

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 4

1:00p.m. St. Benedict Church

Funeral Liturgy for Thomas Haney

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Henrietta Wood

Sunday, May 5

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church

Charles Watkins

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

People of the Parish

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Walt Scanlan

Monday, May 6

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Mary Ann Coale

Tuesday, May 7

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Marietta Dorr

11:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Funeral Liturgy for Maureen Duggan-Cassidy

Wednesday, May 8

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Frank Dauphin

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Jean Jordan

Thursday, May 9

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Bernie Grove

Friday, May 10

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, May 11

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, May 12

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church

Mother's Day Intentions

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

Mother's Day Intentions

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Mother's Day Intentions

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

APRIL 27 - MAY 10, 2024

St. Benedict Church

St. Elizabeth Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD FOR APRIL 27 & 28, 2024	
Offertory Collection @ Masses	\$ 1,999.00
Online Giving for April via WeShare	\$ 4,317.08
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 6,316.08
Mother's Day Devotions	\$ 466.00
Poor Box	\$ 167.00
YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY	
Actual Offertory	\$ 246,744.24
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,738.24/wk.
(Week 43 of 52)	

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." – John 13:34

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Dear Parishioners ~
What does it mean to love? What does love mean? In the twenty-first century love can mean anyone or anything. Yet, Jesus tells us what TRUE love is. Loving someone so much, you are willing to sacrifice and lay down your life for them. This is the type of life prefigured in the Sacrament of Matrimony or Holy Orders, where the man or woman lays down their life for the other, and for the Church. Regardless, whatever our vocation may be, we all are called to lay down our lives and sacrifice for Christ and the Church.

I thank all our catechists, aides, parents, and volunteers who made this past year for our Religious Education a success. Even though it was a difficult time navigating twists and turns with Mrs. Cassidy's illness, she would be proud to know all of you committed to teaching the Faith to our children. She would often tell me how proud she was of our program. It gave Maureen hope and certainty for the future of the Catholic Church knowing the Faith was being passed on. May Maureen rest in peace. She wanted nothing more than for all of us to know the love of Christ!

We congratulate all our young children this weekend who made their First Holy Communions at the 8:30 and 11:15 Masses. ☺ May our children always stay close to our Eucharistic Lord and remain fervent and active in receiving the Bread from Heaven!

As a courtesy to others, and to keep our church vestibules looking tidy and organized, please under no circumstances, leave religious medals, books, cards, rosaries, devotionals, brochures, religious calendars, statues, crucifixes, candles, old palm, or any other material in the back of churches on the tables or floors without first consulting with me or the parish office. While a nice sentiment to think these items may find a good "free home", they are often left with nobody to take them, and they quickly become an eyesore. If you find yourself having a plethora of these devotional items and are looking to find a home for them, I suggest two things: Firstly, do not accept them in the first place. Secondly, you as a Catholic have the responsibility to dispose of them in a responsible and sacred manner if you cannot use them or cannot find a home for them. This can be done either by burning them or burying them. We want to keep the area that people first see when they walk into our gorgeous churches welcoming, clean, tidy, and organized.
~ *Fr. Coffey*

2024 FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL



Thus far 76 parishioners have made pledges totalling \$24,836 to the 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal with an average gift of \$325. Our parish goal is \$47,150. In order to reach our goal we need everyone to participate. Therefore, if you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider how you can support the ministries of our diocese, in addition to our parish. The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal is all about people helping people. It helps more than 100,000 individuals and families throughout our diocese in need of life's material essentials, spiritual assistance, religious instruction, and guidance so crucial to overcoming life's greatest struggles. Pledge forms are available at the entrance of both churches.

To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal," or simply scan the QR code above with your cellphone.

MAY 4 & 5, 2024

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Another CCD year has come to an end! A special thank you to all Catechists, assistants, and moderators for all your hard work and dedication. Our CCD program would not be successful without all of you! Parents, please remember to register your children for next year. Early bird pricing is available until June 30th! Be on the lookout for information regarding Vacation Bible School for this summer!!

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER + WE CELEBRATE + WE BELIEVE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Maureen Duggan-Cassidy** who died on Saturday, April 27th. A funeral liturgy will be celebrated for Maureen on Tuesday, May 7th at St. Benedict Church. The rosary will be prayed at 9:45a.m. in the church followed by a time of visitation in the church from 10:00-11:00a.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00a.m. followed by burial at Holy Cross Cemetery. After the burial, a luncheon and time of fellowship will take place in the parish hall.

MEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

Our Men's Faith & Fellowship group has started 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 learn about this wonderful ministry - a Bible Study for men learning the Word.
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
Please join us on May 11 at 7:00am in the Family Life Center Great Room. If you have any questions, call or ask Chris Grazzini, 703-927-3243.

