

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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
Donald Joseph Kempel
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

Monday, May 19
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Beverly & Bob Sherman

Tuesday, May 20
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Henrietta Wood

Wednesday, May 21
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Noreen Flohr
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Noreen Flohr

Thursday, May 22
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Friday, May 23
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, May 24
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

Sunday, May 25
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
Betsy Wood
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
Francis Kinnamon
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Kevin Flynn

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS
MAY 10 - MAY 23, 2025



St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of the DiMeglio &
Henderson Families

St. Benedict Church

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR....

Dear Parishioners ~
As the gospel says this weekend: *"My children, I will be with you only a little while longer"*. By now, you have certainly heard at all the Masses last weekend the news that I will be leaving the parish at the end of June. Additionally, I will be switching Dioceses to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I have been blessed here at St. Benedict to be your pastor for five years and to have served in such a loving and welcoming community. Although my leaving is bittersweet, you will be in good hands with Fr. Christopher Markellos who will be replacing me. In these last few weeks of transition, please pray for both of us that our new assignments will go well.



We will have a **special outdoor Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery in Greensboro on Memorial Day - Monday, May 26th at 9 AM.**

At this Mass, we will remember all those buried in our cemeteries (Holy Cross & St. Elizabeth) who proudly served our country. We will also bless a new stone memorial monument to honor those precious babies

lost through miscarriage, abortion, or stillbirth. After the Mass, a continental breakfast will be served by the Knights of Columbus. We hope you can join us. Please bring a lawn chair for the Mass.

Please note: There will be **no Confessions or Mass this Thursday (May 22nd)**, as I will be away attending an Ordination.

A reminder! - our **Summer Mass Schedule takes effect in only two more weeks** - June 01. Masses for the Summer are Saturday (St. Elizabeth) 4 PM, Sunday 8 AM (St. Benedict) and 10:15 AM (St. Elizabeth). Please mark your calendar.

~ Fr. Coffey



Thank all of you for the tremendous support I've gotten! Our parish of St. Benedict and St. Elizabeth is really special in that way and never ceases in its generosity. All of your aid to me as a seminarian has really meant a lot to me and has reminded me once again of how much the parish and each one of you

mean to me, both the monetary aid and the blessings I have received through your prayers.

I want to especially thank our St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus Council and our Ladies' Sodality! Really these are the backbone of the parish, and I am tremendously grateful for all you have done for me. God bless you all, and I hope to see you soon! This academic year is ending soon, and I will be back at the parish for the Summer. All of you are in my prayers.

~ Dylan H. Emerson, Seminarian

MAY 17 & 18, 2025

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

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 ~ Kathryn Poll ~ Ann Cannon ~ Jonathan Freed ~ Yacintha Johnson ~ Pam Carson ~ Kelley Van Ess ~ ~ Nina Taylor ~ Sid Pinder ~ Cindy Draper

MAY 2025

Joyce Morris

✂ 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.

Please pray for our parish and diocesan seminarians and those discerning a call to religious life: Joe Lewis ♦ Dylan Emerson ♦ Deacon Dennis Stameza ♦ Eric Gianforcaro ♦ Kaya Manizade ♦ James Kimmel ♦ Anthony Miranda ♦ Tibor Nagy ♦ Jakob Brown ♦ Sr. Amanda Marie de Jesus, LSP

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.

BOAT/TRAILER FREE TO GOOD HOME

1992 25' Bayliner Cabin boat with trailer. Boat has recently rebuilt gas engine. Needs some cleaning and TLC. Comes with trailer in excellent shape. Both tagged in MD. Located in Ridgely. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, May 18

- 2nd Collection - Father's Day Devotions
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - SB Church & 11:15a.m. - SE Church
- Parish Council Elections at all Masses

Monday, May 19

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass- 9am - SE Church
- Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - SE Church
- Caroline County Right to Life Meeting - 7pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 20

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9am - SB Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30-10:30a.m. - SB Church

Wednesday, May 21

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass- 9am - SE Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 5:15-5:45p.m @ SE Church & Mass - 6pm - SE Church
- Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7pm - Hall

Thursday, May 22

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Adult Bible Study - 9:30a.m. - FLC Resource Room

Friday, May 23

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, May 24

- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - SE Church
- Mass: 4:00p.m.- SE Church

Sunday, May 25

- 2nd Collection - Parish Cemeteries Support
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - SB Church & 11:15a.m. - SE Church
- Ridgely Strawberry Festival @ Martin Sutton Park (Knights Funnel Cakes and Caroline County Right to Life Booths)

SEEKING P/T HELP

A parishioner is seeking assistance for her elderly aunt who lives on Tuckahoe Road in Denton. Looking for a helper for 4 hours per day, Monday through Friday, to assist with cleaning, meal prep, gardening, and errands. The pay is \$20-\$25/hour based on experience. Contact Lori in the Parish Office if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATE...

We are planning a FAREWELL GATHERING for Fr. Coffey for Saturday, June 14th at 5:30p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP
BACK TO THE LORD**

FOR MAY 10 & 11, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 7,729.00
Mother's Day Intentions	\$ 321.00
Poor Box	\$ 416.00



YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 46 of 52)

Actual Offertory	\$ 270,081.22
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,871.33

Our next collection for Poor Box Support is scheduled for May 31 & June 1. From January 1 - April 30, 2025, over \$8,000 was collected via the Poor Box and the parish was able to assist 70 community members in need with necessities such as food, rent, energy assistance & homelessness prevention. Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

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 and our Knights of Columbus have made pledges totaling \$42,098 (average pledge of \$342 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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

With the religious education year over, I'd like to give a very special **THANK YOU** to our amazing catechists for your faithfulness to teaching the beauty of the Catholic faith to our parish children! Your hard work and commitment are truly appreciated. Registration for the 2025-2026 formation year is open now! Registration forms are available in the parish office and on the parish website (www.beparish.com/christianformation). 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.



