you pray for me, I pray for all of you as well as I study and work at St. Charles Seminary. God bless you all and thank you again for your generosity and prayers! Love, Dylan Emerson	

I can begin by sharing how seminary is going well, how I am learning about philosophical tracks through history or about how I am growing deeper in faith and understanding, but I would rather take a moment to express the real gratitude and appreciation I have for a community so eager to encourage me on this journey and warmly welcome me back home during time of rest.

As we gather together, we are reminded of the dynamic roles we each play as members of the Body of Christ. Father Coffey, the deacons, the Knights of Columbus, the Ladies Sodality, and all of you as the faithful community have left a major impact on how I view healthy parish life. Remember, this is all very new for me, but as I broaden my horizons and experiences, I recognize how vivid expressions of faith and community lived out elsewhere recall the memories I have had here at home.

As One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, we share in one mission: to live and die for Christ. As adherent and faithful members of the Church, we carry out that mission regardless of where we are. Thus, I am happy to be carrying out this mission at the seminary and even happier to carry it out here with you.

Thank you for what you do daily, actively, and prayerfully.
Saint Benedict and Saint Elizabeth, pray for us! ~ **Joe Lewis**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	
LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY	
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	
Monday, April 8 - Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SE Church - Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - SE Church - District 26 Knights Meeting - 6-8pm - Parish Hall	
Tuesday, April 9 - Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SB Church - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30-10:30a.m. - SB Church - Finance Council Meeting - 7pm - Pastor's FLC Office	
Wednesday, April 10 - 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, April 11 - 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 - First Eucharist Prep Gathering - 6:15-7:30p.m. - Parish Hall/Great Room	
Friday, April 12 NO MASS/CONFESSIONS	
Saturday, April 13 - Men's Faith & Fellowship Gathering - 7am - Hall - Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - SE Church - Mass: 4:00p.m.- SE Church	
Sunday, April 14 2nd Collection - Campus Ministry Support - Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - SB Church and 11:15a.m. - SE Church - Religious Ed/R.C.I.A. Classes - 9:45-10:45a.m. - Hospitality offered by Knights - 9:30-10:30a.m. -Hall - YM Bowling & Pizza - 4-6pm - Easton	

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 ~ Freddie Adams, Jr.	

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The St. Joan of Arc council hopes everyone in our parish family had a Holy and happy Easter. Christ has risen, Alleluia! April is a busy month for us starting with our last Super Sunday Breakfast for the program year (breakfasts will start up again in September, 2024). Also, the Knights will have hospitality after the 8:30a.m. Masses throughout the month of April.

Attention all men of our parish... April is our membership drive month and we will talk to you from the pulpit at all masses on the weekend of April 6th & 7th. There will be Knights available at the end of masses providing literature about the Knights and answering any questions you might have. The Knights of Columbus is a ministry to serve our church and community in charity and fellowship. We hope you will consider joining us.

Thank you and God Bless, Chuck Gailunas, Grand Knight

MEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GATHERING NEXT SATURDAY

Our Men's Faith & Fellowship Gathering will take place next Saturday, April 13th from 7am-8am in the Parish Hall. We will be starting a new series called "Men of the Word/The Good News". It is a twelve-part series and you do not have to commit to it every month. Come when you can to gain some wisdom from this bible study for men.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrew 4:12

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

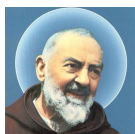
QUEEN ANNE CHORALE SPRING CONCERTS

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.

FR. CHRIS ALAR TO HOST RETREAT AT MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE

Malvern Retreat House is pleased to announce a Co-Ed Retreat Honoring Our Blessed Mother hosted by Retreat Director Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, on May 10 to May 12, 2024. Fr. Alar is a celebrated author, host of the EWTN show "Living Divine Mercy," and author / producer of the YouTube series "Explaining the Faith." Catholic Evangelist, Mary Bea Damico, will speak about Blessed Carlo Acutis. Music will include Anna Nuzzo, acclaimed International Catholic Singer. Space is limited for this Co-Ed Retreat. Sign up at www.malvernretreat.com/events/fr-chris-alar-marian-retreat-2024/

LISTEN TO CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK. Next week, we will talk with Felix Spitelle from the Delaware Knights of Columbus and hear the students present their **winning essays in the Annual Knights of Columbus Vocations Essay Contest.** The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoons at 1:30. More information is available at cdow.org/CatholicForum and FaceBook.com/CatholicForum.



PADRE PIO MINI RETREAT

Immaculate Heart of Mary is hosting a MINI RETREAT on PADRE PIO! Please join us for an informational session AND hear up-close and personal experiences by Father John Aurilia O.F.M., PhD! Tuesday, April 16 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon IHM Church, 4701 Weldin Road, Wilmington Fr. John was the secretary to Saint Padre Pio in 1967 and he will share his remarkable experiences with Saint Pio. For questions, contact Rita McDowell at rmcdowell@ihm.org or 302-438-9739. To register, contact Lisa Krueger at lkrueger@ihm.org or 302-762-5550.

RETREAT FOR CATHOLICS EFFECTED BY DIVORCE OR SEPARATION

Saturday, June 15, 2024, 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith for a half-day retreat specifically geared for Catholics who have been wounded by divorce and/or separation in need of hope and healing. The day will feature talks, time for reflection, Confessions, prayer time, and the anticipated Mass for Sunday at 4 p.m. A delicious lunch and snacks are included in the price of the retreat.

Place: The Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19031

Speakers: Anne DeSantis, Executive Director of the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation and a Norbertine priest who will speak on healing after crisis.

Cost: \$60 (includes lunch).

Registration: Go to this link to register: nonnatus.org/divorce-r or send a \$60 check to: St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation, P.O. Box 951, Skippack, PA 19474-0951