

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 1
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Virginia & Jimmy Blades

Sunday, March 2
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
Daniel L. Tuel, Sr.

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

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Jose Morales Gallegos

Monday, March 3
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Dan Finnerin

Tuesday, March 4
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
In Honor of Kenny King (Birthday)

Wednesday, March 5
ASH WEDNESDAY
6:30a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Prayer Service w/Distribution of Ashes

9:00a.m. Mass St. Elizabeth Church
For All Souls in Purgatory

Noon St. Elizabeth Church
Prayer Service w/Distribution of Ashes

6:00p.m. Mass St. Benedict Church
Betsy Wood

Thursday, March 6
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
The Intentions of the Flaherty Family

Friday, March 7
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 8
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Susie Booze

Sunday, March 9
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
Francis Donald Kempel

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

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

MARCH 1 - MARCH 14, 2025

St. Elizabeth Church

In Memory of Dan Finnerin

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD	
FOR FEBRUARY 22 & 23, 2025	
Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 3,040.00
Online Giving via Flocknote	\$ 6,163.52
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 9,203.52
Parish Religious Ed Support	\$ 476.00
Poor Box for February	\$ 1,937.89

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 32 of 52)

Actual Offertory \$ 204,263.00

Average Weekly Offertory \$ 6,189.78/wk.

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear Parishioners ~



Our first reading this weekend from Sirach gives us good advice in life: “Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.” Sirach gives a foundational principle to examine other individuals. This information is crucial because simple first impressions and hearsay mean nothing in the greater machination of one’s character. In fact, Sirach tells us how a person’s true “colors” will be manifested: when trials and tribulations affect their life. He says: “When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so, do one’s faults when one speaks.” Have you ever experienced this with someone you have thought was a good person or a true friend only to find out when misfortunes or challenges happened to them, they were not the reputable decent individual you once thought? The famous country music artist Tracy Lawrence once wrote a song capturing this idea: You find out who your friends are!

When we examine our own lives, are we the same person in good times and bad times? Does our demeanor change when we feel the closeness of God or when we feel He is far away from us? Are we two-faced and duplicitous? Do we produce results and carry out what we say we will do? Or do we only help when it’s of advantage to us? Do we trust in the Lord in ALL times?

This Wednesday we begin the Holy Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. We will have the distribution of ashes that day on four different occasions for your convenience: 6:30 AM (Prayer Service), 9 AM (with Mass), and 12 Noon (Prayer Service) all at St. Elizabeth Church. Also, at 6:00 PM (with Mass) at St. Benedict Church.

Tuesday is Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras). That evening, we invite everyone to come to the Hall where the Knights of Columbus will be having a FREE ALL-U-CAN-EAT Pancake & Sausage dinner. This event is from 5-7 PM.

On Ash Wednesday evening, the Ladies Sodality will be having a FREE meatless homemade soup & bread dinner. This event is 4:30-6 PM in the Hall. All are welcome.

Remember this Friday we start the annual Lenten tradition of the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM at St. Benedict’s. Please check the bulletin carefully, as the locations alternate between churches.

~ Fr. Coffiey

LITURGY

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE ~ MARCH 5, 2025

Prayer Services with the Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

6:30a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

Noon - St. Elizabeth Church

Masses with the Distribution of Ashes

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

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

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Dinner this Tuesday, March 4th from 5-7pm in the Parish Hall. There will be a free will offering basket at the door and all proceeds will benefit the parish Poor Box. Please RSVP if you plan to attend by contacting the Parish Office or via Flocknote: <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/198410>. There will also be some Mardi Gras- themed activities for children and any teens in need of service hours is welcome to arrive at the hall around 4:15-4:30 to assist with set-up and decorating.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP & BREAD DINNER

The BVM Ladies’ Sodality will offer a variety of meatless soups along with bread & crackers from 4:30-6:00p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 5th in the Parish Hall. No sign-up is needed; a free will offering basket will be available.

MARCH 1 & 2, 2025

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Lent starts this week! Your child(ren) will be bringing some neat Lenten resources and activities home with them this Sunday!

The first gathering for First Eucharist will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, from 6:15 to 7:30 in the parish hall.

Grades 6th, 7th, and 8th will have their *Keeping Our Promises Curriculum session* on Sunday, March 30th in the Great Room. They will report to their classroom first for attendance. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend with their child. If your child is bringing a friend with them as a guest to class, please make sure their parents are aware of the class topic.

Please continue to 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 with any questions. ~ Kasey Perza

LENTEN FAITH FORMATION

Saturday, March 22, 2025 - 10:00-11:00a.m. - Parish Hall

“Teach Me to Pray - No, Really” with Dr. Janyne Althaus

We know that a life of joy and strength requires a strong prayer life, yet too many of us find ourselves lacking consistency in our prayers or even finding time to pray. We take the first steps toward developing a prayer discipline, and a dozen problems crop up out of nowhere to interfere. We have been stopped - again - before we have barely begun. The world, it seems, conspires to create too many barriers for us to overcome. Or does it? Sometimes the obstacle isn’t really the obstacle because the problem we see isn’t the problem we actually have. This Lent, join Dr. Althaus for a thought-provoking reflection on what the real barriers may be in our prayer life that are preventing us from hearing and heeding God’s wondrous plans for our lives. If you have been feeling thwarted in your attempts to spend regular time with God, this presentation is for you. The Sodality will serve a light lunch after the presentation. Please RSVP via Flocknote if you plan to stay for lunch (<https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/199156>).

