

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 7

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Tom Davis

Sunday, December 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church

Deceased Members of the Ernest Family

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

Theresa Anna Cochrane

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

People of the Parish

Monday, December 9

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Gloria Darling

6:00P.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Intentions of Elaine Halko

Tuesday, December 10

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Rodney Eckenrode

Wednesday, December 11

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Intentions of Meredith Marascio

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Thursday, December 12

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

George Hynson

Friday, December 13

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 14

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Virginia Blades

Sunday, December 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church

People of the Parish

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

Perla Joseline Gutierrez Larios

and Kain Josue Gutierrez Larios

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Ken Flynn

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 20, 2024

St. Benedict Church

St. Elizabeth Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP		
BACK TO THE LORD		
FOR NOV 30/DEC 1, 2024		
Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$	11,048.00
November Online Giving (WeShare)	\$	5,444.01
2 nd Collect-Religious Retirement	\$	960.00
Thanksgiving Collection	\$	310.00
Poor Box	\$	932.33
YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 22 of 52)		
Actual Offertory	\$	132,298.90
Average Weekly Offertory	\$	6,013.59/wk.

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear Parishioners ~

The readings for this Second Sunday of Advent have a certain sense of anticipation and joy attached to them. As we hear in the gospel this weekend, John the Baptist’s coming on the scene and his preaching changed the culture and society in his time forever. Feasting on locusts and honey, and wearing a camel hair shirt were not exactly what society was used to or what they were prepared for. But John’s preparing the way for God in the flesh gave society a cause for hope, joy, and anticipation.



As we approach Christmas, are we doing the same as St. John? Are we preparing for Christ’s coming by allowing our families, friends, and society to have joy and anticipation? Or, are we feeding into the negativity, doom and gloom that the culture and media present? Christ’s birth brought light into the darkness. Centuries later, it continues to do the same. We are the ones who make it happen or allow it not to happen. In other words, don’t be the grinch that stole Christmas!

Monday is a Holy Day of Obligation this year – The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses will be celebrated at the usual 9 AM time as well as at 6 PM. Both Masses will take place at St. Elizabeth’s.

Please mark your calendar for our Annual Rorate Mass on Thursday, December 12th – the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Patronal Feast of the United States. The Mass will take place at St. Benedict’s at 6 AM and will be celebrated *Ad Orientem* (facing the altar and eastward) and in total darkness except for candles. This ancient traditional Mass welcomes Christ who is the Light of the World as we prepare for Christmas. Scripture tells us that Christ will come again from the East. And so, the people and priest together face east. We will also have 8:15 AM Confessions and 9 AM Mass that morning as usual for those who cannot attend this very early Mass.

On Saturday, December 14th there will be a special Advent Reflection from 10:30-11:30 AM in the Parish Hall. One of our parishioners, Dr. Janyne Althaus, will be presenting the topic: “Are You Tired Yet?” Dr. Althaus is a Maternal Fetal Medicine specialist whose practice focuses on caring for women with complicated or high-risk pregnancies here on the Eastern Shore. Dr. Althaus will help you discern God’s perfect plan for you. Start the new year off with a daring new way to look at the world, find your purpose, and re-commit your life to the glory and wonder that is life in Christ. This is a pertinent topic for the hectic holiday season and the upcoming New Year you don’t want to miss. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Now that we are nearly halfway through Advent, it is a good time to think about a special person who has been away from the Church or Christ for a very long time. Perhaps you can ask them now to come with you to one of the several Christmas Masses so they can experience peace and the love of Christ.

~ Fr. Coffiey

ONLINE GIVING VIA FLOCKNOTE ~ A NEW WAY TO GIVE!

Many of our parishioners currently participate in online giving to the parish through the WeShare platform. We encourage any parishioner giving through this platform to consider switching to online giving with Flocknote. Our parish has been using Flocknote for many years to communicate with parishioners via text and email more easily and to keep pace as best as possible with the digital world. Flocknote is a Catholic company which offers amazing support from their “Happiness Engineers”. We are striving to migrate all of our parish data to Flocknote for a more seamless experience and to better serve our parishioners. If you currently make one-time or recurring donations to the parish for offertory, building & maintenance, the poor box, etc... please consider switching to Flocknote in the near future. WeShare will remain operational at this time, but we hope to have all WeShare users migrated to Flocknote within the next several months. To sign up for online giving via Flocknote, just visit this link: <https://beparish.flocknote.com/give>. Whether you give online or by placing your donations in the offertory baskets at church, we thank you for your generous support of the parish and its ministries and outreach.

DECEMBER 7 & 8, 2024

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FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Denton on December 9th.

MAKE THE ROSARY YOUR RESOLUTION!

