

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

- 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
- Monday, May 26**
9:00a.m. HOLY CROSS CEMETERY
Memorial Day Mass
Walt Scanlan
- Tuesday, May 27**
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Dan Finnerin
- Wednesday, May 28**
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Sidney Pinder
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Alex Paglione
- Thursday, May 29**
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Noreen Flohr
- Friday, May 30**
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Saturday, May 31**
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Marianna Breeding
- Sunday, June 1**
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
8:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish
10:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Eileen Lynch

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

MAY 24 - JUNE 6, 2025
St. Elizabeth Church

Intentions of Mike Lindemann

St. Benedict Church

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR....

Dear Parishioners ~

The readings this weekend are preparing us for the great feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. Jesus proclaims in the gospel, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you". It is always consoling in times that seem hopeless, desperate, or just plain dreadful, to realize the Lord is with us. The presence of the Advocate is to be our intercessor, sure support, and constant help. We are never alone! We are never abandoned! Be at peace!



On behalf of our Deacons and Parish Staff, we wish everyone a Happy Memorial Day weekend and an official start to the summer season! Remember that even though we may take a vacation from school and work, we can never take a vacation from Jesus. ☺ We look forward to seeing you at Mass every weekend, or, if you are on vacation or traveling, hopefully you will find another parish to attend (www.masstimes.org). May all those who have proudly served our country and gave the ultimate sacrifice rest in peace! God bless America!

Next Saturday morning, Bishop Malooly, the Bishop Emeritus of our Diocese, will be here to bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation on nine of our teenagers. We congratulate them in being Sealed with the Holy Spirit and being transformed into Soldiers for Christ! We welcome Bishop Malooly and thank him for making the trip to Ridgely.

With the Memorial Day Holiday, we once again return to our Summer Mass Schedule starting NEXT WEEKEND, 5/31 and 6/01. Masses for the Summer are Saturday 4 PM (St. Elizabeth), Sunday 8 AM (St. Benedict) and 10:15 AM (St. Elizabeth). Please mark your calendar.

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

~ Fr. Coffey

PARISH LEADERSHIP NEWS

We thank all parishioners for casting their votes in last weekend's Parish Council elections. And we thank the three parishioners who accepted nominations and appeared on the ballot. Katie Seigler, Scott Koscielniak and Mike Campbell were each elected to serve 3-year terms on the Council. David Remaniak has been appointed for a 1-year term. The Council will have their final meeting of this program year on Wednesday, June 11th and will then re-convene in September.

LITURGY

FATHER'S DAY DEVOTIONS

Remember Dad this Father's Day through our Mass intentions on the weekend of June 14/15. Special cards are available at the entrances of the churches to send to your father to let him know that we are praying in thanksgiving for him. If your father has entered into eternal life, you can remember him by completing the available intention envelope in church or in your envelope packet. These envelopes will be placed on the altars.

MAY 24 & 25, 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 ~ Frances Vogt

✠ 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 ♦ 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), Staff Sgt. Jacob Stevens, USAF, Shaw AFB, South Carolina (Son of Brenda & John Stevens), Sgt. Jack Finnerin, USMC, 29 Palms, California (grandson of Peggy Finnerin)

✠ 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

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)

Monday, May 26 ~ MEMORIAL DAY

- Memorial Day Mass & Dedication of Monument for the Unborn - 9am - Holy Cross Cemetery, Greensboro MD

Tuesday, May 27

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

Wednesday, May 28

- 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
- Confirmation Rehearsal - 7:00p.m. - St. Benedict Church

Thursday, May 29

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

Friday, May 30

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, May 31

- Confirmation Mass - 10:15a.m. - SB Church
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - SE Church
- Mass: 4:00p.m.- SE Church

Sunday, June 1

- 2nd Collection - Poor Box Support
- Masses: 8:00a.m. - SB Church & 10:15a.m. - SE Church
- Super Sundaes @ Bullock's Deli, Denton - 1:00-2:00p.m.

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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

FOR MAY 17 & 18, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 2,420.00
Father's Day Intentions	\$ 491.00
Poor Box	\$ 563.79



YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 47 of 52)

Actual Offertory	\$ 272,501.22
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,797.90

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. **123 parish families and our Knights of Columbus have made pledges totaling \$42,568 (average pledge of \$346 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

JOIN US FOR SUPER SUNDAES ON JUNE 1st at BULLOCK'S DELI

In place of our regular Super Sunday breakfasts which are held on the first Sundays of each month during the program year, join us for "Super Sundaes" on the first Sundays of June, July & August. This month, we will gather between 1:00-2:00p.m. at Bullock's Deli in Denton. Come grab a cup, cone or sundae and celebrate summer! (See insert in today's bulletin for more details.)



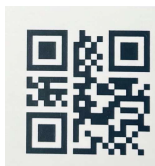
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

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

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 Clinic. Your participation benefits women and families throughout our local communities by offering free medical, counseling, educational, and material services.

To register, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Easton/EasternShoreWalkforLife>

If you cannot attend the Walk that day, consider making a donation to our parish Team by visiting

<https://runsignup.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 for more details about the 12-day tour.

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

This week, tune in to hear an interview with the founder of Catholic Owned®, Brooke Joiner. 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! Together we provide support, have fun and make a difference in the lives of people living with MS. 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. Contact Cassie Reeder, Volunteer Engagement Specialist, at cassie.reeder@nmss.org to sign up or with questions.

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.