Registration for Vacation Bible School is now open! This year's theme is "Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments" and the Bible School will be held from July 7th through July 11th from 8:30a.m.-Noon in the Parish Hall. Registration forms are available in the parish office, at the back of each church, and on the parish website (www.beparish.com/christianformation).

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

~ Kasey Perza

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The Youth Ministry team is seeking additional leadership and support! Meetings are generally the first Sunday of the month from 6-8pm during the academic year. We welcome youth in grades 6-12. New ideas will be welcome! If interested please contact the Parish Office or Carm Powell at 410-200-1346 or carmpowell@gmail.com.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER ✕ WE CELEBRATE ✕ WE BELIEVE



Jolene Avellina Bishop, daughter of Wade & Mellinee Bishop, was baptized last weekend. We celebrate the beginning of a life of faith for Jolene 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. Jolene is the granddaughter of Azie & Andrew Casale.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

BABY BOTTLE SHOWER



The Knights of Columbus will have a Baby Bottle Shower to benefit the pro-life efforts of Baywater Women's Health (formerly known as Choices Pregnancy Center). Baywater provides free services such as pregnancy tests and sonograms. The baby bottle shower will begin on May 31/June 1 and bottles can be returned to either church through September 1st. Please take a bottle and fill it with change, cash or checks made payable to the Knights of Columbus and place in the specially marked bins near the offering baskets at either church or hand it to any Knight. Your financial contributions will help provide life-affirming solutions to those with unplanned pregnancies. Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

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.



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

The next meeting of Caroline County Right to Life will be this Monday, May 19th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

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+. Your participation benefits women and families throughout our local communities by offering free medical, counseling, educational, and material services. To register, visit <https://runsSignup.com/Race/MD/Easton/EasternShoreWalkforLife>

If you cannot attend the Walk that day, consider making a donation to our parish Team by visiting <https://runsSignup.com/Race/Donate/MD/Easton/EasternShoreWalkforLife#tab-teamFundraiserSelect>
Just choose St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and make your donation in support of life.

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, tune in to hear highlights - including Bishop Koenig's homily - from the priesthood ordination of the newly ordained Father Dennis Stameza. 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.

VOLUNTEER at BIKE MS CHESAPEAKE CHALLENGE ~ Make a difference while having fun!

Volunteers make Bike MS happen! You are the foundation of why Bike MS is the largest cycling fundraising event in the country. Together we provide support, have fun and make a difference in the lives of people living with MS. There is something for everyone to volunteer at this ride. No experience necessary. Contact Cassie Reeder, Volunteer Engagement Specialist, at cassie.reeder@nmss.org to sign up or with questions. In our area, volunteers are specifically needed at Martin Sutton Park in Ridgely on Sunday, June 22nd from 8:00a.m.-11:45a.m. to serve as Rest Stop volunteers. This is a great way for students to earn service hours.

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE WITH FR. MIKE GALLAGHER - October 17-25, 2026 with an optional pre-trip to Lourdes, October 13-18, 2026. This pilgrimage will involve a sail along the Seine River stopping at a number of holy sites including the Miraculous Medal Chapel in Paris, the shrine of the Little Flower (Lisieux), and the shrine of Joan of Arc (Rouen) as well as the beaches of Normandy and the Monet gardens in Giverny. The pilgrimage will not be strenuous; we are not getting any younger! For additional information and registration forms, call Margo at 1-800-842-4842.



Rev. Mr. Dennis Stameza to be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Wilmington

May 12, 2025 --- (Wilmington, Delaware) --- Rev. Mr. Dennis Stameza, a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Wilmington, will be ordained to the priesthood by the Most Reverend William E. Koenig, Bishop of Wilmington, on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Sixth and West Streets in Wilmington, Delaware. The ordination is scheduled to be live-streamed on the Diocese of Wilmington YouTube channel, [YouTube.com/DiocesefWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DiocesefWilm).

"It is a blessing to ordain Deacon Dennis to the priesthood and welcome him to the presbyterate," said Bishop Koenig. "His obvious love for God and God's people will make him an enthusiastic priest in service to the Church in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore."

Rev. Mr. Stameza, age 33, was born in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania and attended Kelamfua Secondary School in Rombo, Tanzania; Lyamungo High School in Moshi, Tanzania; St. Anthony of Padua Major Seminary in Ntungamo Bukoba, Tanzania and St. Charles Lwanga - Segerea Major Seminary in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He graduated from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland on May 8, 2025, with Baccalaureate of Sacred Theology and Master of Divinity degrees.

"It's amazing to think that now I am about to take on this important ministerial role in the church. It's really kind of an amazing feeling," Deacon Stameza said. "On the other hand, I am also nervous because there is a certain sense of seriousness with this new role; but with the grace of God, I am looking forward to taking on this important identity as a priest after the heart of Jesus Christ."

The newly ordained Father Stameza will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving (First Mass) on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear-Christiana Road in Bear, Delaware. That Mass will be live-streamed on at [YouTube.com/SetonParishDE](https://www.youtube.com/SetonParishDE).

More information about the Diocese of Wilmington's efforts to increase vocations-awareness and to work with people who may have priestly or religious vocations is available by contacting the Rev. Norman Carroll, Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org. More information is available at www.cdot.org/vocations.

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington was established in 1868 and comprises 56 parishes, 18 missions and 29 schools serving the State of Delaware and the nine counties of Maryland's Eastern Shore. Information is available at www.cdot.org.