

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 13

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION

7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church

Intentions of Isabel Pita

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

Francis Donald Kempel

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

The People of the Parish

Monday, April 14

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Chris Powell

Tuesday, April 15

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Terry Keith

Wednesday, April 16

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Intentions of the Priesthood of Fr. Coffey

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Alice Brown

Thursday, April 17 ~ HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord’s Supper

7:00p.m. St. Benedict Church

People of the Parish

Friday, April 18 ~ GOOD FRIDAY

3:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Service of the Lord’s Passion & Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 19 ~ HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil Mass

8:00p.m. St. Benedict Church

People of the Parish

Sunday, April 20

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION of the LORD

7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church

People of the Parish

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

People of the Parish

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

People of the Parish

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

APRIL 12 – APRIL 25, 2025

St. Benedict Church

St. Elizabeth Church

In Memory of Dan Finnerin



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD FOR APRIL 5 & 6, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 4,411.00
2 nd Collections:	
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 386.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 41.14
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,034.00
Poor Box	\$ 569.00

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 41 of 52)

Actual Offertory	\$ 235,856.40
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,752.60/wk.

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR....

Dear Parishioners ~



I ask you to pray for Alana Turner, who is entering full communion with the Church this year at the Easter Vigil in our parish. Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill her with all the Gifts necessary in her search for Christ and the One, True, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Faith. May her works and life bear Fruit for eternity and may she be an authentic witness to the world.

Please think about a special someone in your life – whether they be a family member, friend, or neighbor – who has not been to church for a long time. Perhaps, they may know very little about Christ. Invite them to the Sacred Triduum. We will never know how the Holy Spirit can work through their life as they experience the power of the Resurrection. You may just very well be the instrument the Lord needs to help bring them back.

This Monday evening, Bishop Koenig has asked all the priests in the Diocese to hear confessions for several hours for *Reconciliation Monday*. I will be in the confessional at St. Elizabeth from 3-5 PM and at St. Benedict from 6-8 PM. Additionally, we also have confessions every day before our daily Masses from 8:15-8:45 AM as well as Wednesday evenings from 5:15-5:45 PM. Please take advantage of these times. There is never an excuse not to come and have a “reset” for your life. Often, we are the ones who stand in the way of allowing Jesus to heal us and free us completely. I am always willing and free to hear confessions. All you have to do is ask. ☺

~ Fr. Coffey

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Please visit the parish website (<https://16009.sites.ecatholic.com/upcoming-events>) to access the schedule for Holy Week & Easter (or see the page below).

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Holy Hour ~ 3:00-4:00p.m. ~ St. Benedict Church

Followed by Polish pastries and punch in the Parish Hall

NEW FILM ON CARLO ACUTIS IN THEATERS APRIL 27-29 ONLY

Discover the incredible life of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis in *Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality*. This powerful new documentary film explores his life, legacy, and the impact of technology on young people today. Through firsthand accounts from family and friends, plus insights from Catholic leaders and tech experts, the film tackles urgent questions about technology's impact on humanity, holding up Carlo as a model for young people as they engage the digital world. Learn more at CarloAcutisFilm.com.

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RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Our fourth annual Reconciliation Monday will take place this Monday, April 14th. At our parish, confessions will be held from 3:00-5:00pm at St. Elizabeth Church and 6:00-8:00pm at St. Benedict Church. All parishes within our diocese will be having confessions from 3:00-8:00pm 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.

USHERS NEEDED FOR 10:15/11:15A.M. MASSES

Do you regularly attend the 11:15a.m. (10:15a.m.) Mass at St. Elizabeth Church and have a willingness to serve as an usher? If so, please contact Lori in the Parish Office. Basic training will be provided.

APRIL 12 & 13, 2025

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The third gathering for First Eucharist will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025, from 6:15 to 7:30 in the parish hall.

We will be having our **Easter Egg Hunt** again this year! The Egg Hunt will be held after the 8:30 mass on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, at St. Benedict. Children ages 3 to 5 will have a separate hunting area from children ages 6 to 10. If you know your kiddo(s) will participate in the hunt, please write their names down on the sign-up sheet that will be in the entrance at each Church or send me an email with the name(s). You do not have to sign up, I am just trying to get an idea of how many kids will be participating so that I can have plenty of eggs. Bring your own bag or basket for collecting eggs or get a bag from me at the egg hunt!

