

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 16
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

Sunday, August 17
20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Clarence & Helen Smith
10:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Noreen Flohr

Monday, August 18
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, August 19
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Mike Butler, Sr.

Wednesday, August 20
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Doug League III
6:00p.m. ST. BENEDICT CHURCH
✠ Nola Dinkins

Thursday, August 21
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Kayleigh Perza

Friday, August 22
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Corky Sliwkowski

Saturday, August 23
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Marianna Breeding

Sunday, August 24
21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish
10:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Gregory Nicholson

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS
AUGUST 16 - 29, 2025

St. Elizabeth Church
In Honor of Catherine Wood
St. Benedict Church
In Honor of Steve Hovland



**WE ARE TRYING
SOMETHING NEW...**
Please see the insert
in today's bulletin
for a reflection
on the scripture readings.

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ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON

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 ~ Gene
Ingram

**Please pray for our parish and diocesan seminarians and those
discerning a call to religious life:** Joe Lewis ♦ Dylan Emerson ♦
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.

MASS TIME CHANGES IN SEPTEMBER

**The 6:00p.m. Mass this Wednesday evening will be celebrated at
St. Benedict Church** preceded by confessions and Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament from 5:15-5:45p.m.

The Tuesday morning daily Mass on August 26th will be celebrated
at 10:30a.m. (instead of 9am) in conjunction with our Senior Luncheon
(there will be no Confessions or Adoration that morning).

**On the weekend of September 6 & 7, our Sunday Mass times will
revert to the fall/winter schedule** with Masses at 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m.
at St. Benedict Church and 11:15a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church (the
Saturday Mass remains at 4pm). Please mark your calendars to reflect
this change. Catechetical Sunday is September 21st. Our first Super
Sunday of the program year will take place that day with the Knights
offering their buffet breakfast after the 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses in
the Parish Hall. Religious Ed classes also begin that day from 10:00-
10:45a.m. (please note that regular class time is 9:40-10:45a.m. on
Sundays other than Super Sundays).

AUGUST 16 & 17, 2025

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 on the parish website
(www.beparish.com/christianformation) and at the Parish Office.

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

SENIOR 65+ APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

This year's Senior Luncheon will be held on
Tuesday, August 26th and will have a States Food
theme. All parishioners aged 65+ (along with
their spouse or guest) are invited. Daily Mass
will be celebrated that day at 10:30a.m.
followed by the luncheon in the Parish Hall at 11:30a.m. Please
RSVP by contacting the parish office by August 20th or via
Flocknote (<https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/219724>).



DIOCESAN MARIAN PILGRIMAGE ~ 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.

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 Sign-Up list on Flocknote at
<https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/219434> **by
September 11th.** Cost for the bus is \$10 per person
and children under 10 ride free. The bus is a school-
style bus with air conditioning; no bathroom on board.) The bus will
depart St. Benedict's between 8:00-8:15a.m. for arrival at the shrine
by 10am.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, August 17

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

Monday, August 18

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Youth Ministry Team Planning Meeting - 6pm
- Home of Brett & Pam Carmean

Tuesday, August 19

- 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
- Fundraising Committee Meeting - 6:30p.m. -
FLC Resource Room
- Caroline County Right to Life Meeting - 7pm -
Parish Hall

Wednesday, August 20

- 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.
BENEDICT CHURCH
- Knights of Columbus Installation of Officers -
after 6pm Mass - SB Church (followed by
dinner in Parish Hall)

Thursday, August 21

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- 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 22

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.;
Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church
- Sodality Gathering - 6-8pm - Parish Hall

Saturday, August 23

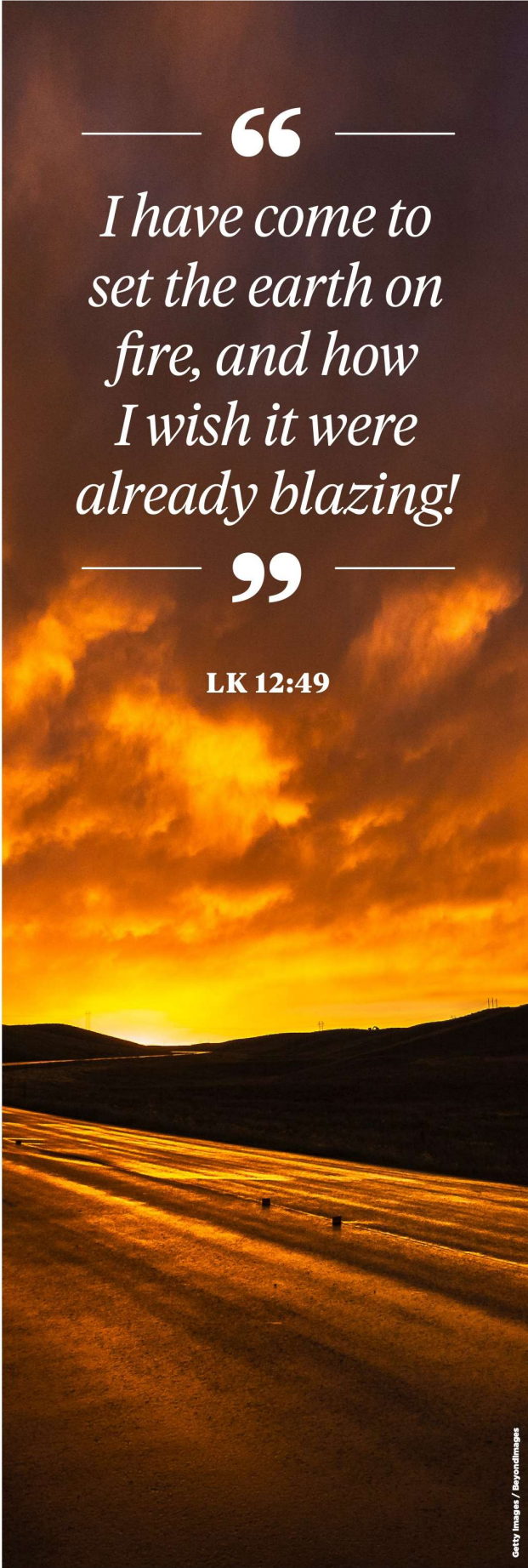
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - St. Elizabeth
Church
- Mass: 4:00p.m.- St. Elizabeth Church