Join us in a great New Year’s resolution that will change your life – let’s fall love with the Rosary! We are excited to invite all parishioners and friends to join us in listening to *The Rosary in a Year* - a podcast designed to take listeners on a journey to deeper prayer and devotion to the Blessed Mother. By listening to this podcast, we will:

- Deepen our focus in prayer and enter into the mysteries
- Build a meaningful habit of daily prayer
- Discover the power of Mary’s influence in our lives
- ...and more!

Each of the daily episodes will be about 10-15 minutes long, making it easy to listen for your own personal listening, with your family, or with a small group. No matter where you are in your spiritual life, this podcast is for you. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to transform your prayer life and discover the power of this Marian devotion! Please click this link to learn more and join us on this New Year’s journey: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/riy-signup>

WITH FR. MARK-MARY AMES, CFB

ASCENSION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religious education classes are progressing wonderfully. As the weather turns colder outside, the classrooms can feel chilly, so please make sure your child(ren) brings a sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket just in case they get cold. Also, as a reminder, there will be NO religious ed classes on Sundays, December 22 or December 29 for the Christmas break. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2025, a Super Sunday, so come and enjoy a delicious breakfast by the Knights of Columbus before classes start at 10:00 that morning. As we keep moving forward, please remember the importance of attending classes on a regular basis. More than four unexcused absences will require a meeting with Father Coffiey. An absence will be marked excused once your student has completed and turned in all make-up work to their Catechist in a timely manner. I can be reached at kperza@beparish.com or 410-634-2253 if you have any questions or concerns. ~ Kasey Perza

SODALITY NEWS

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE RECIPE OR TWO TO SHARE?

The Ladies’ Sodality is putting together a church cookbook as a fundraiser to support the activities of our group. If you would like to contribute a recipe or two, please forward them along with your name to Michelle Groves. Make photocopies, type them up, take a photo of them, handwrite them, send a pin from Pinterest – whatever works for you. You can drop off at the office, email, or text. Due by December 15. Email: shell514@comcast.net Text: (443)786-0183

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

COATS for the COLD

The Knights will be collecting winter coats throughout November, December, January, and February for distribution to anyone needing these items, parishioner or non-parishioner alike. They are accepting new/gently used coats of all sizes as well as NEW gloves and hats. Please launder used coats before donation. Donation boxes can be found in the back of St. Elizabeth Church and in the Parish Hall. Please let us know if you know someone in need of winter coats, hats, or gloves. (NOTE: No clothes, please. Only coats/hats/gloves).

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, December 8 (2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

- 2nd Collection – Christmas Flowers
- Super Sunday Breakfast – after 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses – Parish Hall
- RELIGIOUS ED/O.C.I.A. Classes – 10:00-10:45a.m.
- Confirmation Prep Class – 10:45-11:15a.m.

Monday, December 9 (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION)

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m.
- Mass- 9am – SE Church
- Intercessory Prayer Group – 9:30a.m. – SE Church
- Mass – 6pm – SE Church

Tuesday, December 10

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:30a.m. – SB Church
- Fundraising Committee Meeting – 6:30p.m. – Hall

Wednesday, December 11

- 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, December 12

- Rorate Mass – 6:00a.m. – SB Church
- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adult Bible Study – 9:30a.m. – FLC Resource Room
- Homeschool Co-Op Classes – 9am-1pm – Parish Hall

Friday, December 13

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Knights & Sodality Christmas Party – 6-8p.m. – Hall

Saturday, December 14

- Men’s COR Faith & Fellowship Gathering – 7am – Parish Hall
- Benedictine Oblate Gathering – 9am-1pm – FLC Resource Room
- Advent Presentation/Reflection – “Are You Tired Yet?” – 10:30-11:30a.m. – Parish Hall
- Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass – 4pm – SE Church
- Christmas in Ridgely Winterfest – 4-9pm – Ridgely Railroad Park

Sunday, December 15 (3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

- 2nd Collection – Building & Maintenance
- Hospitality offered by Knights of Columbus – 9:30-10:30a.m. – Hall
- RELIGIOUS ED/O.C.I.A. Classes – 9:40-10:45a.m.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Kathleen Green ~ Edie Crank ~ Butch Petroski ~ Michael Petroski ~ Mary Jo Clancy ~ Socorro McIntire ~ Kenny Breeding ~ William R. Walton ~ Helen Vogt ~ Erica Redgraves ~ Joan & E.T. Dize ~ Martie Greco ~ Remi Michael Tedesco ~ Dan Finnerin ~ Dan Hayes ~ Frances Vogt ~ Mike Porter ~ Joan Mollick ~ Kathleen Ruskin ~ John & Anne Rastelli ~ Judy Klug ~ Josie Prince ~ Olivia Wade ~ Kim Mayer ~ Nancy Sollers ~ Erica Jarman ~ Mike Babige ~ Mark Hartlage ~ 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 & Maria Poptanich ~ Freddie Adams, Jr. ~ Steve Goff ~ Mary Ellen Black ~ Claire Stevens ~ Dick Palazzolo ~ Anthony DePasquale ~ Jack Houtz ~ Carla Moure ~ Pat Pasciak ~ Shirley Smith ~ Jim & Noreen Flohr ~ Mary P. Epps ~ Nial Straley, Jr. ~ Linda Gallagher ~ Bridget Clark ~ Robert & Donna Nocchi ~ Pablo Hernandez ~ Barbara Thompson ~ Nial Straley, Sr. ~ Donna Baynard ~ Jackie Gammons ~ Tuel Family ~ Ellie Flynn ~ Kathryn Belmonte ~ Mickey Dickerson ~ Addie Flaherty ~ Flo Petroski

