

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 10
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, May 11
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
Mother's Day Intentions
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
Mother's Day Intentions
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Mother's Day Intentions

Monday, May 12
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Bob Clancy

Tuesday, May 13
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Christina Jewell
10:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
Funeral Mass for Noreen Flohr

Wednesday, May 14
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Dan Finnerin
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Pope Francis

Thursday, May 15
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Noreen Flohr

Friday, May 16
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, May 17
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Jacqueline & Tim Willwerth

Sunday, May 18
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
Betsy Wood
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
Francis Donald Kempel
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

MAY 10 - MAY 23, 2025
St. Benedict Church
St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of the DiMeglio & Henderson Families



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD FOR MAY 3 & 4, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses \$ 5,103.00
WeShare Giving for April, 2025 \$ 1,469.82
Mother's Day Intentions \$ 225.00
Poor Box \$ 25.00

YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 45 of 52)
Actual Offertory \$ 262,352.22
Average Weekly Offertory \$ 5,830.04/wk.

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR....

Dear Parishioners ~



In our first reading this weekend from Acts, we hear of the early Church's post-resurrection account of two apostles - Paul and Barnabas. Both tried to the best of their ability to convert both Jews and Gentiles as followers of Christ. We hear, however, that not everyone cooperated. There was much reported hostility, jealousy, and even rivalry among the Jews and Gentiles. When we

read the Scriptures, we often forget that even in these early days of the Church, not everyone converted, and not all conversions were immediate. So, it is the same today. Sometimes, we need to be patient. Sometimes we need to have perseverance. Sometimes, we've tried the best we can, and all we can do is move on and shake the dust from our feet - just like Paul and Barnabas did.

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day - how appropriate during this month of Our Lady. It is a special weekend to thank the many "Lady Figures" in our lives, both living and deceased, who nourished us and gave us life. Happy Mother's Day! ☺ Please pray the Rosary daily, especially during this month, asking for Our Lady's intercession for your daily endeavors, for the world, and for the Church.

~ Fr. Coffey

BISHOP KOENIG ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE ELECTIN OF POPE LEO XIV

Thursday, May 8, 2025 5:30 p.m. --- (Wilmington, Delaware) ---
The Most Reverend William E. Koenig, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, has released the following statement on the election of of His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV:



The Diocese of Wilmington joins with Catholics and people of good will throughout the world in gratitude to God for choosing Pope Leo XIV as the next pope to lead the Catholic Church. As a native of the windy City of Chicago, Pope Leo is undoubtedly very familiar with effects of living on the shores of Lake Michigan. Today, as a Church, we have become aware of the even more powerful winds of the Holy Spirit that have guided the Cardinal electors to select the first American Pope.

As a son of St. Augustine, Pope Leo's experiences as a missionary, administrator, canonist and Vatican official combined with his reputation as a prayerful, quiet, humble, holy and kind man, reveal the mind and heart of one who is a worthy successor of St. Peter.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we witness once again how, when it comes to God's watchful care over the Church, "hope does not disappoint." As we now welcome Pope Leo as our 267th pope to lead the Catholic Church, we are mindful of his quoting earlier today St Augustine words that "for you I am a bishop, but with you I am a Christian." We join in praying for him and the Church.

Bishop Koenig will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the election of the Holy Father on Sunday, May 11, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Sixth and North West Streets, in Wilmington. The public is invited to attend. The Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocese of Wilmington's YouTube channel - www.YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm.

MAY 10 & 11, 2025
CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Registration forms for the 2025-2026 formation year were sent home with all students on the last day of Religious Ed classes. I will also mail the forms home to those for whom I haven't received forms in June. Registration forms are also available in the parish office, and I hope to get them posted on our website soon as well. Register early and receive a discount and peace of mind that it's already completed!

Receiving Sacraments: the Diocese requires your student to actively take part in religious formation sessions for at least two successive years prior to a 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. Same goes for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Your child must be enrolled and actively participate in first (1st) and second (2nd) grade religious ed and register and actively participate in the sacramental prep program too. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thank you all for a wonderful religious ed year, I look forward to next one!
~ 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!

WE REMEMBER ✕ WE CELEBRATE ✕ WE BELIEVE



Jane Catherine Knower, daughter of Erik & Helen Knower, was baptized last weekend. We celebrate the beginning of a life of faith for Jane 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. Jane is the granddaughter of Kenny & Jill King and great-granddaughter of Catherine Kempel.

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Caroline County Right to Life wishes to report that we have met our fund-raising goal for the memorial monument in remembrance of babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth and abortion. We sincerely thank those who gave so extremely generously to this project, and may God bless you abundantly. The dedication will take place as part of the Memorial Day Mass for the fallen and Holy Innocents at Holy Cross Cemetery on Monday, May 26th at 9am.