Sunday, August 24

- Masses: 8:00a.m. - St. Benedict Church &
10:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BABY BOTTLE SHOWER ~ If you have baby
bottles for IGNITE/Baywater Women's Clinic
(formerly known as Choices), please place them
in the specially marked bins located near the
Offering Baskets at either church. The Baby
Bottle Shower ends on September 1st (bottles
will still be accepted throughout the year and
bottles can be picked up or dropped off at any
Super Sunday breakfast.)



“
*I have come to
set the earth on
fire, and how
I wish it were
already blazing!*
”

LK 12:49

August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 | Heb 12:1-4 | Lk 12:49-53

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's readings acknowledge the real challenges of living our faith. Following Christ will sometimes put us at odds with others – an uncomfortable reality that many will face in our broken and divided world. Yet we can find strength knowing that Jesus understands the constant opposition (both inward and outward) that we face. The second reading says, “Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners.” Jesus knows what it's like to face opposition, but he endured it “for the sake of the joy that lay before him.” That is our calling too. We are made to know the joy that awaits us beyond our crosses. We find the strength to persevere through our trials by “keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.” Keeping Christ as our focus, we will be able to overcome any obstacle we may face and run toward the goal of heaven.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus said, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing.” Jesus' desire is that the whole world be set aflame with his love, and yet, he knows that this will not come easily. The good news is that Jesus is with us in the midst of the struggle. He too knows the deep longing and even anguish (the Gospel today uses that word!) that we experience as we work so that others may come to know God's love. We can take comfort in the fact that as much as we want to see others come to faith, God desires it even more than we do, and he is also pouring out his grace continually upon us. In the midst of any discouragement we may feel about those who seem opposed to God and to faith, may we remember the burning love that Christ has and his immense desire to draw all people to himself.

PRAY

Pray for those whom you may know who seem closed to the Gospel, or who are away from the Church. Invite the Holy Spirit to touch your heart with a particular love and zeal to pray for them, that those who may seem the most opposed to faith might come, one day, to embrace it.

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

FOR AUGUST 2 & 3, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 6,339.50
2nd Collection - Bldg. & Maint.	\$ 160.00
Poor Box	\$ 335.00



YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 5 of 52)

Actual Offertory	\$ 31,699.13
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 6,339.83

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

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

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

This week, learn about a locally-based international organization - Water is Life Kenya - that is bring water, hope and more to the Maasai people of the African plains, when Aaron Lemma is the guest. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm 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.

ANNUAL DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON BLUE MASS

Attention active and retired police, fire, EMT and military: You are invited to join Bishop Koenig at the Annual Diocese of Wilmington Blue Mass to honor the work of all public safety personnel and military on Monday, September 29, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at St. John the Beloved Church, 907 Milltown Road, Wilmington, Delaware. The Blue Mass is an event that honors local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and military personnel and their families who live and work in the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, which includes Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. First Responders of all faiths are welcome at the Mass.

LIVESTREAM of SUNDAY MASSES at CATHEDRAL of ST. PETER

When you or a friend, neighbor or loved one are sick, recuperating from surgery or homebound for any reason, remember that you can always view the Sunday Mass livestream from our beautiful and historic Cathedral of Saint Peter. Watch the Mass live on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or anytime on replay on the Diocese of Wilmington's YouTube channel, YouTube.com/DioceseofW. This is a free service of the Cathedral and the Office of Communication of the Diocese of Wilmington.

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK ~ NEXT MEETING IN OCEAN CITY

The Catholic Business Network of the Diocese of Wilmington continues its inaugural year Sept. 5 at Holy Savior Church in Ocean City, Maryland. Doors open for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and the program begins at 8. "Balancing faith and ambition" is the focus of the keynote set to be delivered by local businessman and parishioner Sam Card at the parish hall, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. Breakfast is \$40 and first-time attendees are entitled to a free print and digital advertisement promoting their business in The Dialog and thediolog.org. Register at givecentral.org/cdow/Catholic-Business-Networking or call 302-573-3120.



RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. The next program begins the weekend of October 3 - 5 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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