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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. There is no cost for this event. Please RSVP via Flocknote or by contacting the Parish Office. There will be prizes for the top three chili’s - first place winner will receive a \$100 gas card.

SAVE THE DATE...

OLD FASHIONED EASTERN SHORE

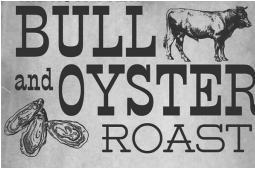
BULL & OYSTER ROAST

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. TICKETS GO ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND and will be available for purchase on Sundays in the parish hall at the Super Sunday Breakfast or Hospitality gatherings. Or, you can visit the parish website or contact the Parish Office to purchase tickets.

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 tonysala@yahoo.com.



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

SB = St. Benedict, SE = St. Elizabeth

Sunday, March 2

- 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.
- Youth Ministry Gathering - 6:00-8:00pm - Parish Hall

Monday, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 4

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30-10:30a.m. - SB Church
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Dinner - 5:00-7:00p.m. - Parish Hall
- BVM Sodality Meeting - 7:00p.m. - FLC Great Room

Wednesday, March 5 ~ ASH WEDNESDAY

- Masses with the Distribution of Ashes - 9:00a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church and 6:00p.m. - St. Benedict Church
- Prayer Services with Distribution of Ashes: 6:30a.m. & Noon at St. Elizabeth Church
- NO Wednesday Evening Mass/Adoration at SE Church
- Ash Wednesday Soup & Bread Dinner hosted by BVM Ladies’ Sodality - 4:30-6:00p.m. - Parish Hall

Thursday, March 6

- 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, March 7

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Stations of the Cross - SB Church

Saturday, March 8

- COR Men’s Faith & Fellowship Gathering - 7-8am - Parish Hall
- Benedictine Oblates Gathering - 9am-1pm - FLC RR
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - SE Church
- Mass - 4pm - SE Church

Sunday, March 9

- 2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance
- RELIGIOUS ED/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
- O.C.I.A. Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - 3:00p.m. - Holy Cross Church, Dover

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 ~ 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. ~ James & Elizabeth Smith & Family ~ Pope Francis ~ Jonathan Freed ~ Yacintha Johnson ~ Pam Carson

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

COR Men's Faith & Fellowship Gathering

All men of the parish are invited to attend the next gathering of COR, a faith & fellowship group, next Saturday, March 8th from 7:00-8:00am 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. Hope to see you there.

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).

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

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.mdcatholic.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.

PRAY FOR OUR PRESIDENT AND OUR COUNTRY

Fr. Chad Ripperger recently released a prayer to be offered up to the Blessed Virgin on behalf of President Trump. Please consider praying this prayer, or offering prayers of your choosing, for our president and vice president and all the leaders of our country:

Immaculate Mary, patroness of the United States of America, Queen of Heaven and earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to thee our refuge and hope, knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works, and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of thy Son. We humbly ask that thou wouldst turn thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion.

We consecrate to thee all of those governing our Republic, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our nation may be accomplished, and that they would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of thy Son. Bind any forces, spiritual or human, that seek to inflict harm or evil on our country, or against those who do good for our nation by their governance.

Give grace to the citizens of this land, so that they may merit leaders who will govern according to the Sacred Heart of thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that thou wilt take care of us and will not leave us forsaken.

O Mary Immaculate, pray for us.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK. This week, hear an interview with Michael Lichens, author of the new book, "Weird Catholic Handbook." 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.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Our fourth annual Reconciliation Monday will take place on Monday of Holy Week, April 14, 2025. At our parish, confessions will take place from 3-5pm at St. Elizabeth Church and 6-8pm at St. Benedict Church. Parishes throughout the diocese will also be holding confessions from 3-8pm that day. So, if it is more convenient for you to go to another church closer to work or school, feel free to do so. Please invite those friends, neighbors and family members who have been away from the Sacraments to take advantage of this opportunity. Visit cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday for more information.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE ~ Bishop Koenig has designated six adoration chapels in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore as Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites. These chapels are located at the following churches: Holy Cross, Dover; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Wilmington; St. Ann, Wilmington; St. Christopher, Chester; St. Francis de Sales, Salisbury; and St. Jude the Apostle, Lewes. Catholics who visit one or more of these sites and/or the Cathedral of St. Peter, during the Jubilee 2025 year, and fulfill the other requirements as outlined by the Holy See, may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. For more information, visit cdow.org/Jubilee2025.