EASTERN SHORE WALK FOR LIFE

The Eastern Shore Walk for Life will take place on Saturday, June 7th from 9am-1pm at Idlewild Park in Easton MD. The 9th Annual Walk for Life is a fun, family-friendly event to raise money for Ignite Outreach/Baywater Women's Registration is open to walkers aged 1 - 100+. We will walk Washington St. downtown and back. Your participation benefits women and families throughout our communities by offering free medical, counseling, educational, and material services. To register, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Easton/EasternShoreWalkforLife>

PARISH LEADERSHIP NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS ~ MAY 17 & 18

Parish Council Elections will be held at all Masses next weekend, May 17/18. Please see the ballot in today's bulletin. You can fill in this ballot and bring it to Mass with you next weekend (additional copies will be provided at all Masses). Your votes will help us to form the Council for the 2025-2026 program year. The Parish Council is a consultative body that serves to advise the pastor on issues affecting parish life. If elected, members attend 8 monthly meetings (September through June - no meetings in December or April) and lend their voice to issues affecting our parish.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, May 11
• 2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance
• MASSES: 7:15A.M. & 8:30A.M. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
• Knights of Columbus sponsored Mother's Day Flower Sale after Masses

Monday, May 12
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass- 9am - SE Church
• Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - SE Church

Tuesday, May 13
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SB Church
• NO Adoration
• Funeral Mass for Noreen Flohr - 10:30a.m. - SB Church (followed by luncheon in Parish Hall)
• Finance Council Meeting - 7pm - Pastor's FLC Office

Wednesday, May 14
• 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, May 15
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SB Church
• Adult Bible Study - 9:30a.m. - FLC Resource Room

Friday, May 16
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, May 17
• Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass: 4:00p.m.- SE Church
• Parish Council Elections during Mass

Sunday, May 18
• 2nd Collection - Father's Day Devotions
• MASSES: 7:15A.M. & 8:30A.M. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
• Parish Council Elections at all Masses

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MEMORIAL DAY MASS at HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

The 9:00am morning Mass on Monday, May 26th (Memorial Day) will be celebrated at Holy Cross Cemetery in Greensboro, MD. During the Mass, we will honor and remember all military men and women who died while serving (especially those buried in our cemeteries) and a special new monument in remembrance of all babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth and abortion will be dedicated. The Knights of Columbus will provide refreshments after the Mass. Please bring a lawn chair for seating and don't forget a hat/sunglasses should you need them.

May is the month when we traditionally honor Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

- At home, move your statue of Mary to give it a special place of honor. Don't have a statue of the Blessed Mother? Consider getting one.
- Bring her the best of your garden flowers.
- Make a special effort to pray the rosary at home.
- Say "YES" to that decision before you that might be a little frightening.



April 2025

Kathleen Green ~ Edie Crank ~ Butch Petroski ~ Michael Petroski ~ Mary Jo Clancy ~ Socorro McIntire ~ Kenny Breeding ~ William R. Walton ~ Helen Vogt ~ Erica Redgraves ~ Martie Greco ~ Remi Michael Tedesco ~ Frances Vogt ~ Joan Mollick ~ John & Anne Rastelli ~ Olivia Wade ~ 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 ~ Dick Palazzolo ~ Jack Houtz ~ Carla Moure ~ Pat Pasciak ~ Shirley Smith ~ Jim Flohr ~ Mary P. Epps ~ Nial Straley, Jr. ~ Robert & Donna Nocchi ~ Barbara Thompson ~ Jackie Gammons ~ Kathryn Belmonte ~ Mickey Dickerson ~ Addie Flaherty & the Flaherty Family ~ Pat Myers ~ Kathryn Poll ~ Ann Cannon ~ Jonathan Freed ~ Yacintha Johnson ~ Pam Carson ~ Kelley Van Ess ~ ~ Nina Taylor ~ Sid Pinder ~ Randy Gooding ~ Cindy Draper

✂ In order that our prayer list may be as focused as possible in offering prayers for those most in need, please be sure to let us know if someone has experienced significant healing and can be removed from the list. Names will remain on the list for a period of 3 months (a quarter of a year) and will then be removed. However, names can be re-added to the list at any time if someone is still in need of prayers.

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

Please pray for our members of the military who are serving both here and abroad:

Capt. Joseph Remaniak, US Army, Germany (Son of David & Teresa Remaniak) ~ Lt. Catherine Remaniak, US Army (Daughter of David & Teresa Remaniak) ~ Sgt. Trevon D. Price, US Army, Killeen TX (Son-in-law of Kevin & Lori Parks)

✂ To be included in this list, please send the name, branch of service and location of your family member to parishoffice@beparish.com.

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

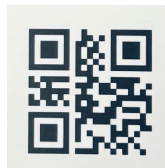
Our parish is committed to supporting the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. While we are grateful for the generosity already shown, we encourage all parishioners to participate as they are able. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. **122 parish families have made pledges totaling \$41,598 (average pledge of \$341 per family) toward our parish goal of \$47,150.** The appeal supports vital ministries across the Diocese and our own parish community. Your gift makes a real and lasting impact on the lives of individuals and families across our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available at the entrances of the churches and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity and support.



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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

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.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE & COMMUNITY****CELEBRATE THE HOLY YEAR WITH FR. LEONARD SMITH**

Join Fr. Leonard Smith (brother of parishioner, Marlinda Tuel) on a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Paul to Greece and Turkey, October 20-November 1, 2025. Visit www.EO.travel/mytrip (Tour = GT25, Date = 102025, Code = A, ID = 52102) or call 800-247-0017. The 12-day tour will include visits to Athens, Corinth, Philippi, Istanbul, Cappadocia and Ephesus and much more. The all-inclusive price of \$4,698 per person (from New York) includes basic tour and guided sightseeing, round-trip international airfare, fuel surcharges/taxes, daily breakfast & dinner, deluxe motorcoaches, first-class hotels and more.

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

This week, learn about the Daughters of Charity and their 195-year history at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Wilmington when Sister JoAnne Goeche, DC and Sister Mary Ellen Thomas, DC, are the special guests. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm 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.