

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY

THIS BULLETIN CONTAINS
INFORMATION COVERING THIS
WEEKEND & NEXT WEEKEND.
PLEASE SEE INSERTED PAGE FOR MASS
SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR
WEEK OF AUGUST 9 & 10.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 2
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Florence Sliwkowski

Sunday, August 3
18^h SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish
10:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Jana & Scott Belton

Monday, August 4
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, August 5
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Thomas Davis, Jr.

Wednesday, August 6
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Dan Finnerin
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Harold Vanderzee

Thursday, August 7
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Intentions of the Reed Family

Friday, August 8
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of the Bennett Family

Saturday, August 9
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

Sunday, August 10
19^h SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Francis Donald Kempel
10:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Dan Finnerin

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS
AUGUST 2 - 15, 2025
St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Butch Petroski

St. Benedict Church
Intentions of Sidney Pinder &
Deacon Hal Jopp



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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

A REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL....



In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first, he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead, he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consists of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

~ Sunday Connection from Loyola Press, www.loyolapress.com

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION ~ AUGUST 15, 2025
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Feast of the Assumption is a holy day of Obligation.

Masses for the holy day will be as follows:
Vigil Holy Day Mass
Thursday, August 14 - 6:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church (No Confessions prior to Mass)

Holy Day Masses
Friday, August 15: 9:00a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church (Confessions @ 8:15-8:45a.m.)
6:00p.m. - St. Benedict Church (No Confessions prior to Mass)

Come and celebrate this Marian feast day with your parish family. The Assumption refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary being assumed – body and soul – into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

SENIOR 65+ APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
This year's Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday August 26th. See the invitation in today's bulletin for all the details and RSVP by August 18th if you plan to attend.



AUGUST 2 & 3, 2025

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

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 ~ The Flaherty Family ~ Kathryn Poll ~ Ann Cannon ~ Jonathan Freed ~ Yacintha Johnson ~ Pam Carson ~ Kelley Van Ess ~ ~ Nina Taylor ~ Sid Pinder ~ Joyce Morris ~ Jack Smithmyer ~ Judy Mogilewski ~ Doug League III & Family ~ David Jones ~ Mary Ann Jones ~ Deacon Hal Jopp ~ Gavin Schulte

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) ~ Lt. Col. Eric J. Fleegle, USMC, North Carolina (Son of Steve & Sue Fleegle)

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

CAROLINE SUMMERFEST 2025
Caroline Summerfest will be held on Friday, August 15th and Saturday, August 16th (5:00-9:00p.m. each evening) in downtown Denton.

PARISH BOOTH ~ We will offer our presence and smiling faces to those who visit the parish booth and our goal this year is to share HOPE. If you'd like to be a part of this evangelizing effort by helping to staff the booth for an hour on one of these days, please contact Lori in the Parish Office.

KNIGHTS BOOTH ~ The Knights will have their famous Roast Beef Booth. Be sure to stop by the booth and purchase your delicious roast beef sandwiches and help support the good work that the Knights do throughout the year.

CCRTL BOOTH ~ Members of the Caroline County Right to Life will celebrate life and share information with community members about Pro-Life efforts in our county and state.



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, August 3
• Masses: 8:00a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 10:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
• Super Sundaes @ Bullock's Deli, Denton - 1:00-2:00p.m.

Monday, August 4
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, August 5
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Benedict Church
• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30-10:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church

Wednesday, August 6
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church
• Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 5:15-5:45p.m/Mass - 6pm St. Elizabeth Church
• Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7pm - Hall

Thursday, August 7
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Benedict Church
• Adult Bible Study - 9:30a.m. - FLC Resource Room

Friday, August 8
• PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church
• Velasquez Wedding Rehearsal - 5pm St. Benedict Church
• Sodality Gathering - 6-8pm - Parish Hall

Saturday, August 9
• Velasquez Wedding - 1pm - St. Benedict Church
• C.O.R. Men's Faith & Fellowship Gathering - 7:00-8:00a.m. - Parish Hall
• Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
• Mass: 4:00p.m.- St. Elizabeth Church

Sunday, August 10
• 2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance
• Masses: 8:00a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 10:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!
Fall Festival Family Fun Event
Saturday November 8 ~ 2:00p.m.-7:30p.m.
St. Benedict Family Life Center
Stay tuned for more information.



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

FOR JULY 26 & 27, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 2,685.21
Online Giving via Flocknote for July	\$ 5,960.00
2nd Collection - Bldg. & Maint.	\$ 135.00
Poor Box	\$ 441.00



YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 4 of 52)

Actual Offertory	\$ 25,359.63
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 6,339.91

STEWARDSHIP is the responsible and grateful management of all gifts received from God, including time, talent, and treasure. It's a way of life where individuals recognize that everything they have and are a gift from God, and they are called to use these gifts responsibly to build God's kingdom and serve others.

"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means."~ Sirach 35: 7-10

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER ON AUGUST 16 & 17

The Cathedral of Saint Peter, in the historic Quaker Hill section of the City of Wilmington, is the Bishop's own parish and the center of Catholicism in our diocese. It was built over 200 years ago - 50 years before the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington - and continues with a small but dedicated parish community and school. In 2015, the diocese instituted an annual special collection to support the maintenance and ministry of our Cathedral. This year, the collection will be held on August 16 & 17. For more information and to make a secure online donation, visit www.downtowncatholic.com. We thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN TODAY! Religious Education classes will start on Catechetical Sunday, September 21, 2025 and 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).



CATECHIST & ASSISTANTS NEEDED...Pass on

the Good News We are in need of a first-grade catechist as well as catechist assistants for several grades. Children and young people, preschool through grade 10, will be participating in religious education classes this fall to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow by becoming a catechist or catechist assistant.

