

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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
Joey & Sandy Cassella

Monday, March 31
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Sr. Norma Loraditch

Tuesday, April 1
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
T.J. Callaway

Wednesday, April 2
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Chris Powell

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Leland Mikkelsen

Thursday, April 3
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Patricia Owens

Friday, April 4
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, April 5
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Virginia Blades

Sunday, April 6
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
Al Brewer

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Brian Spiering

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS
MARCH 29 - APRIL 11, 2025
St. Benedict Church

St. Elizabeth Church
In Memory of Robert & Marty Kibler



Offertory Giving @ Masses \$ 3,330.00
Poor Box \$ 471.00

FOR MARCH 22 & 23, 2025
Offertory Giving @ Masses \$ 2,560.00
2nd Collection - Evangelization \$ 89.00

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 39 of 52)
Actual Offertory \$ 221,181.50
Average Weekly Offertory \$ 5,687.56/wk.

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR....

Dear Parishioners ~
St. Paul tells us in the second reading this weekend: “Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God”. Hopefully, during this period of Lenten fasting, discipline, and almsgiving, we see ourselves being renewed in Christ. Lent is a time to change. To make new. To develop. So, that when Easter comes at last, we may rise with New Man – who is Christ Jesus.

The Rose vestments this weekend remind us: The time is near! The time is short! Prepare for the Resurrection! Prepare to be renewed and clothed in glory with Christ.



This weekend, we will be hosting a beautiful visiting icon of Our Lady provided by the Knights of Columbus. After Mass, you will have the opportunity to come up and venerate the icon and ask Our Lady’s intercession in whatever prayer requests you may have. The Knights will also be hosting their LAST Super Sunday breakfast of the program year NEXT Sunday. During the summer, breakfasts are suspended until Fall time. Please plan to attend and make the last breakfast of the year a success. It is only \$6.

Please see our Holy Week Schedule on the insert in today’s bulletin. There will be several opportunities for Masses and Confessions, as well as Adoration. We hope you can join us at the Sacred Paschal Triduum – the three holiest days and most glorious liturgies the Church offers the entire year. On Monday, April 14th, we will once again have *Reconciliation Monday* from 3-5 PM at St. Elizabeth and 6-8 PM at St. Benedicts. Come and set things right with the Lord!

Our “SpringFest” – *An Old-Fashioned Eastern Shore Bull & Oyster Roast* – is right around the corner. The event is on Saturday, April 26th from 2-7 PM in the Parish Hall. For only \$40, you get delicious All-U-Can-Eat *Eastern Shore Style* homemade food. There will be a well-stocked bar, fun, entertainment, raffles, cornhole, and delicious goodies. We hope to see you there!

~ Fr. Coffey

GAELIC & GARLIC CELEBRATION and CHILI COOK OFF
AND THE WINNERS ARE...

About 80 parishioners, along with friends & family members, attended our recent Gaelic & Garlic Celebration and Chili Cook Off. There were 15 chili entries in the Chili Cook Off and the winners were: First Place: Curt Henderson, Second Place: Connie Walton, Third Place: Yvonne Liswell, People’s Choice: Cindy Draper. Thank you one and all for the delicious chili and desserts. Maybe next year we’ll add a Dessert Cook-Off, too!

2025 FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL ~ “TOGETHER IN HOPE”



Embracing the gospel message, *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13)*, we invite you to join us in our 2025 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal under the theme “Together in Hope.” This Appeal is a call for us to unite in faith, as a community bound by hope, trusting in God’s providence and guided by the

Spirit. Just as hope sustains us through life’s challenges, our collective generosity will bring forth abundant blessings for those in need within our diocese. Your giving is not only a response to the call of Christ but a powerful expression of our shared hope and solidarity. Let us unite in giving, confident that together, we can make a transformative difference in the lives of thousands. “Together in Hope,” we can achieve more than we ever could alone. Thank you to everyone who has pledged to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real and lasting impact on the lives of individuals and families across our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support. 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 29 & 30, 2025
CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The second gathering for First Eucharist will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2025, from 6:15 to 7:30 in the parish hall.

Confirmation Candidates: REMINDER - Blue and white service forms are due April 6, 2025.

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!

SUPER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Next Sunday, April 6th, the Knights of Columbus will host their final Super Sunday Breakfast of this program year after the 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses in the Parish Hall. The buffet menu consists of farm fresh scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, sausage gravy with biscuits, potatoes, pancakes, and beverages all for the bargain cost of just \$6 per person (\$35 max per family). Please RSVP via Flocknote if you plan to attend: <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/202444>.

WE REMEMBER ❖ WE CELEBRATE ❖ WE BELIEVE



WELCOME TO THE WORLD (& the Parish Family)!
We congratulate Julia & Justin Medrano on the birth of their first child, son **Nathan Matthew Medrano**, who arrived on Sunday, March 16th and weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz and was 20 ½ ” long. Nathan is the grandson of parishioners, Jill & Kenny King, and the great grandson of Catherine (Cass) Kempel.

We also congratulate parishioners, Emma & David Auerbach, on the birth of their third child, daughter **Thalia Rose Marie Auerbach**, who arrived on Wednesday, March 19th and weighed 9 lbs., 8 oz and was 20” long. Thalia is the granddaughter of parishioner, Lilian Rodgers.



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!

