

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 20

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, May 21

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Sheila Rosensteel

Wednesday, May 22

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Bernard Grove

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

Thursday, May 23

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Sylvia Ann Matthews

Friday, May 24

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, May 25

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

People of the Parish

Sunday, May 26

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church

Charles Pesnell

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

F. Donald Kempel

11:15a.m. ST. BENEDICT CHURCH

Ken 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 11 & 12, 2024

TOTAL OFFERTORY

\$ 5,021.00

2nd Collections

Building & Maintenance

\$ 416.00

Ascension

\$ 393.00

Poor Box

\$ 367.00

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY

Actual Offertory

\$ 260,877.24

Average Weekly Offertory

\$ 5,797,27/wk.

(Week 45 of 52)

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...



Dear Parishioners ~

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, the official end of the Easter Season and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the face of the earth. The Second Reading at Mass this weekend tells us: “For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.”

Often, we can be like the Apostles, wondering if Christ would leave them desolate, hopeless, and alone. But we, like them, have hope. Hope does not disappoint. Jesus did not leave them alone but promised that the third person of the Blessed Trinity would be with them always - The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the promise that God is here. We are not orphans. God is always with us! Have hope in all things!

Next weekend, we will welcome Bishop Koenig, who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on nine of our high school students. Please note that the Bishop will celebrate the **11:15 Mass next weekend at St. Benedict Church** for Confirmation instead of St. Elizabeth, as there is a light reception and photos with the Bishop for all the newly confirmed in the hall following the Mass.

Please mark your calendar! Our Summer Mass Schedule takes effect on the weekend of June 1st & 2nd: Saturdays at 4pm at St. Elizabeth’s and Sundays at 8 AM at St. Benedict’s & 10:15 AM at St. Elizabeth’s.

June 2nd is the feast of Corpus Christi. We will celebrate this feast with great solemnity at the 8 AM Mass. Following Mass, we will have an outdoor procession around the block of the church followed by a FREE breakfast in the parish hall sponsored by the Knights and the Ladies Sodality. We hope you can join us in this annual sacred tradition. This year’s outdoor altars will be decorated and sponsored by the following: The Caroline County Right to Life Committee, The Monday Morning Intercessory Prayer Group, and Mr. & Mrs. Pablo Hernandez.

In only a few weeks, 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 in the bulletin 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*

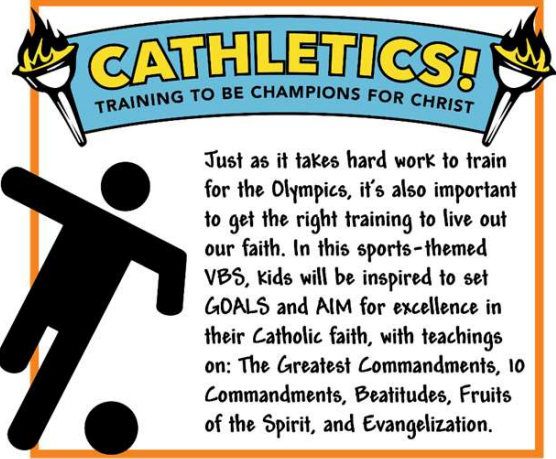
2024 FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL



We thank all parishioners who have made a pledge to the 2024 Faith & 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 103 parishioners have made pledges totalling \$33,964 to the 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal with an average gift of \$330. Our parish goal is \$47,150. If you haven’t yet donated, we urge you to consider participating. 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.

MAY 18 & 19, 2024

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



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

+ There will be NO MASS/CONFESSIONS on Monday, May 20th at SE Church.

+ There will be NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION on Wednesday evening, May 22nd at St. Elizabeth Church.

+ The 11:15a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 26th will be celebrated at ST. BENEDICT CHURCH as Bishop Koenig will be here to confirm nine of our young people.

+ 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.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER + WE CELEBRATE + WE BELIEVE



Samuel Matthias Vien, son of Scott & Lori Vien, was baptized this week. We celebrate the beginning of a life of faith for Samuel as he receives the gift of new life in God’s spirit and becomes a part of the fellowship of the Church through the Rite of Baptism.

SODALITY NEWS

At their most recent meeting, the BVM Sodality chose new officers. They are: President - Michelle Groves, Vice President - Connie Walton, Treasurer - Teresa Remaniak and Secretary - Wendi Grazzini. Any parish woman interested in learning more about the Sodality or about becoming a member can speak with one of these officers or any other Sodality member.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

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 during all Masses

Spurs & Sparkles Fundraiser Ticket Sales after Mass

Monday, May 20

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

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

Knights of Columbus Exemplification - 6pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 21

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

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

Catholic Youth Ministry Recognition Dinner - 6pm - Modern Maturity Center, Dover DE

Caroline County Right to Life Meeting - 7pm - Bethesda Methodist Church, Preston MD

Wednesday, May 22

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

NO EVENING MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

Thursday, May 23

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 24

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, May 25

Confirmation Rehearsal - 10:30a.m. - SB Church

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

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

Spurs & Sparkles Fundraiser Ticket Sales after Mass

Sunday, May 26

2nd Collection - Parish Cemeteries Support

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

Mass - 11:15a.m. - ST. BENEDICT CHURCH (w/Bishop Koenig for Confirmation)

Spurs & Sparkles Fundraiser Ticket Sales after Mass

Ridgely Strawberry Festival @ Martin Sutton Park (Knights of Columbus Funnel Cake booth and Caroline County Right to Life booth)

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 ~ Ruth Dominick

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 on the Maryland Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment.

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

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

"Receive the Holy Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's mission as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to Fr. Coffey or reach out to the diocesan Vocations Office at (302) 573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org.

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

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, get an update on the latest from St. Francis Xavier Church - Old Bohemia - when members of the Old Bohemia Historical Society are interviewed. 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.

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 colsn Newark@littlesistersofthepoor.org or 302-368-5886 ext 106.