SODALITY NEWS

Mother's Day Raffle

This is the last weekend that the Sodality will be selling raffle tickets for their Mother's Day Raffle. The winner of the raffle will receive a beautifully restored, hand-painted concrete statue of the Blessed Mother suitable for adorning an outdoor garden or prayer space. The winner will be drawn at an upcoming Women's Brunch that the Sodality will host on Saturday, May 11th in the Parish Hall. Tickets are just \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and all raffle proceeds will benefit Sr. Amanda Marie de Jesus in her novitiate with the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Women's Brunch & Speaker

On Saturday, May 11th, the Sodality will host a Women's Brunch in the Parish Hall from 10am - 2pm. Come break bread with us and hear Amy Schisler, Catholic speaker, catechist, and award-winning author, share Mary's story of being transformed by Christ. Learn how Mary was one person and then became another, the Apostle to the Apostles. Women of the parish who are interested in attending can sign up via Flocknote at <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/164957> or by contacting the Parish Office by May 5th. Seating is limited.

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

MARYLANDERS FOR HEALTH NOT HARM

Assert Financial Freedom- Reject the Constitutional Amendment

Can you believe that Marylanders will face increased healthcare costs because new reproductive rights created by amending our state Constitution will force taxpayers to pay for elective surgeries? First, the Abortion Care Access Act of 2022 requires all abortions be covered by Medicaid and private health insurance providers. Next, the Trans Health Act of 2023 requires gender dysphoria drugs and surgeries be covered by Medicaid. If the voters pass this amendment, money cannot be a "burden" in exercising "reproductive freedom" in Maryland. Go to HealthNotHarmMD.org. Vote No in November.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, May 5

2nd Collection - Parish Religious Ed Support

Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - SB Church and 11:15a.m. - SE Church

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Communion during the 8:30a.m. & 11:15a.m. Masses

May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary after 8:30a.m. & 11:15a.m. Masses

Spurs & Sparkles Fundraiser Ticket Sales after Mass

Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Flower Sale - after all Masses

Monday, May 6

Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SE Church

Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - SE Church

Tuesday, May 7

Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SB Church

NO ADORATION

Funeral Liturgy for Maureen Duggan-Cassidy at St. Benedict Church: Rosary @ 9:45a.m., Visitation from 10:00-11:00a.m., Funeral Mass - 11:00a.m.

Sodality Meeting - 7:00p.m. - Parish Hall (Rosary will be prayed at 6:30p.m.)

Wednesday, May 8

Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass- 9am - SE Church

Deacons Meeting - 11am - Rectory

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

Parish Council Meeting - 7pm - FLC Great Room

Thursday, May 9

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, May 10

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, May 11

Men's Faith & Fellowship Gathering - 7am - FLC Great Room

Benedictine Oblate Gathering - 9am-1pm - FLC Great Room

Women's Brunch & Speaker sponsored by Ladie's Sodality - 10am-2pm - Parish Hall

Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - SE Church

First Saturday Rosary - 3:30p.m. - SE Church

Mass: 4:00p.m.- SE Church

Spurs & Sparkles Fundraiser Ticket Sales after Mass

Sunday, May 12 ~ MOTHER'S DAY

2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance/Ascension

Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - SB Church and 11:15a.m. - SE Church

Spurs & Sparkles Fundraiser Ticket Sales after Mass

LITURGY/SACRAMENTS

FUNERAL PLANNING & END OF LIFE

Funeral planning forms are now available on our parish website at the following link: <https://16009.sites.ecatholic.com/funeral-planning>. A link to the Health Care Decision Making Toolkit provided by the Maryland Catholic Conference is also available for your use. Please contact the parish office if you need further guidance, would like a paper copy of the forms, or have any questions.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Kathleen Green ~ Edie Crank ~ Butch Petroski ~ Michael Petroski ~ Mary Jo Clancy ~ Socorro McIntire ~ Marianna Breeding ~ 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. ~ Steve Goff ~ Jim Dori ~ Marion Clark ~ Clorinda Passwaters ~ Jackie Long ~ Mary Ellen Black

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

"The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Speak with Fr. Coffey or reach out to the diocesan Vocations Office at (302) 573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL: FROM THE PEWS

This week, we hear from Jack B. in the Archdiocese of Baltimore:

"I have been spending an hour before the Blessed Sacrament every week, usually from 2:00-3:00 p.m. so that I can say the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00, and it has given me a special peace and closeness to Our Lord that has enhanced my spiritual life beyond measure."

Stay tuned for more Eucharistic reflections from our own parishioners and from Catholics throughout the United States!

If you would like to submit a short reflection on what the Eucharist means to you, you may email it to Lori in the Parish Office at LParks@beparish.com (or mail it to SB/SE Parish, PO Box 459, Ridgely MD 21660).

