

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 21

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Dan Finnerin

Tuesday, April 22

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Betsy Wood

Wednesday, April 23

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Bonnie Spera-Greer

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Noreen Flohr

Thursday, April 24

7:00p.m. St. Benedict Church

Intentions of Fr. Brian Lewis

Friday, April 25

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, April 26

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

People of the Parish

Sunday, April 27

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY

7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church

Betsy Wood

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

Maureen Duggan-Cassidy

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Francis Kinnamon

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 12 & 13, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 9,321.00
2 nd Collections:	
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 388.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 680.00
Poor Box	\$ 288.35

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 42 of 52)

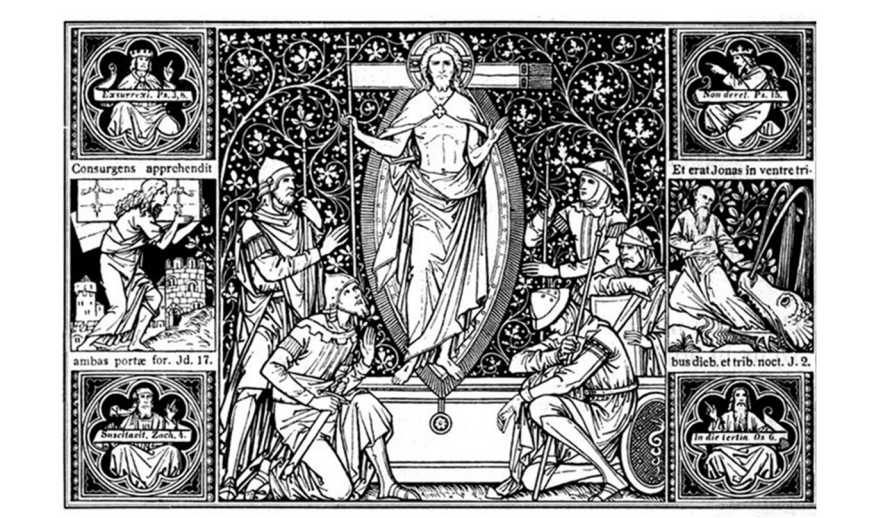
Actual Offertory	\$ 245,177.40
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,837.56/wk.

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR....

Surrexit Dominus vere, Alleluia, alleluia! Surrexit Christus hodie, Alleluia, alleluia!



Dear Parishioners ~

Our Parish Staff, Deacons, and I wish everyone a very joyful and Happy Easter! May the Resurrection of Our Lord fill you with peace and the promise of new life!

We thank all our Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, and Volunteers who helped with the Triduum Liturgies. In a special way we thank the Ladies Environment Teams for making the Churches so beautiful and gorgeous for Easter.

Congratulations to Alana Turner for being fully initiated into the Church and Our Parish Family at the Easter Vigil. May Alana's Faith Journey serve as an example to those who have no Faith, and to we who have Faith, that our Faith may be strengthened from the Joy of the Risen Christ.

Please remember next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have a special Divine Mercy Celebration from 3-4 PM in St. Benedict's Church. There will be Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Confessions. A guest priest will be visiting us to assist with Confessions. Afterwards, there will be delicious Polish pastries and goodies in the Hall in honor of St. Faustina provided by the Ladies Sodality. We hope you can join us and experience Jesus' unconditional gift of Mercy.



~ Fr. Coffey

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.

LITURGY

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 19 & 20, 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, at St. Benedict. Children ages 3 to 5 will have a separate hunting area from children ages 6 to 10. 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 is selling copies (for the cost of \$10 each) while supplies last (about 10 left). You can purchase copies in person after the 8:30a.m. Mass next Sunday (4/27) 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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

WELCOME VISITORS!

Sunday, April 20 ~ EASTER SUNDAY

- 2nd Collection - Easter
- MASSSES: 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

Monday, April 21

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass- 9am - SE Church
- Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - SE Church
- Hall/Great Room Set-Up for Bull & Oyster Roast

Tuesday, April 22

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30-10:30a.m. - SB Church
- Hall/Great Room Set-Up for Bull & Oyster Roast

Wednesday, April 23

- 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
- Hall/Great Room Set-Up for Bull & Oyster Roast

Thursday, April 24

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SB Church
- Adult Bible Study - 9:30a.m. - FLC Resource Room
- Hall/Great Room Set-Up for Bull & Oyster Roast
- Homeschool Co-Op Classes - 9am-1pm - Parish Hall
- First Eucharist Prep Gathering - 6:15p.m. - Hall

Friday, April 25

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Hall/Great Room Set-Up for Bull & Oyster Roast

Saturday, April 26

- Bull & Oyster Roast - 2:00-7:00p.m. - Parish Hall
- Non-Perishable Food Collection for Martin's Barn - prior to all Masses
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass: 4:00p.m.- SE Church

Sunday, April 27 ~ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- 2nd Collection - Mother's Day
- MASSSES: 7:15A.M. & 8:30A.M. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Non-Perishable Food Collection for Martin's Barn - prior to all Masses
- Last Day of Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Confirmation Prep Class - 10:45-11:15a.m.
- Hospitality offered by Knights of Columbus - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Parish Hall
- Divine Mercy Holy Hour - 3:00-4:00p.m. - SB Church followed by refreshments in Parish Hall

 GET THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT PARISH EVENTS & LITURGIES ...

If you haven't yet signed up for Flocknote, we encourage you to do so. Our parish uses Flocknote to send emails and text messages about parish liturgies & events. To sign-up, go to www.flocknote.com/BEPARISH OR text the word BEPARISH to 84576 from your iPhone/Android to subscribe.

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 ~ Kelley Van Ess

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



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>

AROUND THE DIOCESE & COMMUNITY

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. On-line tickets also at, toddperformingartscenter.simpletix.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.

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.