Early Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education year will be held each religious education Sunday in April (April 6th, 13th, and 27th). Register early and receive a discount and peace of mind that it's already completed! I will have religious education and sacramental prep registration forms in the great room before and during classes those three Sundays. Receiving Sacraments: the Diocese requires your student to actively take part in religious formation sessions for at least two successive years prior to the Sacramental year. This means that if your student is in eighth (8th) grade this year, in order for him/her to be confirmed when our parish holds confirmation (10th grade), they must be registered and actively participate in ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) grade religious education classes as well as register and actively participate in the confirmation program. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have 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!

SODALITY NEWS



Cookbooks for Sale

Cooking & Baking with Saints in the Making

Recipes compiled by
The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary

\$10 each

Proceeds from cookbook sales will support the ministries of The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of Cookbooks _____

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, fill in the form at the left, cut it out and 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.

APRIL BABY SHOWER

The Sodality is also collecting baby wipes and diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6) throughout the month of April. They will be donated to Martin’s House & Barn in Ridgely. Please place your donations in the boxes that can be found in the back of either church or drop them off at the parish office.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, April 13

- 2nd Collection – Operation Rice Bowl
- YM Chocolate Egg Sales – Final Weekend
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes – 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Hospitality offered by Knights of Columbus – 9:30-10:30a.m. – Parish Hall
- Confirmation Interviews – 1:00-3:00p.m. – Pastor’s FLC Office

Monday, April 14 ~ RECONCILIATION MONDAY

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass– 9am – SE Church
- Intercessory Prayer Group – 9:30a.m. – SE Church
- Confessions – 3:00-5:00p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
- Confessions – 6:00-8:00p.m. – St. Benedict Church

Tuesday, April 15

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass – 9am – SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:30-10:30a.m. – SB Church
- Chrism Mass – 7:00p.m. – Holy Cross Church, Dover DE
- Caroline County Right to Life Meeting – 7pm – Hall

Wednesday, April 16

- 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
- O.C.I.A. Retreat – 6:00-8:00p.m. – FLC Resource Rm.
- Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7pm – Hall

Thursday, April 17 ~ HOLY THURSDAY

- NO MORNING MASS/BIBLE STUDY/HOMESCHOOL
- Holy Thursday Practice for Liturgical Ministers – 10am – St. Benedict Church
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7pm – St. Benedict Church
- Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament – after Mass until 10pm in Parish Hall

Friday, April 18 ~ GOOD FRIDAY

- Good Friday Practice for Liturgical Ministers – 10am – St. Elizabeth Church
- Ecumenical Walk of the Cross – begins at Noon at St. Luke’s Methodist Church, Denton
- Service of the Lord’s Passion & Veneration of the Cross – 3:00p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church

Saturday, April 19 ~ HOLY SATURDAY

- Easter Vigil Practice for Liturgical Ministers – 10am – St. Benedict Church
- O.C.I.A. Practice for Vigil – 11am – St. Benedict Church
- Easter Sunday Practice for Liturgical Ministers scheduled for 8:30a.m. Mass – 11:30am – SB Church
- Blessing of Easter Food & Baskets – Noon – SB Church
- Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00p.m. – St. Benedict Church

Sunday, April 20 ~ EASTER SUNDAY

- 2nd Collection – Easter
- MASSES: 7:15A.M. & 8:30A.M. – St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
- Resurrection Procession prior to 8:30a.m. Mass in Ridgely
- Easter Egg Hunt after the 8:30a.m. Mass in Ridgely
- NO Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes



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 ~ MaryJo Hathaway ~ Yvonne Liswell ~ Debbie Layton ~ Cindy Cummings ~ Keith & Maria Poptanich ~ Freddie Adams, Jr. ~ Steve Goff ~ Mary Ellen Black ~ Claire Stevens ~ Dick Palazzolo ~ Jack Houtz ~ Carla Moure ~ Pat Pasciak ~ Shirley Smith ~ Jim 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 ~ Ann Cannon ~ Pope Francis ~ Jonathan Freed ~ Yacintha Johnson ~ Pam Carson

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



Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge 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. **Did you know that the Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal supports over 40 ministries across our Diocese - from faith formation to food assistance, from youth ministry to mental health services?** Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support.

