

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 15
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Marianna Breeding

Sunday, February 16
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
Urbino Pita

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Dan Finnerin

Monday, February 17
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Dan Finnerin

Tuesday, February 18
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Intentions of Tony Umlah

Wednesday, February 19
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Dan Finnerin

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Thursday, February 20
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Intentions of the Priesthood of Fr. Coffey

Friday, February 21
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, February 22
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Susie Booze

Sunday, February 23
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
Betsy Wood

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
Francis Kinnamon

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 28, 2025

St. Elizabeth Church

For the Intentions of Mike Lindemann

St. Benedict Church

In Memory of Betsy Wood

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD FOR FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2025	
Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 2,947.00
Black & Indian/Home Missions	\$ 183.00
Poor Box	\$ 122.00
YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 31 of 52)	
Actual Offertory	\$ 192,873.48
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 6,221.73/wk.

REMINDER... If you are giving online via WeShare, we encourage you to switch to Flocknote Giving as soon as possible. Questions? Contact Lori in the Parish Office. **Need a 2024 Tax Statement?** Contact Kimberly Ernest via the Parish Office or at kimsconqueringchaosllc@gmail.com.

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear Parishioners ~

Our first reading from Jeremiah this weekend heeds a warning to place our ultimate hope and trust in God, not in other people. There is no other person in this world who can bring us everlasting life or bring us ultimate fulfillment. Certainly, our spouse, our children, and friends can bring us happiness, but when they leave or pass away, who else do we have left? We find all we have is ourselves. If we do not have God and ignored him our entire life, who will be our constant companion and friend when all our friends are gone? This is why the beatitudes in the gospel bring peace and comfort. For it is when we have lost everything and find ourselves desolate, we know God is present. My favorite of all Jesus’ beatitudes is: Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. ☺

Two pieces of pro-life news I bring to your attention:

Senator Will Smith, chair of the Maryland Judicial Proceedings Committee, has regretfully introduced a bill to legalize physician assisted suicide (PAS) in Maryland. [Senate Bill 926](#), the “End of Life Option Act,” currently is scheduled for a hearing by Smith’s committee on March 5. Bishop Koenig and the Maryland Catholic Conference invite you take action and speak to your local representatives. Please visit the website www.mdccatholic.org for more information.

The Maryland Right-to-Life March is set for Thursday, March 27th in Annapolis. Our parish is procuring a bus to ride to Annapolis for this event. It will leave St. Benedict Church at 3:30 PM and return at approximately 9:00 PM. The bus is FREE of charge thanks to generous donations from the Knights of Columbus, Ladies Sodality, and Caroline County Right-To-Life Committee. If you would like to attend, please contact Tom Lough at upcycle1atatime@gmail.com or 443-996-3024. The bus will leave Ridgely at 3:30pm and travel to St. Mary’s in Annapolis with a return by approximately 9pm. The bus holds 24 people.

~ **Fr. Coffey**

LITURGY

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS

Magnificat is a monthly publication which contains daily and weekend mass prayers and readings, morning and evening prayer, meditations, spiritual writings and essays on the saints. Magnificat subscriptions will be available through the parish office beginning with the May 2025 issue. The cost is \$39.00 per subscription (which is a \$10 savings off the cost of ordering a subscription on your own). The deadline to subscribe through the parish is March 14, 2025. You can find an order form on the Bulletin Insert page of the parish website (www.beparish.com/bulletininserts) or you can request one by contacting the Parish Office.

CEMETERY NEWS

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS REMOVAL

Prior to Ash Wednesday (March 5), all Christmas decorations will be removed from graves at Holy Cross Cemetery by members of our Cemetery Committee in preparation for spring and Easter. Should you wish to personally remove anything that you have placed on a loved one’s grave, please do so in the near future. Thank you.

PARISH LEADERSHIP NEWS

HELP WANTED: PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

JOB DESCRIPTION: "To discern, with the authorization of the pastor, a set of pastoral goals for the parish, to assist with the implementation of these goals, and to evaluate existing programs and policies for their pastoral effectiveness." *(from the Parish Council constitution)*

WHEN: Elections held in May, 2025. Meetings are monthly 9 times a year (Sept - June) in the evening.