CHRISTMAS & HOLY DAYS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00p.m. - St. Benedict Church, Ridgely

7:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church, Denton

Midnight Mass - St. Benedict Church, Ridgely

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

10:00a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church, Denton



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 9, 2024

9:00a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church, Denton

6:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church, Denton

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 (Vigil Mass)

6:00p.m. - St. Benedict Church, Ridgely

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

9:00a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church, Denton

MEN'S COR FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GATHERING



All men of the parish are invited to attend the next gathering of COR, a faith & fellowship group, **on Saturday, December 14th at 7:00am in the Parish Hall.** Presently, we are using a series called Men of the Word / The Good News at the gatherings. It is a twelve-part series, and you do not have to commit to it every month. Come when you can - it is a great opportunity to explore the Word of God and to meet other men of the parish. If you have any questions, call Chris Grazzini at 703-927-3243.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS ~ Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 PM ~ Cathedral of St. Peter

The Cathedral of St. Peter, 6th and West Streets, Wilmington, DE will present a Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 15 at 3PM. The concert will feature scriptures, choral music, and congregational hymns performed live and live-streamed by the choirs of the Cathedral and St. Patrick. (Livestreamed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1mK0_DVogM)

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK. This week, hear an interview with Steffani Aquila about her new book, "Festive Faith: Catholic Celebrations Through the Year and Around the World." 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 afternoon at 1:30. More information is available at cdow.org/CatholicForum and FaceBook.com/CatholicForum.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY WITH BISHOP KOENIG

Registration extended! Don't miss the pilgrimage of a lifetime. Join Bishop Koenig and fellow parishioners for a Diocese of Wilmington Pilgrimage to Italy for the Celebration of the Jubilee Year! The pilgrimage runs from October 26 to November 5, 2025, and will be spiritually led by the Most Reverend William E. Koenig, D.D., Tenth Bishop of Wilmington. Features include bus transportation from Ocean City, Maryland or Wilmington, Delaware to Philadelphia Airport, economy class air transportation, nine nights' accommodations in 4-star hotels w/ continental breakfast, nine meals, airport transfers and ground transportation, Papal Blessing, daily Mass, and much more. Make your reservation soon. Spaces are limited. Visit cdow.org/JubileePilgrimage for full details including itinerary, pricing and more.

CONSIDER A YEAR-END GIFT TO THE FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL

As the year draws to a close, we would again like to thank all parishioners who supported the 2024 Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal and helped our parish to meet our target goal set by the Diocese. If you have not yet made a gift, or if you would like to make an additional gift, we invite you to make a meaningful difference by supporting the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Your generosity allows our diocese to sustain the mission of the Church, including programs for youth, Catholic education, charitable outreach, and more. Contributions postmarked by December 31 will qualify as a 2024 tax deduction. Visit <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp65959b0ccdb04/user/guest> to make your gift today.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION ~Tuition Assistance Applications Now Open

The Diocese of Wilmington is accepting applications for tuition assistance for the 2025-2026 school year. We encourage all families considering Catholic education or currently enrolled to apply, as every family's situation is reviewed individually. The application deadline is January 31, 2025, with no exceptions. Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your child's future through Catholic education! The application can be found online at factsmgt.com/aid

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS WITH BISHOP

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all married couples in the Diocese of Wilmington to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on World Marriage Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 1:00pm at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, DE. Those celebrating significant anniversaries (5-year increments) - 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or any anniversary beyond 50, will receive a special certificate from the Bishop. Reservations are needed, no matter what the anniversary year. Reservations are required by February 4, 2025.

Bishop Koenig will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. Questions may be referred to the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302-295-0657 or by emailing OMFL@cdow.org. Registration can be completed by using the following link - cdowcym.wufoo.com/form

RETROUVAILLE: 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. ***The next program will be held February 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.*** For more information, or to register, visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan Residence in Newark, Delaware is hiring a Receptionist for every other weekend day shift and to fill in as needed for other shifts. Required are: technical skills to learn the various equipment and to be able to use Word and Excel. For more information, please call Jerry Walker, Director of HR, at 302-368-5886 or email at HRSnewark@littlesister.org.