

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 13

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Liam Sterling

Tuesday, May 14

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

David Remmert

Wednesday, May 15

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Maggie Menton

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Mark Cassidy

Thursday, May 16

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Henrietta Wood

Friday, May 17

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, May 18

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Ron Seeley

Sunday, May 19

FEAST OF PENTECOST

7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church

Mike Musachio

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

People of the Parish

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Kevin Flynn

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

MAY 11 - MAY 24, 2024

St. Benedict Church

St. Elizabeth Church

In Memory of Henrietta Wood

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP

BACK TO THE LORD

FOR MAY 4 & 5, 2024

TOTAL OFFERTORY

\$ 9,112.00

2nd Collect. - Parish Rel Ed Support

\$ 216.00

Poor Box

\$ 167.00

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY

Actual Offertory

\$ 255,856.24

Average Weekly Offertory

\$ 5,814.91/wk.

(Week 44 of 52)

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...



Dear Parishioners ~

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates Jesus' ascension into Heaven. Historically, this holy feast has been celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday – the Thursday in the sixth week of Easter. However, here in our Diocese of Wilmington, we transfer it to the following Sunday. By His death and Resurrection, Jesus opened the gates of heaven for all humanity. His Ascension is proof that those of us who believe in Christ in faith and follow Him, will be raised on the last day, and enter heaven. This Feast also celebrates Jesus’ promise to send the Holy Spirit and His enthronement in heaven at the Right Hand of the Father.

I am extremely happy to report that in only three short weeks, we have generated a vast majority of the parish goal for the *Faith and Charity Appeal*. 99 parishioners have contributed. We are only \$14,000 away from reaching our \$47,150 goal. Please note that any monies collected over our goal will be returned to the parish. You can find envelopes at the ends of the pews and vestibules of both churches. Bishop Koenig thanks you for your generosity to help fund the various ministries of our Diocese.

In less than a month, we will have our Spring Fundraiser- *Spurs & Sparkles*. The event will feature live musical entertainment provided by the famous Delmarva band, *The Jones Boys*. For only \$25 per person, you will enjoy a delicious homemade dinner and entertainment. There will be a Cash Bar, Silent & Live Auctions, a 50/50 Raffle, and a Bake Sale. There will also be an opportunity to learn some new dance moves. (Children under 12 are free). Tickets for the “*Spurs & Sparkles*” Event will be on sale after all Masses. Or you can use the QR code or simply call the Parish Office. Please consider donating baked goods or items for our silent auction. We also need volunteers. You can find more information in the later section of the bulletin. We hope to see you there. ☺

A local band, *The Jones Boys* have appeared in Nashville and at numerous fairs and have opened for Hank Williams III. They have performed onstage at the Harrington Raceway and Casino and at clubs throughout Delmarva, where audiences are always entertained by their rendition of songs from artists such as George Jones, George Strait and more. *The Jones Boys* have the ability to perform almost any country song requested during their shows. They have acquired quite the following, particularly here on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

~ *Fr. Coffey*

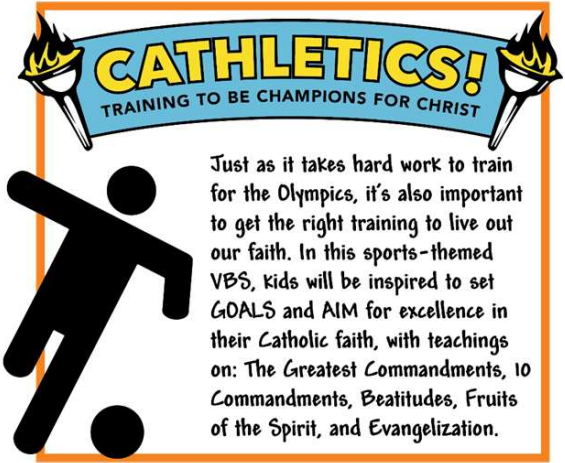
2024 FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL



Thank you to our generous parishioners who have participated in the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Your contributions are not just financial, they are the building blocks of our vibrant community, making a significant impact on the lives of many. Thus far 99 parishioners have made pledges totalling \$32,995 to the 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal with an average gift of \$333. Our parish goal is \$47,150. If you haven't yet donated, we urge you to consider participating. Whether it's your first time or a renewal of your past generosity, your support is crucial in helping us increase participation and strengthen our parish's commitment to serving others. Together, as a united community, we can reflect our vibrant community's values and ensure a bright future for all. Your participation is a crucial part of this collective effort. Pledge forms are available at the entrance of both churches or use the QR code at left to make an online donation.