QUALIFICATIONS: Registered members of the parish at least 18 years of age who are fully initiated and practicing members of the Roman Catholic Church.

If you would like to be included on the ballot or to nominate someone for inclusion, please contact Lori in the Parish Office. A short bio and photo of each nominee will be required (samples will be provided).

FEBRUARY 15 & 16, 2025

CRISTIAN FORMATION

MID-YEAR REPORTS ~ We are over halfway through the religious education year already! Over the next couple of Sundays your child will be bringing home their mid-year progress report. Please read, sign, and return the reports to me by February 16, 2025. You can send them in with your child to class, put in an envelope with my name and drop in the collection basket at any mass, or mail back to me at St. Benedict Church, PO Box 459, Ridgely MD 21660. Thank you! 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**

SUPER SUNDAY

Our next Super Sunday Breakfast will take place on Sunday, March 2nd. The Knights of Columbus offer a delicious breakfast buffet including farm-fresh eggs, breakfast meats, potatoes, biscuits with sausage gravy, pancakes and beverages for just \$6 per person with a \$35 max per family. Please RSVP by February 26th by contacting the Parish Office or via Flocknote: <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/198248>.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

SAVE THE DATE...

GAELIC & GARLIC CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 16, 2025 ~ 4:00-6:00p.m. ~ Parish Hall

Last year’s Gaelic & Garlic Celebration was a big hit as we gathered to celebrate the feast days of St. Patrick (March 17) and St. Joseph (March 19)! The afternoon will begin at 4:00p.m. and will feature a Chili Cook-Off as well as pastries & desserts in honor of the Feast of St. Joseph. Any interested parishioner is encouraged to bring a crock pot of chili to enter into the Cook-Off (and to share for dinner). Chili toppings, beverages and desserts will be provided as well as some festive music and fun!

SODALITY NEWS

The Blessed Virgin Mother Ladies’ Sodality is sponsoring a “Love for Our Seminarians” collection throughout the month of February in honor of our two parish seminarians, Joe Lewis and Dylan Emerson. At the entrance of each church are boards which contain paper hearts listing items that would help support our seminarians in their vocation journey. You are encouraged to take a heart from the board, purchase the requested item, and then return the items to the vestibule of either church by the end of February. If you are purchasing a gift card, you may place it in an envelope marked “Love for Our Seminarians” and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass. Thank you for helping us to shower our seminarians with love and care.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

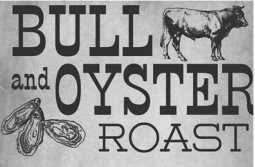
SAVE THE DATE...

OLD FASHIONED EASTERN SHORE BULL & OYSTER ROAST

Saturday, April 26, 2025
2:00-7:00p.m. ~ Parish Hall

The event will include delicious food & drinks, a ticket auction, music & dancing, raffles & games of chance and more. Tickets will be \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of 8. Keep an eye out for a flyer with more details coming soon!

HELP WANTED...The parish Fundraising Committee is seeking another cook to join their team. This volunteer would work with a “seasoned” cook who knows all the ropes and would be able to guide them in the required tasks. So, if you have a knack for cooking, reach out to Tony Sala at 443-768-8864 or tonyjsala@yahoo.com.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, February 16

- 2nd Collection – Poor Box Support
- Knights of Columbus Hospitality – 9:30a.m-10:30a.m. – Parish Hall
- RELIGIOUS ED/O.C.I.A. Classes – 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Confirmation Prep Class – 10:45-11:15a.m.