"Together in Hope," we can achieve more than we ever could alone.

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

Thank you to all who have donated so generously to the memorial monument fundraiser in remembrance of babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth and abortion. Our goal is to raise \$500 more to include a bench and statue at the site at Holy Cross Cemetery. Donations can be placed in the collection baskets and should be made payable to St. Benedict Church with "Memorial Monument Fundraiser" in the memo line. The plan is to have the memorial monument in place for the Memorial Day Mass for the fallen and Holy Innocents which will take place at the cemetery on Monday, May 26th at 9am.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

ATTENTION ALL KNIGHTS... YOUR HELP IS NEEDED...

for the upcoming Bull & Oyster Roast fundraiser for our church on April 26th and at the Strawberry Festival on May 25th in Ridgely. Faith in Action is our calling as Knights. Please contact Grand Knight, Tony Sala, at 443-768-8864 or tonysala@yahoo.com if you can help at either event.

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.



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE HERITAGE OF



**2025 Caroline County
Historic Homes Tour**

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/>



**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW for our
OLD-FASHIONED EASTERN SHORE BULL & OYSTER ROAST
Saturday, April 26, 2025 ~ 2:00-7:00p.m. ~ Parish Hall**

TOP TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND ...

1. **Support our Parish** - Your purchase of a ticket and participation in the festivities throughout the event helps to raise funds for our parish, assisting us in meeting our budget and supporting our many ministries.
2. **Great food** - The menu includes homemade vegetable crab soup, fresh oysters, our signature roast beef, pulled BBQ chicken, sausage & peppers, baked beans, mac and cheese, homemade coleslaw, Ceasar salad & dessert! Our cooks are amazing and very hard-working.
3. **Games of Chance** - try your luck at the Cake Wheel, Big 6 Wheel and Plant Wheel
4. **Music & Dancing** - Put on your dancing shoes and dance off some of the calories from your delicious meal.
5. **Door Prizes** - Chances to win great door prizes throughout the event.
6. **Ticket Auction** - There will be a variety of great theme baskets and items to choose from.
7. **Pie-Eating Contest** - Yepp, you heard that right! And, if you are the big winner, you'll receive \$150 in gift cards. Entry fee of \$10 per participant.
8. **Cornhole Tournament** - Two-player teams will compete to see who's the best. First place winners will receive a prize valued at \$200. Entry fee is \$10 per player.
9. **Celebrate with old friends & meet new ones** - Socialize with friends, family and fellow parishioners.
10. _____ - Fill in the blank with your own reason for attending and get your tickets today!

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. **COME JOIN THE FUN!** 🥧🥧

CAKES & PIES NEEDED FOR WHEEL ...

We will have a Cake Wheel at this event and are seeking donations of whole cakes and pies. If you enjoy baking and would like to make a cake or a pie, you can drop them off on Friday, April 25th between 8am-4pm at the Parish Office or at the Parish Hall on Saturday, April 26th between 10am-1pm. Thank you.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST AT EVENT...

Volunteers are needed to help support this fundraiser. There will be two volunteer shifts: 1:30-4:30p.m. and 4:30-7:30p.m. Help is needed with the following tasks:

- Set-Up & Decorating Volunteers
- Check-in Guests & Oversee Door Prizes
- Greeters - direct & help guests
- Chance Auction - sell tickets & manage area
- Bussing Tables - clear tables and take out trash
- Games of Chance - Assist with the Games of Chance
- Clean Up - assist with cleaning up throughout the event

If you can spare a few hours to assist on one of the two shifts, please contact Anne Henderson at 302-547-7503 or abcdhen@aol.com OR sign-up via Flocknote: <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/206899>



Holy Week & Easter Triduum Mass Times

You are invited to experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Liturgy.

