

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, June 2

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Stanley Stankiewicz

Tuesday, June 3

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Donald Forbeck, Jr.

Wednesday, June 4

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Noreen Flohr

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Intentions of Kevin Lombardo

Thursday, June 5

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Joseph Zarachowicz

Friday, June 6

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, June 7

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Murray Steele

Sunday, June 8

PENTECOST

8:00a.m. St. Benedict Church

Francis Donald Kempel

10:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

People of the Parish

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 ~

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. This feast commemorates Jesus' ascension into Heaven. Historically, this feast has been celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday - the Thursday in the sixth week of Easter. However, here in our Diocese of Wilmington, we transfer it to the following Sunday. By His death and resurrection, Jesus opened the gates of heaven for all humanity. His Ascension is proof that those of us who believe in Christ in faith and follow Him, will be raised on the last day, and enter heaven. This Feast also celebrates Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit and His enthronement in heaven at the Right Hand of the Father.



This weekend we welcome Bishop Malooly, the Bishop Emeritus of our Diocese. Bishop will be here Saturday morning 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! May the Holy Spirit guide them in their lives as they begin their adult life.

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I encourage you to pray this little prayer daily during this month which was written by Pope Pius X:

"Most sacred Heart of Jesus, pour down Your blessings abundantly on Your holy Church, on the Supreme Pontiff Pope Leo XVI, and on all the clergy. Grant perseverance to the just, convert sinners, enlighten infidels, bless our parents, friends, and benefactors, assist the dying, free the souls in purgatory, and extend over all hearts the sweet empire of Your love!"

Next weekend is the Feat of Pentecost which officially marks the end of the Easter Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time.

~ Fr. Coffey

FAREWELL GATHERING FOR FR. COFFIEY



Our parish family will gather to celebrate Fr. Coffey's time among us on Saturday, June 14th at 5:30p.m. in the Parish Hall. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. All are welcome. Please sign up by contacting the Parish Office or via Flocknote:

<https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/212685>.

SUPPORT DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND

Next weekend, the second collection is for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund. Please help the retired priests of the Diocese of Wilmington by your prayers and by your generous contribution. Find out more and see a new video featuring three retired priests that you probably know, at www.cdow.org/PriestRetirementFund.

MAY 31/JUNE 1, 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 ~ Joyce Morris ~ Frances Vogt

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

EASTERN SHORE WALK FOR LIFE

The Eastern Shore Walk for Life will take place next 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, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Easton/EasternShoreWalkforLife> to register. **If you cannot attend the Walk that day, consider donating 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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

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.

Monday, June 2

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass- 9am - SE Church
- Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - SE Church

Tuesday, June 3

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

Wednesday, June 4

- 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, June 5

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

Friday, June 6

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, June 7

- Eastern Shore Walk for Life - 9am-1pm - Idlewild Park, Easton MD
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - SE Church
- First Saturday Rosary - 3:30p.m. - SE Church
- Mass: 4:00p.m.- SE Church

Sunday, June 8

- 2nd Collection - Diocesan Priests' Retirement
- Masses: 8:00a.m. - SB Church & 10:15a.m. - SE Church
- Fr. Coffey Ordination Anniversary (12 years)

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 24 & 25, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 1,978.00
Online Giving via Flocknote	\$ 5,210.00
Cemetery Support	\$ 242.00
Poor Box	\$ 166.00



YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 48 of 52)

Actual Offertory	\$ 279,689.22
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,826.86

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 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.

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

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!

Catechists Needed! We are in need of catechists and catechist assistants. We need a first-grade catechist, and we also need catechist assistants for multiple grades. If you are interested in teaching our Catholic faith to our parish's children, please email me at kperza@beparish.com.

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).

We need Volunteers for VBS! We need group leaders, group leader assistants, a games station leader, and other station assistants. If you are interested, please contact me via phone or email (410-634-2253 or kperza@beparish.com) or pick up and fill out a volunteer form (they can be found in the back of the churches, in the parish office, or on our website.)

Thank you all for all of your support!

~ Kasey Perza

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

JOIN US FOR SUPER SUNDAES THIS SUNDAY, 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! Hope to see you there.



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 carpowell@gmail.com.

BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER LADIES' SODALITY NEWS

The Sodality is sponsoring a Booze Cooler Raffle (see flyer in today's bulletin). The large Coleman cooler is filled with a variety of beers, wines, spirits and mixers. Cost of tickets is \$2 each, \$5 for 3 or \$10 for 10. See a member of the Sodality to purchase tickets or Venmo @Michelle-Groves-13 and include your phone number. The drawing will be held on Sunday, June 29th - just in time for celebrating on the 4th of July!



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 this weekend (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.



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 Francis Pileggi, Esq., and learn about the work of the Wilmington Chapter of Legatus. 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.