Simply indicate if you wish to remain anonymous.

2024 SPRING FUNDRAISER ~ "SPURS & SPARKLES"

A COUNTRY WESTERN PARTY WITH A LITTLE GLAM!

Save the Date: Saturday, June 8th in our Family Life Center from 5pm until 9pm

Featuring live entertainment provided by The Jones Boys



For only \$25 per person, you will enjoy a delicious dinner featuring stuffed pork tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, roasted vegetables, dinner roll, peaches & cream shortcake and beverages as well as a Cash Bar, Silent & Live Auctions, a 50/50 Raffle, and a Bake Sale. There will also be an opportunity to learn some new line dances. (Children under 12 are free). Tickets for the Spurs & Sparkles Event will be on sale after all Masses beginning April 27 & 28 through June 1 & 2. Or you can use your phone to scan the QR code at the left to purchase tickets online. Help spread the word to our parishioners and the greater Caroline County Community! We hope to see you there!



As with all events of this magnitude at our parish, we are in need of volunteers to help with various duties. If you are able to give an hour or two to help, please contact Tom Lough at 443-996-3024 or upcycleoneatatime@gmail.com. We need servers, clean-up crew, auction volunteers, bake sale monitors, bartenders, food runners, and more. If any teens would like to participate, we will gladly give them volunteer hours for school.

DONATIONS FOR SILENT AUCTION

Our parishioners always provide awesome items for our Silent Auction and the auction always raises a lot of money. If you are able to donate a new item, gift certificate or theme basket for the auction we would greatly appreciate it. Auction items can be dropped off at the Parish Office during office hours. If you cannot donate an auction item or basket, please consider making a monetary donation. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "Spurs & Sparkles Donation" and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass or mail it to the parish office.

DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS

We are also calling upon all bakers and cooks to make baked goods. The event will feature a Bake Sale therefore ALL kinds of baked goods are needed- fresh bread & rolls, pastries, cookies, brownies, pies, cakes, etc... Please keep in mind that we cannot accept any cream-based pies or cakes or any items requiring refrigeration. All baked goods should be dropped off on Friday, June 7th at the Parish Office or Saturday, June 8th between 10am - 4pm at the Parish Hall. If you have questions about baked goods, please contact Denise Sala at 410-829-4976.

Our church is blessed with generous parishioners, and, with your help, this event will be a huge success. ☺

Thank you for your help and support! The Fundraising Committee of St. Benedict

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY



SIGN-UP SUNDAY/ORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

May 12th is World Communications Day in the Catholic Church, and The Dialog has declared it "Sign-Up Sunday," encouraging the faithful to get free local news of the church through email. Please subscribe to The Angelus, the e-newsletter produced by The Dialog, the news source for the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. Take a moment to scan in the adjacent QR code and sign up today or go to thedialog.org "Get Our Newsletter" tab at the top of every Dialog web page and enter your email address. We don't ask for any information beyond your email address and first name. Sign up today. It's easy. Thank you for supporting your free source for local news about your church.

SAVE THE DATE: EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ~ OCTOBER 5, 2024

Join us for the Diocese of Wilmington's Eucharistic Congress to be held on October 5, 2024, at the Ocean City Convention Center. This year's theme, "The Eucharist: The Source and Summit," invites us to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist in our lives. The day will feature a keynote address by Bishop Richard Henning of the Diocese of Providence and will include faith-based vendors, a ministry fair, and breakout sessions tailored to various interests and age groups. There will also be opportunities for Adoration and Reconciliation. Mark your calendars for this spiritually enriching event! More details will follow. We look forward to seeing you there!

LISTEN TO CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK. Next week, learn about the work of Bayard House when Stacy Brooks, Bayard House Program Manager, is the guest. 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.

RETROUVAILE: 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. Upcoming programs will be held August 9-11 and again October 4-6, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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/

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

SWING FORE LITTLE SISTERS 17th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 20, 2024, Deerfield Country Club, Newark DE. All proceeds benefit the Jeanne Jugan Residence. Sponsorships range from \$200-\$10,000. Golfers \$200 / Dinner Guest \$50. Donations for raffles and silent auction also welcome. Registration and details: <https://www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org/17th-annual-swing-fore-little-sisters-golf-outing/> Contact Karen colsnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org or 302-368-5886 ext 106.

ATTENTION MEN ... Don't ignore this vital aspect of your health!

The National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions supports the early detection of prostate cancer by recommending that, beginning at age 40, all men obtain a baseline PSA; and obtain a PSA and DRE on a regular basis as determined by your physician. For high-risk patients; including African-American men and those with a family history of prostate cancer, screening at an earlier age should be discussed with your physician. For more information, visit deprostatecancercoalition.org.