PARISH GREETING CARD MINISTRY

Thanks to all those who donated greeting cards for those in need in our parish. You were very generous with donations of cards and postage stamps. God bless you! **We are seeking volunteers to help prepare Easter Cards for our homebound and sick parishioners.** If you have some time to assist with some cutting and pasting, writing and labeling (and adding postage stamps) for our Easter cards, please join us in the Parish Hall from 10am-11am on Saturday, April 5. Call Maria Poptanich if you’re able to help or if you have any questions – 302-725-7218. Thank you.

Do you have a crib that you no longer need? We are aware of a young mom-to-be in need who could put it to good use. Other furniture (changing table, etc...) could also be helpful. Please contact Lori Parks in the Parish Office if you have items - 410-634-2253 or LParks@beparish.com.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

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 Ladie’s Sodality – 9:30-10:30a.m. – Hall
• Confirmation Prep Class – 10:45-11:15a.m.

Monday, March 31
• Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass- 9am – SE Church
• Intercessory Prayer Group – 9:30a.m. – SE Church
• Knights of Columbus Exemplification – 6-9pm – Hall

Tuesday, April 1
• Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:30a.m. – SB Church
• BVM Sodality Meeting – 7pm – Hall (Praying of the Rosary at 6:30p.m.)

Wednesday, April 2
• 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 – Hall

Thursday, April 3
• 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, April 4
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
• Stations of the Cross – 7pm – SB Church

Saturday, April 5
• Greeting Card Ministry Gathering to prep Easter Cards – 10-11am – Parish Hall
• First Saturday Rosary – 3:30p.m. – SE Church
• Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass: 4:00p.m.– SE Church

Sunday, April 6
• 2nd Collection – Catholic Relief & Easter Flowers
• YM Chocolate Egg Sales
• Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes – 9:40-10:45a.m.
• Super Sunday Breakfast after 7:15 & 8:30a.m. Masses – Parish Hall
• 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 ~ 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 ~ James & Elizabeth Smith & Family ~ Pope Francis ~ Jonathan Freed ~ Yacintha Johnson ~ Pam Carson ~ Michael Groves

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW for our 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) and 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus would like to thank all parishioners for their donation of over 420 coats (many of them new) along with many hats and gloves for our annual "Coats for the Cold" drive. The coats, gloves and hats were distributed to three homeless shelters in Caroline County: St. Martin's Barn, the Samaritan House and an elementary school. Several of our own parishioners also enjoyed the benefits of the coat drive. As Knights, we sponsor many charitable collections and events. When we ask our parish to step up and give, your almsgiving is equal to none. Many folks stayed warm this winter thanks to your generosity. Vivat Jesus - Dan Tuel



The St. Joan of Arc Council Knights of Columbus started at our parish in 1996. Since then, our membership has helped our parish in many of its needs. Over the years our council has always reached out to our community to help families, friends and seminarians with financial support when needed. Please take a look at the Knights of Columbus. We are the biggest Catholic organization in the world. We have over 2 million members worldwide. Our council is always looking for a few good men to carry out our mission. We bring men closer to their faith by performing works of charity and giving back to our community. Right now you can join online by going to www.KofC.org/join. Enter the code BlessedMcGivney to get free membership for a year. Our annual dues are only \$20. If you have questions, please contact Membership Director, Tom Lough, at 443-996-3024.

SODALITY NEWS

The BVM Ladies' Sodality has compiled a cookbook and will be selling copies (for the cost of \$10 each) for the next several weekends. You can purchase copies in person after the 8:30a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. Or, see the order form inserted in today's bulletin, fill it out and cut it out; then, place it in an envelope marked "Sodality Cookbooks" along with your payment and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass (or mail or drop off your form to the parish office) to reserve cookbooks (a Sodality member will call you to make arrangements for delivery or pick-up). Checks should be made payable to St. Benedict Church.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE- THE EUCHARIST: FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

We invite the men and their sons to a weekend encounter with Jesus at the Mid-May & Archbishop Fitzmaurice Men's Retreat, May 16th-18th, 2025. Our Retreat Director is Fr Simeon Gallagher, OFM, Cap, and guest speaker is Phil Martelli, former BB Coach, at St. Joseph's University. Register at: www.malvernretreat.com/events/mid-may-arch-fitzmaurice-2025/ or contact Maurice Sadowsky at mjsadowsky@yahoo.com. Malvern has retreats for women, men, married couples, families, young adults, and addiction recovery, please visit malvernretreat.com.

The Archdiocese of Atlanta Office of Evangelization and Discipleship, Witness to Marriage, and Abounding Joy Ministry are hosting a free online event on April 22, 2025, from 7:00-8:30 PM (EST), which is offering hope, healing, and encouragement for those who are Separated and Divorced. In this compassionate and faith-filled presentation, Divorce Healing Coach Carolyn Klika will guide you through the most common struggles faced by those navigating separation or divorce including anger, forgiveness, loneliness, and anxiety. For more information or to register click on the following link or visit the Diocese of Wilmington website: [An Evening for the Separated & Divorced | Abounding Joy](http://AnEveningfortheSeparated&Divorced|AboundingJoy) or www.aboundingjoyministry.com

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.

A promotional poster for a marriage workshop. The background is a grayscale photo of a couple embracing. The text is in blue and orange. There are decorative stars and heart icons. The poster includes details about two locations and dates, a QR code, and the website URL.

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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