

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

THIS BULLETIN CONTAINS INFORMATION COVERING THIS WEEKEND & NEXT WEEKEND. PLEASE SEE INSERTED PAGE FOR MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 22 & 23.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

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

Tuesday, March 18
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Mary Westrick

Wednesday, March 19
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Patricia Owens
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Fr. Coffey's Priesthood

Thursday, March 20
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Corky Sliwkowski

Friday, March 21
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 22
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Marianna Breeding

Sunday, March 23
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
Betsy Wood
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
Francis Kinnamon
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
The People of the Parish

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

MARCH 15 - MARCH 28, 2025
St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Mike Lindemann



Offertory Giving @ Masses \$ 2,797.00
2nd Collection - Bldg. & Maint. \$ 395.00
Ash Wednesday \$ 635.00
Poor Box \$ 598.00

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 34 of 52)
Actual Offertory \$ 215,925.00
Average Weekly Offertory \$ 6,350.74/wk.

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR....

Dear Parishioners ~
The theme of the Second Sunday of Lent is light. We hear about Christ revealing Himself to His chosen apostles and appearing as a manifestation of light in this weekend's account of the Transfiguration. Light plays a significant role for the season of Lent because it is symbolically seen as a time of being in the tomb with Christ, allowing ourselves to die with Christ by getting rid of the things that separate ourselves from Him. When we come out of Lent, just as Christ came out of the tomb, it will be a Resurrection experience. We will experience light because we will be freed of those things that kept us in darkness, from seeing God fully.

On this Second Sunday of Lent, Bishop Koenig asks everyone in our parish to bring light to those who are living in darkness, whether it be because of a lack of resources, food, shelter, education, or finances, by supporting the 2025 Faith & Charity Annual Appeal. The theme for this year is "Together in Hope". Your donation, whether big or small, helps over 40 crucial ministries in our Diocese continue their work by being beacons of hope. You will be asked at Mass to fill out a pledge card. Thank you for your help, support, and prayers. Please visit the Diocese of Wilmington website for a short video about the campaign and a message from Bishop Koenig. (<https://cdow.org/ministries/development-office/faith-and-charity-catholic-appeal/>)

The theme for the third Sunday of Lent is repentance. The understanding that tragedy and misfortune happens to those who sin was quite common in the time that Christ lived. In fact, it still is today. When tornadoes, wildfires, tragic sudden deaths happen, some people associate these events with the "end times". Jesus mentions this "superstition" in the gospel when He talks about the tower of Siloam collapsing and killing 18 people. It wasn't because God was punishing these people. Rather, Jesus stresses the importance of always being prepared to meet God and the end by repenting and turning back to Him. Thank goodness, we can do this every time we go to confession. We never know when the end of our life will happen. But we can always be prepared.

Please don't forget to purchase some delicious homemade chocolate Easter Eggs from our Youth Group. You have your choice of either coconut, peanut butter, or butter cream. They are only \$4 a piece, while supplies last. They freeze well and make a tasty treat or gift for a special someone to remember Jesus' Resurrection. We thank everyone who attended our chili cook-off for the Gaelic & Garlic event and Dr. Althaus' Lenten Faith Formation talk. These were wonderful parish events to bring people together, learn, pray, and have fun. We always make Ridgely memories. ☺

Please don't forget the Maryland March for Life takes place on March 27th in Annapolis. Our parish is having a bus leave from St. Benedict Church if you would like to attend. We are also taking a parish Lenten Pilgrimage to the St. JPll shrine in DC. Please see the adjacent information if you would like more details or to attend these events.

