

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, March 10
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 11
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Intentions of Doug Kuhn

Wednesday, March 12
9:00a.m. Mass St. Elizabeth Church

6:00p.m. Mass St. Elizabeth Church
B. Vance Carmean

Thursday, March 13
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Dan Finnerin

Friday, March 14
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 15
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of the Lindemann Family

Sunday, March 16
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
Edward Rehbein, Sr.
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Ken Flynn

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 MARCH 1 & 2, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses \$ 8,865.00
Poor Box \$ 293.00
YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 33 of 52)
Actual Offertory \$ 213,128.00
Average Weekly Offertory \$ 6,458.42/wk.

Need a 2024 Tax Statement? Contact Kim Ernest at kimsconqueringchaosllc@gmail.com or via the Parish Office.

www.beparish.com ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON
A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear Parishioners ~



Have you ever wondered why on Sundays we have people “bring up the gifts” of the bread and wine to the altar? Well, we get this ancient tradition from our first reading today in which Moses speaks to the people and says the priest shall receive the basket from you and set it upon the altar, where inside is contained the first-fruits of the soil. Originally, the early Church would bake their own bread and ferment their own wine to be offered for the Eucharistic Sacrifice at Mass. Nowadays, it is much easier to just purchase the bread and wine from a catalog. It was to be made of the finest wheat flour and the most succulent ripe grapes possible. Showing that the congregation was offering their very best or their “first-fruits” to God. Even though we don’t use a wicker basket to bring up the gifts, we place the hosts in what is called a *ciborium*. This derives its name from the word *cibus* which means food in Latin. It is therefore best described as the container that holds the food-the food from heaven. The Holy Eucharist.

During Lent, we have the opportunity to “Return to the Lord”. Please remember we have confessions before all our daily Masses as well as on Saturday afternoons. This is the perfect way to experience the upcoming Resurrection.

Every Friday we have Stations of the Cross during Lent at 7:00 PM. Please consider coming to pray and to meditate on Jesus’ Sacred passion and suffering. Always check the bulletin as the location alternates weekly.

Our *Gaelic and Garlic* event is on Sunday, March 16th at 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall to celebrate St. Paddy’s and St. Joseph’s Feast Days. We will feature a chili cook off contest, homemade delicious Italian desserts, as well as fun for the whole family. There will be a \$100 gift card for the first prize winner of the chili cook off, \$50 second place, and \$25 for third place. Come and show your cooking skills off to the entire parish. Make a crockpot of chili to enter in our contest. Sides of shredded cheese, sour cream, and jalapenos will be provided. You can make either meat based or meatless chili. Whatever you think tastes best to win the grand prize. 😊

Dr. Janyne Althaus will be giving a Lenten Faith Formation Session on Saturday, March 22 from 10-11 AM in the Parish Hall. The topic is: *Teach me to pray - No, really*. All are welcome to attend. The Ladies Sodality will be providing lunch FREE of charge after the talk. If you would like to come to the lunch, please sign up so we have enough food.

~ Fr. Coffiey
2025 FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL



The 2025 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal will be conducted in parishes throughout the diocese next weekend. Once a year, our Bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. Your gift helps our Church to serve the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly. As parishioners of St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth Parish, we are being asked to serve others by sharing our resources. Your generosity enables us to accompany our brothers and sisters in need. Our parish target is \$47,150. Your financial support of the Appeal also provides funding for our parish since once achieving the goal assigned to our parish, we receive 50% of the monies collected over and above our goal for our own parish and ministry needs.

Please prayerfully consider your generous gift to this Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Kindly decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year and come to Church next week prepared to complete your pledge and offer your support to our parish, and the Diocese of Wilmington. To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click “Giving” then “Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal,” or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.

MARCH 8 & 9, 2025
CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

SAVE THE DATES!
St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth Parish Vacation Bible School
Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments
July 7, 2025 - July 11, 2025, 8:30 to 12:00
Registration will start in May.
More information coming soon!