MAY 11 & 12, 2024

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Just as it takes hard work to train for the Olympics, it's also important to get the right training to live out our faith. In this sports-themed VBS, kids will be inspired to set GOALS and AIM for excellence in their Catholic faith, with teachings on: *The Greatest Commandments, 10 Commandments, Beatitudes, Fruits of the Spirit, and Evangelization.*

Vacation Bible School is back this summer! Look for registration and volunteer forms in each church and on our website! Also be on look out in future bulletins for more information! VBS will be held the week of July 8th – July 12th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with sign-in being 8:30 to 8:45 each morning. VBS is for kids ages 3 (must be potty-trained) – 12 years old. Our theme this year is **Cathletics!** Training to be Champions for Christ! This Olympic sport themed VBS will feature faith, music, crafts, snacks, and fun games! If you are looking for service hours or just something to do over the summer, volunteering at VBS is a great opportunity! Registration is due back to the parish office by June 17th. Due to the unfortunate high cost of everything these days, there will be a small fee of \$25.00 per child for VBS. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the parish office at 410-634-2253 or email me at kperza@beparish.com.

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MASS TIME & LOCATION CHANGES

Please take note that the 11:15a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 26th will be celebrated at ST. BENEDICT CHURCH. Bishop Koenig will be here that morning to confirm eight of our young people. Then, on Sunday, June 2nd, we will switch to our Summer Mass Schedule. There will be only one Sunday Mass at St. Benedict Church at 8:00a.m. and the Sunday Mass time at St. Elizabeth Church will switch to 10:15a.m. These Mass times will remain in effect through Labor Day weekend.

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.

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

MARYLANDERS FOR HEALTH NOT HARM Consider. . .

How you would feel if you discovered that a school counselor or teacher or other adult had helped your child or grandchild seek an abortion or drugs and surgeries for gender “transition.” If the Maryland Constitution is amended, minor children will be able to obtain drugs and surgeries for anything related to the reproductive system and reproductive anatomy. In states like California where this has passed, parents who oppose their children “transitioning” are threatened with losing custody of their children. Go to HealthNotHarmMD.org and learn more. Vote NO in November.

The next Caroline County Right to Life meeting is Tuesday, May 21st at 7 pm at BETHESDA METHODIST CHURCH, 155 Main St, Preston, MD 21655

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

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

Monday, May 13

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

• Intercessory Prayer Group – 9:30a.m. – SE Church

Tuesday, May 14

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

• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:30a.m. – SB Church

• Vien Baptism – 11am – SB Church

• Budget Prep Meeting – 2:30p.m. – Pastor’s FLC Ofc.

• Finance Council Meeting – 7pm – Pastor’s FLC Ofc.

Wednesday, May 15

• 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, May 16

• 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 17

• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

• Parish Office Closed

Saturday, May 18

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

• Mass: 4:00p.m.– SE Church

• Parish Council Elections & Annual Financial Report during Mass

• Spurs & Sparkles Fundraiser Ticket Sales after Mass

Sunday, May 19

• 2nd Collection – Diocesan Priests’ Retirement Fund

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

• Parish Council Elections & Annual Financial Report during all Masses

• Spurs & Sparkles Fundraiser Ticket Sales after Mass

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Elections will take place next weekend, May 18/19, during all Masses. Please see the ballot inserted in today's bulletin for a photo and short bio of each candidate and come to Mass next weekend prepared to cast your votes. (*NOTE: If you wish, you can fill out your ballot at home and bring it to Mass with you next weekend. Additional ballots will be available in each church.*)

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

The proof for our new Parish Directory has arrived! All that remains is reviewing the proof and mailing it back to the directory company so that our new directories can be printed. Hopefully the directories will arrive and be ready for distribution within the next several weeks. Thank you for your patience throughout this process.

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 ~ Donald J. Kempel ~ Page Murphy ~ George Sebestyen ~ Todd Gross ~ Jeffrey Kinnamon ~ Mark & Dawn Auman ~ Christina Jewell ~ James Smith ~ MaryJo Hathaway ~ Chelsey Townsend ~ Yvonne Liswell ~ 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

"As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission 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 Deacon Michael S. in the Diocese of Trenton:

"I was in the habit of visiting a woman who was homebound and bringing her Communion. She looked forward to these weekly visits when she could receive the Lord in the Eucharist, but it was clear to me that she was rapidly failing. After she had slipped into a coma, I assured the family I would stop by anyway to pray. When I arrived, something amazing happened. As I walked into the room I said her name. She perked right up and responded to me. I had brought the Eucharist with me, and I truly believe with all my heart that it was the Real Presence of Jesus that she was responding to. She was able to receive Holy Communion, and that same evening she went home to the Lord. Glory to God!"

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"

SPURS & SPARKLES ~ A COUNTRY WESTERN PARTY WITH A LITTLE GLAM!

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/WORLD 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, Dr. Helen Hoffner will discuss her book, "Catholicism Everywhere." 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 You Tube 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 auctions are 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.