~ Fr. Coffey

2025 FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL ~ "TOGETHER IN HOPE"



Join us in the spirit of hope and unity as we launch our 2025 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal under the theme "Together in Hope." Inspired by this powerful message, we are reminded that hope is the foundation of our faith and the light that guides us through all challenges. Our Appeal is an opportunity to come together as one community, embracing our shared mission to serve and uplift one another through the love of Christ. This Appeal is not just a call for financial support; it is an invitation to actively participate in the shared journey of hope. Each contribution, no matter the size, is a meaningful step toward building a more connected, compassionate, and hopeful community. As we unite in generosity, let us embody the essence of being "Together in Hope" - a vibrant and faithful community bound by our commitment to live the Gospel message. Help our parish demonstrate a strong level of active participation. We are all invited to be beacons of hope, supporting one another and our diocesan family on this sacred journey. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this vital campaign. Pledge envelopes can be found at the entrance of both churches. 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 (above) with your cellphone.

MARCH 15 & 16 and March 22 & 23, 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 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

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/>.

SECOND & THIRD SUNDAYS OF LENT

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, March 16
• Faith & Charity Appeal Commitment Weekend
• YM Chocolate Egg Sales
• Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
• Hospitality provided by Ladies' Sodality - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Hall
• Confirmation Prep Class - 10:45-11:15a.m.
• Gaelic & Garlic Celebration and Chili Cook-Off - 4:00-6:00p.m. - Parish Hall

Monday, March 17
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass- 9am - SE Church
• Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - SE Church

Tuesday, March 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 Mtg. - 7:00p.m. - Hall

Wednesday, March 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 - 7:00p.m. - Hall

Thursday, March 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
• First Eucharist Prep Gathering - 6:15-7:30p.m. - Hall

Friday, March 21
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
• Lenten Fish Dinner - 5:00-7:00p.m. - Hall
• Shadow Stations presented by the Youth Ministry - 7:00p.m. - St. Benedict Church

Saturday, March 22
• Lenten Faith Formation Gathering - 10:00-11:00a.m. - Parish Hall (followed by lunch)
• Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass - 4:00p.m. - SE Church

Sunday, March 23
• 2nd Collection - Evangelization Support
• YM Chocolate Egg Sales
• Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
• Hospitality provided by Ladies' Sodality - 9:30-10:30a.m. - 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 ~ Dornnic Nallathambi ~ Ann Cannon ~ Nina Taylor ~ James & Elizabeth Smith & Family ~ Pope Francis ~ Jonathan Freed ~ Yacintha Johnson ~ Pam Carson ~ Michael Groves

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 22

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Marianna Breeding

Sunday, March 23

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
Betsy Wood

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

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

Monday, March 24

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Maggie Humphries

Tuesday, March 25

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Betsy Wood

Wednesday, March 26

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Bonnie Spera-Greer
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Thursday, March 27

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Ernie Harris

Friday, March 28

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 29

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Fred & Alice Althaus

Sunday, March 30

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
Betsy Wood

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

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Joey & Sandy Cassella

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

MARCH 29 - APRIL 11, 2025

St. Benedict Church

St. Elizabeth Church

In Memory of Robert & Marty Kibler

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 are on sale now at the cost of \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of 8 (children ages 12 & under are FREE). 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. **HELP WANTED...** We are in need of a few Oyster Shuckers for this event. If you can help, please contact Tony Sala at 443-768-8864 or tonysala@yahoo.com.

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, March 23

- 2nd Collection - Evangelization Support
- YM Chocolate Egg Sales
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Hospitality provided by Ladies' Sodality - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Hall

Monday, March 24

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass- 9am - SE Church
- Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - SE Church
- Knights of Columbus District Meeting - 6:30p.m. - Hall

Tuesday, March 25

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30-10:30a.m. - SB Church
- Catechist Formation Gathering - 6:00-7:30p.m. - Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 26

- 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, March 27

- 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 28

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Stations of the Cross - 7pm - SE Church

Saturday, March 29

- Lenten Pilgrimage to St. John Paul II Shrine in Washington, DC
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass: 4:00p.m.- SE Church

Sunday, March 30

- 2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance
- YM Chocolate Egg Sales
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Keeping Our Promises Curriculum for 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Classes - during regular class time
- Hospitality provided by Ladies' Sodality - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Hall
- Confirmation Prep Class - 10:45-11:15a.m.