UPCOMING LENTEN ACTIVITIES
LENTEN FISH DINNER ~ Friday, March 21 ~ 5:00-7:00pm~ Parish Hall
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, dinner includes baked fish, baked potato, vegetable medley, roll, dessert & beverages ~ \$8 per person/\$40 Max per family. Kid’s Meals of fish sticks and mac & cheese are also available for \$4 each. Sign up via Flocknote or by contacting the Parish Office (payment will be collected at the door). The Youth Ministry will perform their SHADOW STATIONS after dinner at 7pm in St. Benedict Church. All parishioners are invited.

LENTEN FAITH FORMATION GATHERING
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 in 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>).

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOHN PAUL II SHRINE
In celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope, make plans to join your fellow parishioners on a pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II Shrine in Washington DC on Saturday, March 29th. All attendees should plan to drive on their own with arrival at the Shrine by 10am. Our group will meet at a designated spot to begin the day with prayer and then you will have the opportunity to view the exhibits at your own pace. During this Lenten season, the Shrine has a special Shroud of Turin exhibit. Mass is celebrated in the Shrine Chapel at Noon (confessions offered for 30 minutes prior to Mass). Bring a bagged lunch to enjoy in the Shrine cafeteria or on the grounds (no food for sale at Shrine). Please RSVP via Flocknote (<https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/201467>) if you plan to attend so that we know who (and how many) to expect. For more information about the Shrine and current exhibits, visit <https://www.jp2shrine.org/exhibits/>.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

SB = St. Benedict, SE = St. Elizabeth

Sunday, March 9

- 2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance
- RELIGIOUS ED/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Hospitality offered by BVM Ladies’ Sodality - 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m. - Hall
- O.C.I.A. Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - 3:00p.m. - Holy Cross Church, Dover

Monday, March 10

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Fundraising Committee Meeting - 6:30p.m. - Hall

Tuesday, March 11

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30-10:30a.m. - SB Church
- Finance Council Meeting - 7pm - Pastor’s FLC Office

Wednesday, March 12

- 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
- Parish Council Meeting - 7pm - FLC Great Room

Thursday, March 13

- 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 -Hall
- YM Chocolate Egg Making - 4-8p.m. - Hall

Friday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 15

- YM Chocolate Egg Making - 9am-1pm - Parish Hall
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass - 4pm - SE Church

Sunday, March 16

- Faith & Charity Appeal Commitment Weekend
- YM Chocolate Egg Sales - Parish Hall after morning Masses
- RELIGIOUS ED/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Hospitality offered by BVM Ladies’ Sodality - 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m. - Parish Hall
- Confirmation Prep Class - 10:45-11:15a.m.
- Gaelic & Garlic Celebration and Chili Cook-Off - 4:00-6:00p.m. - Parish Hall

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 ~ Kathryn Belmonte ~ Mickey Dickerson ~ Addie Flaherty ~ 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

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

SAVE THE DATE... GAELIC & GARLIC CELEBRATION

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

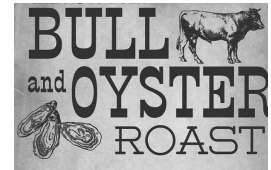


Last year's Gaelic & Garlic Celebration was a big hit as we gathered to celebrate the feast days of St. Patrick (March 17) and St. Joseph (March 19)! The afternoon will begin at 4:00p.m. and will feature a Chili Cook-Off as well as pastries & desserts in honor of the Feast of St. Joseph. Any interested 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 by March 12th 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 gift 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 are on sale now at the cost of \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of 8. Tickets are 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.



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

MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE

The Maryland Right-to-Life March is set for Thursday, March 27th in Annapolis. Our parish has procured a bus which holds 24 people to travel to Annapolis for this event. The bus will depart 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 reserve a spot on the bus, sign-up via Flocknote or contact Tom Lough at upcycle1atime@gmail.com or 443-996-3024.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

The 4th annual Reconciliation Monday will take place on the Monday of Holy Week, April 14th. 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, make plans to do so. Invite friends, neighbors and family members who have been away from the Sacraments to take advantage of this opportunity. Visit www.cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday for more information.

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK. This week, tune in to learn about the cause for canonization of Blessed Brother James Miller, FSC when Father Alan Guanella and Brother Frank Carr are the special guests. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DiocesefWilm 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.

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.