Monday, February 17

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SE Church
- Intercessory Prayer Group – 9:30a.m. – SE Church
- Fundraising Committee Meeting – 6:30p.m. – Hall

Tuesday, February 18

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:30a.m. – SB Church
- Caroline County Right to Life Meeting – 7pm – Hall

Wednesday, February 19

- 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, February 20

- 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, February 21

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 23

- 2nd Collection – Parish Religious Ed Support
- Knights of Columbus Hospitality – 9:30a.m-10:30a.m. – Parish Hall
- RELIGIOUS ED/O.C.I.A. Classes – 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Keeping Our Promises Curriculum for 4th & 5th Grade – during regular class time
- Confirmation Prep Class – 10:45-11:15a.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 Hayes ~ Frances Vogt ~ 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 ~ Jack Houtz ~ Carla Moure ~ Pat Pasciak ~ Shirley Smith ~ Jim & Noreen Flohr ~ Mary P. Epps ~ Nial Straley, Jr. ~ Bridget Clark ~ Robert & Donna Nocchi ~ Barbara Thompson ~ Jackie Gammons ~ Tuel Family ~ Kathryn Belmonte ~ Mickey Dickerson ~ Addie Flaherty ~ Flo Petroski ~ Pat Myers ~ Kathryn Poll ~ Jeffrey & Danniell Simms ~ Domnic Nallathambi ~ Ann Cannon ~ Nina Taylor ~ Sr. Mary DiMeglio, O.S.B.

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

A reminder that the next Caroline County Right to Life meeting will be this coming Tuesday, February 18th, at 7pm in the parish hall. Please join us to discuss upcoming projects and events.

STEWARDSHIP

We thank you, Lord, for all the gifts you have given us: our life and health, our talents and abilities, those who love us and those we work with every day.

Inspire us, who have received much, to share generously with others and to give of our plenty with those who have little.

ONLINE GIVING VIA FLOCKNOTE ~ A NEW WAY TO GIVE!



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 our parish data to Flocknote for a more seamless experience and to better serve our parishioners. **If you are currently making 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. If you have not participated in online giving in the past but are interested in doing so, you can set up a new online giving account through Flocknote. **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. Please contact Lori in the parish office with any questions or if you need assistance with either giving platform.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES

Maryland Catholic Advocacy Day is Feb. 19

Put your faith into action! Maryland's virtual Catholic Advocacy Day is February 19th. In just three minutes, you can send action alerts that will have an impact with the legislators who represent us in Maryland. To sign up for the Catholic Advocacy Network and to see details about Advocacy Day, visit mdcatholic.org/advocacyday. Advocacy day is organized by the Maryland Catholic Conference, which represents our Catholic Church before the state General Assembly.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

GREETING CARD MINISTRY

We hope to continue this ministry of sending cards each year for Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter. We also plan to send out cards when we hear about a sudden illness, unexpected hospitalization, or surgery for any of our parishioners. And, as a corporal work of mercy, we will send out "Thinking of You" cards and cards of encouragement to those who are in need. **Therefore, we are seeking donations of Get Well, Thinking of You, or cards of encouragement - those with uplifting scripture verses are most welcomed. We also ask for donations of prayer cards and/or uplifting bookmarks which we will include with the cards.** Handmade cards are welcome (please provide an envelope the size of your handmade card as well). Cards, prayer cards and bookmarks can be dropped off at the parish office anytime throughout the year. Or, you may contact Maria Poptanich at 302-725-7218 or serenity12@myyahoo.com to arrange for other drop off times/locations or if you would like to volunteer to assist in some way with these efforts. Please continue to remember those in need in our parish and keep in touch with those in your neighborhood during harsh times like snowstorms or local disasters. Thank you for your support ~ Maria Poptanich

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

ARE YOU WORRIED BECAUSE YOUR CHILDREN HAVE STOPPED PRACTICING THEIR FAITH?

Join the "Blue Hen Rosary Cenacle" on Fridays at 4:30 p.m. at the Newman Center at the St. Thomas More Oratory at the University of Delaware. The "Blue Hen Rosary Cenacle" prays for all children who have fallen away from the faith, as well as University of Delaware students and all college students across the country. Join us in person or via Zoom. Send the first and last name of your children or grandchildren along with your name, email address and phone number to receive the Zoom link. For more information or to add your loved one to the prayer list email to BlueHenRosary@gmail.com.

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK. This week, tune in to hear an interview with Fr. Nathan Cromly, author of the new book, "Coached by Paul the Apostle: Lessons in Transformation." 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! No group sharing required. The next weekend is March 7-9, 2025 at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website <http://www.wwme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.



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