WE REMEMBER ✕ WE CELEBRATE ✕ WE BELIEVE



Courtney Faith Dori, daughter of Marty & Colleen Dori, was baptized on March 8th. We celebrate the beginning of a life of faith for Courtney as she receives the gift of new life in God's spirit and becomes a part of the fellowship of the Church through the Rite of Baptism.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The St. Benedict's Youth Ministry has chocolate Easter eggs for sale! They are filled with butter cream, coconut, or peanut butter and are \$4 each. The egg fundraiser is one of our two fundraisers for the year and helps fund our monthly gatherings, recreational trips, and summer retreat at Camp Veritas for youth in grades 6-12. We always sell out, so get your eggs early! They will be for sale after weekend Masses and in the parish hall on Sunday mornings. Thank you in advance for your support!



CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

The next meeting of Caroline County Right to Life will be held on Tuesday, March 18th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

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 upcycle1atatime@gmail.com or 443-996-3024.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE HERITAGE OF



SATURDAY, MAY 17th ~ 10:00am - 4:00pm

Explore Caroline County's humble beginnings with an inside look at five of the Eastern Shore's most stunning properties:

POTTER HALL ~ MEMORY LANE ~ CASTLE HALL
KNOTTS WALSH ~ MARBLE HEAD

\$40 per ticket in advance, \$45 if purchased day of tour.

CHILDREN 10-AND-UP ARE FULL PRICE. (PLEASE NO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 10.)



2025 HISTORIC HOMES TOUR ~ WHY ARE WE ADVERTISING THIS IN OUR CHURCH BULLETIN?

Two prominent Caroline County families were united by marriage and helped build the original St Elizabeth Church in Denton around 1824. Can you name the two families? The married couple lived in one of these houses, do you know which one? Come on the tour and find out these interesting facts and more!

<https://carolinehistory.org/2025-caroline-county-historic-homes-tour/>

Marriage Workshop: Strengthening Your Love Now Offered in TWO locations!

April 5-6, 2025: St. Andrew by the Bay, Annapolis, MD and

Jun 21-22, 2025: Our Lady of Bethesda, Bethesda, MD

A Christ-centered weekend designed to offer practical tools that can help foster effective communication and emotional closeness in your marriage. The expert speaker team includes Catholic psychologists, therapists, and priests who will offer their expertise and experience, plus they will be on hand the entire weekend to offer individual consultation, upon request. **This enriching experience will be held at two beautiful locations: St. Andrew by the Bay in Annapolis, MD on April 5-6, 2025, AND Our Lady of Bethesda in Bethesda, MD on June 21-22, 2025.** Choose the date and location that best fits your schedule. Please note: This is NOT an overnight program. Cost: \$650 per couple (early-bird pricing may be available.) Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is located at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817; St. Andrews by the Bay Catholic Church is located at 701 College Pkwy, Annapolis, MD 21409. Registration is required and Seating is limited. See our website for more details about the program and links to register: www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

Now Available in Two Locations!

MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE THRIVE

STRENGTHENING
Your Love

Marriage
Renewal
Workshop

Location:
Our Lady of Bethesda
Retreat Center
7007 Bradley Blvd.
Bethesda, MD 20817

Dates:
Jun 21-22, 2025
Oct 11-12, 2025

Location:
St. Andrews by the Bay
701 College Pkwy
Annapolis, MD 21409

Dates:
Apr 5-6, 2025

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OUR LADY OF BETHESDA
RETREAT CENTER
— MIRACLES HAPPEN HERE —

CAROLINE BETTER TOGETHER ~ COMMUNITY DINNER & CONVERSATIONS

Spring into Wellness ~ Studies show that participating in events like Community Conversations promotes well-being so come and talk with your neighbors about the wellness resources in our community. Just attending is good for your health!

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 Time: 5:30-7:30p.m.

Location: Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Hall, 700 Old Line Road, Goldsboro

RSVP appreciated but not required - www.bit.ly/CBTDinner. For more information, contact admin@carolinebettertogether.org.