St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth Parish
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Saturday, 12 April 2025

- 4:00 pm Mass with Blessing of the Palms – St. Elizabeth

Palm Sunday, 13 April 2025

- 7:15 am & 8:30 am Masses with Blessing of the Palms – St. Benedict
- 11:15a.m. Mass with Blessing of the Palms – St. Elizabeth

Monday, 14 April 2025

Reconciliation Monday

- 8:15–8:45a.m. – Confessions – St. Elizabeth
- 9:00 am Daily Mass – St. Elizabeth
- 3:00–5:00p.m. – Confessions – St. Benedict
- 6:00–8:00p.m. – Confessions – St. Benedict

Tuesday, 15 April 2025

- 8:15–8:45a.m. – Confessions – St. Benedict
- 9:00 am Daily Mass – St. Benedict
- 9:30–10:30a.m. – Adoration – St. Benedict
- 7:00p.m. – Chrism Mass – Holy Cross Church, Dover, DE

Wednesday, 16 April 2025

- 8:15–8:45a.m. – Confessions – St. Elizabeth
- 9:00 am Daily Mass – St. Elizabeth
- 5:15–5:45p.m. – Confessions & Adoration – St. Elizabeth
- 6:00p.m. – Mass – St. Elizabeth

Holy Thursday, 17 April 2025

- NO Morning Mass
- 10:00a.m. – Liturgical Ministers Rehearsal – St. Benedict*
- 7:00 pm – Celebration of the Mass of The Lord's Supper, followed by a procession of the Eucharist to the Parish Hall (the Hall will be open for prayer until 10:00p.m.)

Good Friday, 18 April 2025

- NO Morning Mass
- 10:00a.m. – Liturgical Ministers Rehearsal – St. Elizabeth*
- Noon – Ecumenical Cross Walk – begins at St. Luke's UMC, Denton
- 3:00p.m. – Service of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross – St. Elizabeth

Holy Saturday, 19 April 2025

- 10:00a.m. – Liturgical Ministers Rehearsal for Easter Vigil – St. Benedict*
- 11:00a.m. – O.C.I.A. Rehearsal – St. Benedict
- 11:30a.m. – Liturgical Ministers Rehearsal for 8:30a.m. Easter Sunday Mass – St. Benedict*
- Noon – Blessing of Easter Food & Baskets – St. Benedict
- 8:00p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass – St. Benedict

Easter Sunday, 20 April 2025

- 7:15 am Mass – St. Benedict
- 8:20a.m. – Resurrection Procession – St. Benedict
- 8:30a.m. Mass – St. Benedict (Easter Egg Hunt for children after 8:30a.m. Mass)
- 11:15a.m. Easter Mass – St. Elizabeth

*For practices for liturgical ministers on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, scheduled cantors, musicians and altar servers should attend. Practice is optional for ushers and lectors.

QUEEN ANNE CHORALE SPRING CONCERT

The Queen Anne's Chorale is having its April 2025 concert and is once again performing at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College (TPAC) for one performance only, "Spring Fling", on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. The concert will feature many nostalgic spring-inspired pieces. The ticket price is \$27.30 per adult; students aged 13-18 are \$16.80 (ticket price includes the TPAC fee) and Children up to 13 are FREE (when accompanied by a paid adult admission). To purchase tickets, please access our website: qachorale.org. Online tickets also at toddperformingartscenter.simplenetix.com. Our fellow parishioner, Sharon Balling, is a long-time member of the Chorale and wishes to thank you for your past support. She is looking forward to seeing you at the April concert. If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach her by e-mail at edwardballing@comcast.net or by phone at 410-897-7663.

AROUND THE DIOCESE & COMMUNITY

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK. This week, tune in for our annual Easter program featuring Bishop Koenig's Easter message to the people of the Diocese of Wilmington. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DiocesefWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. no radio broadcast this week due to Relevant Radio Easter programming. More information is available at cdow.org/CatholicForum and FaceBook.com/CatholicForum.

YOU'RE INVITED!

SPARTAN LECTURE SERIES FEATURING FATHER GREGORY BOYLE

Saint Mark's High School is excited to introduce the Spartan Lecture Series, a new initiative designed to bring distinguished speakers from across the country to educate and inspire our community on a range of engaging topics. The inaugural event is set for May 6 at 7pm. Father Gregory Boyle will be the guest speaker. Father Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the world's largest gang intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at www.stmarkshs.net/father-boyle. Saint Mark's High School is located at 2501 Pike Creek Road in Wilmington.