Classes take place on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:45a.m.. As you nurture the faith of our young people, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children and by preparing lessons for them!" We provide you with materials, and support. Classes begin September 21st. If you are interested in helping with this ministry or would like more information, please contact me in the Parish Office at 410-634-2253 or email me at kperza@beparish.com.

Thank you all for all of your support! ~ Kasey Perza

DIOCESAN MARIAN PILGRIMAGE ~ SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 11, 2025

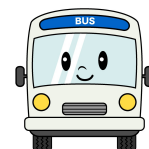
Spend a Saturday with your Mother: Attend the Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage.

You are invited to join Bishop Koenig, priests, deacons and parishioners from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore at the annual Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 11th beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Come for Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Mass, Rosary and more. Tour the largest Catholic church in America and visit the gardens and gift shop.

For more information, visit www.cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage or www.facebook.com/cdowMarianPilgrimage.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE A BUS TO THE SHRINE? If so, please contact Lori in the Parish Office **OR** add your name to the "Bus Interest" list on Flocknote at <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/219434> **by August 15th**. (NOTE: Cost for the bus would be \$10 per person and children under 10 would ride free. The bus is a school-style bus with air conditioning; no bathroom on board.)



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 9

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

Sunday, August 10

19^h SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Francis Donald Kempel

10:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Dan Finnerin

Monday, August 11

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, August 12

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Edward Bury

Wednesday, August 13

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Deacon Hal Jopp

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Walt Scanlan

Thursday, August 14

9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
John P. Rooney

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

VIGIL for the FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Intentions of Deacon Hal Jopp

Friday, August 15

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Theresa Anna Cochrane

6:00p.m. St. Benedict Church
Philip Gamgort

Saturday, August 16

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

Sunday, August 17

20^h SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Clarence & Helen Smith

10:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Noreen Flohr

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AUGUST 2 - 15, 2025

St. Elizabeth Church

Intentions of Butch Petroski

St. Benedict Church

Intentions of Sidney Pinder & Deacon
Hal Jopp



LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, August 10

- 2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance
- Masses: 8:00a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 10:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

Monday, August 11

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, August 12

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Benedict Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30-10:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church

Wednesday, August 13

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church
- Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
- Staff Calendar Planning Day - 10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 5:15-5:45p.m./Mass - 6pm - St. Elizabeth Church
- Ecumenical March for Jesus - 6pm - begins at St. Luke's United Methodist Church with walk to Courthouse Green

Thursday, August 14

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Benedict Church
- Adult Bible Study - 9:30a.m. - FLC Resource Room
- Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption - 6:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

Friday, August 15 ~ FEAST of the ASSUMPTION

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church
- Mass - 6:00p.m. - St. Benedict Church (No confessions prior to Mass)
- Caroline Summerfest in Downton Denton - 5:00-9:00p.m. (Parish Booth, Knights of Columbus Booth & Caroline County Right to Life Booth)

Saturday, August 16

- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Mass: 4:00p.m.- St. Elizabeth Church
- Caroline Summerfest in Downton Denton - 5:00-9:00p.m. (Parish Booth, Knights of Columbus Booth & Caroline County Right to Life Booth)

Sunday, August 17

- 2nd Collection - Cathedral of St. Peter
- Masses: 8:00a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 10:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

BEPARISH BUMPER STICKERS



Would you like a BEPARISH bumper sticker to display on your vehicle? Stickers are available for \$4 each in the parish office. If you are unable to stop in during office hours, just contact us and we'll mail one to you.

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR AUGUST 10, 2025



Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

~ Sunday Connection from Loyola Press, www.loyolapress.com

C.O.R. - MEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

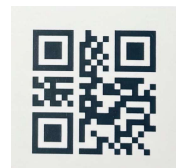
All men of the parish are invited to attend the next gathering of COR, a faith & fellowship group next Saturday, July 12th at 7:00am in the Parish Hall. Presently, we are using a series called Men of the Word/ The Good News at the gatherings. It is a twelve-part series and you do not have to commit to it every month. Come when you can - it is a great opportunity to explore the Word of God and to meet other men of the parish. If you have any questions, call Chris Grazzini at 703-927-3243.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

BABY BOTTLE SHOWER

The Knights of Columbus are having a Baby Bottle Shower to benefit the pro-life efforts of IGNITE Outreach (formerly known as Choices Pregnancy Center). IGNITE provides free services such as pregnancy tests and sonograms. Baby bottles filled with your donations in cash, coin **or check made payable to the Knights of Columbus**, can be placed in the specially marked bins next to the offertory basket in either church through September 1st. (*Empty bottles can be found at the entrance of either church.*)

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

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

This week, Dr. Joseph Arminio discusses bitcoin and the sin of usury. Next week, learn about AI and social media when Catholic educator and tech expert, Paul Sanfrancesco, is the guest. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DiocesefWilm 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.

MARYLAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ~ Saturday, November 8, 2025

7:00a.m. – 3:30p.m. @ Immaculate Conception, Towson MD

Inspirational Catholic Speakers | 8am Mass | Adoration | Confession Breakfast & Lunch | Spanish speakers |
Scholarship opportunities

Rosary | Fellowship | Vendors & Ministry Tables

The Maryland Catholic Women's Conference is designed for women desiring to learn about their faith at any age or stage of life. You can now register and join 450 women at the Maryland Catholic Women's Conference, **"Faith, Love and Hope: The path to Christ"**. **Register during the month of August and you will get \$10 off the \$70 conference ticket! Tickets for students & Religious are \$30.** *Last year the conference tickets sold out a month before the event, so please register today to reserve your seat on August 1st!*

Visit marylandcatholicwomen.com to learn more

