

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 16

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

David Kennedy

Tuesday, December 17

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Francie Britt

Wednesday, December 18

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Intentions of Terry Martin

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Deceased Members of the Coffey Family

Thursday, December 19

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Intentions of the Priesthood of Fr. Coffey

Friday, December 20

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 21

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Henrietta Wood

Sunday, December 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church

People of the Parish

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

People of the Parish

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Susie Booze

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 DEC 7 & 8, 2024	
Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 2,682.00
2 nd Collect-Christmas Flowers	\$ 736.00
Immaculate Conception Collection	\$ 696.00
Poor Box	\$ 493.00
YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 23 of 52)	
Actual Offertory	\$ 134,980.00
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,686.73/wk.

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear Parishioners ~



This past Sunday, the readings spoke to us about joy. But, in a much more expressive sense, the readings this weekend and the rose candle that is lit on the wreath vividly manifest the joy of anticipation which is a part of the Advent season. It is a chance for us to think about what we will be truly joyful for when Christmas comes. Will we just be joyful because of a gift, money, food, or having time off from school or work? Will we be joyful because we have peace with family and friends? Will we be joyful because we can thank God for the blessings He bestowed on us this past year? Will we be joyful because the Savior of the World has come? What will you be joyful about?

Please see the Christmas and New Years Mass Schedule below. As a reminder, we have Confessions available daily before morning Masses from 8:15 - 8:45 AM as well as Wednesday evenings from 5:15 - 5:45 PM and Saturday afternoons from 3:00 - 3:45 PM. If you're still looking to get Jesus that "perfect" gift...it isn't something you can buy him. All He wants is your clean heart and soul. ☺

Even though we all might have our "favorite" spots to sit in the church or our "favorite" pews, it is good to remind ourselves that these spots and pews do not "belong" to us. Often, when someone visits our parish, they may just so happen to sit in your favorite pew or spot. Please be considerate and simply move somewhere else. Please never ask them to move or tell them: "You're sitting in my spot". They may take it as an unfriendly gesture and not want to return to our parish. We strive to BE a "welcoming" parish. And so, we must maintain this positive reputation for which we have worked.

Now that the cold and flu season is upon us, it is good to be reminded of our personal hygiene when attending Mass. Please always cover your mouth if you cough or sneeze. Bring tissues with you if you need them or excuse yourself to the restroom. Please do not leave soiled tissues on the floor or in the pew. Dispose of them or simply take them with you. Cough drops are considered medicine, and therefore do not break the obligatory one-hour Communion fast. Water also does not break the fast. If you feel under the weather, please do not shake hands with others after Mass or congregate. Even though we have an obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, we should refrain from attending Mass if we truly are sick. We do a disservice to others, especially those in the parish who are elderly or vulnerable, by spreading our germs. The hand sanitizer is still at the entrances of both churches for your use. Common sense and courtesy go a long way. ☺

~ Fr. Coffey

CHRISTMAS & HOLY DAY 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

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

(NOTE: There will be no 6pm evening Mass on January 1st.)



DECEMBER 14 & 15, 2024

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Reminder: There will be **NO religious ed classes on Sunday, December 22 or Sunday, 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. Please continue to remember the importance of attending classes on a regular basis. More than four unexcused absences will require a meeting with Father Coffey. 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 with any questions. ~ Kasey Perza

LITURGY

2025 MASS CALENDAR NOW OPEN

If you'd like to schedule Mass intentions for 2025, please contact Lori Parks (lparks@beparish.com or 410.634.2253). Remember that a new policy regarding Mass intentions was instituted in January, 2024 stating that each family is limited to offering only 5 Masses per year for any intention. As a suggestion, if you have several people in your family for whom you have individually offered a Masses in the past, you could combine them and have Masses offered "For the Deceased Members of the.....Family" (or "For the Intentions of the Family). If the Mass calendar has more availability, we will notify everyone via the bulletin and email that you may offer additional Masses.

Please note that some dates may or may not be available due to Masses that have already been scheduled for 2025 and weekend Masses tend to fill up faster than weekday Masses. The suggested donation per Mass is \$10. You may also contact the parish office to reserve the Tabernacle Light at either church for a specific intention. A Tabernacle Light intention covers a two-week period and the suggested donation is \$25. Mass cards and Tabernacle Light cards can be prepared for you to give to a family member or friend to notify them of the intention and dates for the Masses/Tabernacle Lights.

SEEKING ENVIRONMENT/DECORATING VOLUNTEERS

Do you have a talent for decorating? Would you enjoy beautifying our churches in honor of God? We are looking for a few volunteers to assist in this ministry. Among other duties, volunteers arrange flowers/plants and other liturgical decorations and water and maintain live plants as needed. If you are interested, or if you would like to learn more, please contact Lori Parks in the parish office for more information.



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. 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>

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).

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

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.

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30-10:30a.m. - SB Church

Wednesday, December 18

- 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 19

- 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 20

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 21

- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass - 4pm - SE Church

Sunday, December 22 (4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

- 2nd Collection - Poor Box Support
- NO RELIGIOUS ED/O.C.I.A. Classes

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 Stralely, Jr. ~ Linda Gallagher ~ Bridget Clark ~ Robert & Donna Nocchi ~ Pablo Hernandez ~ Barbara Thompson ~ Donna Baynard ~ Jackie Gammons ~ Tuel Family ~ Ellie Flynn ~ Kathryn Belmonte ~ Mickey Dickerson ~ Addie Flaherty ~ Flo Petroski ~ Tom Murphy

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY



CELEBRATING OUR CULTURAL HOLIDAY TRADITIONS ~ COMMUNITY DINNERS & CONVERSATIONS

You are invited to Greater Impact Church (13699 Greensboro Rd., Greensboro MD) on Tuesday, December 17th from 5:30-7:30p.m. for dinner and conversation sponsored by Caroline Better Together. Join us to celebrate different cultural holiday traditions in our community and to have a meaningful conversation about how we can make a positive impact in Caroline County together. RSVP is appreciated (but not required): www.bit.ly/CBTDinner

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK. This week, tune in to hear the annual Christmas program featuring Bishop Koenig's annual Christmas message. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DioceesofWilm 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 making a gift to 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 www.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 or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of May 2-4, 2025. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by April 18.

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.



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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 and 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 are currently make one-time or recurring donations to the parish for offertory, building & maintenance, the poor box, etc... via WeShare, 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.](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. Please contact Lori in the parish office with any questions or if you need assistance with either giving platform.