

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 25
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, August 26
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Cruz Flores

Wednesday, August 27
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Helga Ehudin
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Michael Alan Butler, Sr.

Thursday, August 28
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Mary Keith

Friday, August 29
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Frances Roderick

Saturday, August 30
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Joy Beth Warner

Sunday, August 31
22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Francis Kinnamon
10:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

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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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
~ 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 ~ Laurie
Thomas ~ Carrie Lang

**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 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 23 & 24, 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 still in
need of catechist assistants for 10th Grade &
Confirmation. 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! 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?** Our parish has contracted a bus for the
Pilgrimage. If you would like to reserve a seat, 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.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, August 24
• Masses: 8:00a.m. - St. Benedict Church &
10:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

Monday, August 25
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
• Knights of Columbus Exemplification -
6:30p.m. - Parish Hall

Tuesday, August 26
• NO 9am Mass/Confessions/Adoration
• Mass - 10:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church
• Senior (65+) Appreciation Luncheon -
11:30a.m. - Parish Hall
• Catechist Orientation Gathering - 6pm - Parish
Hall

Wednesday, August 27
• 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

Thursday, August 28
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.;
Mass- 9am - St. Benedict Church
• Adult Bible Study - 9:30a.m. - FLC Resource
Room
• Three Hearts Homeschool Group Registration
Gathering - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Parish Hall

Friday, August 29
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.;
Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church

Saturday, August 30
• Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - St. Elizabeth
Church
• Mass: 4:00p.m.- St. Elizabeth Church

Sunday, August 31
• 2nd Collection - A/C Offset
• 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.)



August 24, 2025

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Is 66:18-21 | Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 | Lk 13:22-30

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

Have you ever felt as though God is punishing you? Throughout the course of our lives, we experience what might seem like a barrage of hardships. This battering down of our interior and exterior fortresses over time can test our faith and weaken our resolve. If you find yourself in this position, read today's passage from Hebrews again: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord," St. Paul reminds us, "for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines." In our human nature, we may find these "disciplines" painful (and rightfully so). But Paul urges us to shift our mindset, recognizing that just as a good father disciplines his children for their greater good, so our heavenly Father does the same for us. Paul goes on to explain that we may consider every trial we endure in this sense, as a loving "discipline" — a sign of the Lord's attention and desire for our sanctity.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Modern society loves the concept of a God who is soft, inviting, sweet, and tender. Of course, our Lord in his goodness and mercy can be described by those adjectives. But today's Gospel reminds us of an equally important characteristic of the Lord: He is the supreme and final judge, and at the final judgment we will be held accountable for our lives. In the end, we will stand before the Lord, and he will put all things in proper order. Will it be glorious, loving, and merciful? Yes. Painful and piercing? Perhaps. Our Lord's love knows no bounds, and he withholds his mercy from no one. It is precisely from this place of perfect love and profound mercy that rightful judgment emerges. May we live a life worthy of welcome when we meet him face to face.

REFLECT

In addition to accepting the discipline that the Lord sends our way, we can engage in voluntary practices to strengthen our spiritual lives. These practices are necessary, as Jesus tells us that many "will not be strong enough" to enter through the narrow gate that leads to life. Our second reading exhorts us to "strengthen [our] drooping hands and [our] weak knees." What spiritual disciplines have you found helpful to foster your growth in holiness? What areas are weak or need strengthening?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

FOR AUGUST 9 & 10, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 1,589.00
2 nd Collection - Bldg. & Maint.	\$ 290.00
Poor Box	\$ 10.00

FOR AUGUST 16 & 17, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 4,195.21
Holy Day - Feast of the Assumption	\$ 658.00
2 nd Collection - Bldg. & Maint.	\$ 100.00
Poor Box	\$ 445.00



YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 7 of 52)

Actual Offertory	\$ 37,483.34
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,354.76

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 something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."

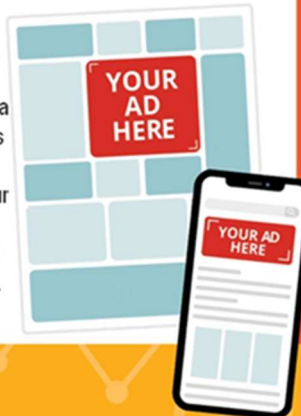
~ St. Gregory Nazianzen

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Jay from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

This week, it's back-to-school time with superintendent, Lou De Angelo and new associate superintendent, Tyler Kulp. 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](https://www.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/DiocesefofW](https://www.youtube.com/DiocesefofW). 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/cow/Catholic-Business-Networking or call 302-573-3120.



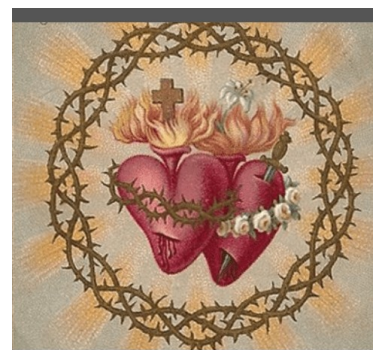
FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Join us for Mass on the first Friday (9:00 AM, St. Elizabeth) and first Saturday (9:00 AM, St. Benedict) of each month! (Confessions on Fridays from 8:15-8:45a.m. and on Saturday from 8:15-8:45a.m. prior to Mass).

The First Friday devotion and the First Saturday devotion arose from separate private revelations. The First Friday devotion is associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, while the First Saturday devotion is associated with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Incidentally, these are two of the most widely popular devotions to Jesus and Mary. Both devotions involve receiving Holy Communion on a certain number of consecutive first Fridays or first Saturdays of the month.

You can think of it almost like a novena which is prayed on consecutive days for a particular intention, but instead, these devotions are performed on consecutive months.

The devotions are similar in that they call on the faithful to “stand in the gap” by doing penance for sinners, and both give a special promise of Divine assistance at the hour of death, that is, the promise of dying in a state of grace and therefore obtaining heaven.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION:****Typically nine consecutive Fridays in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Our Lord appeared to [St. Margaret Mary Aloccoque](#) (1647-1690), a French nun in the Visitation Order, and gave her the special task to spread devotion to His Most Sacred Heart at a time when religion was growing cold in the hearts of mankind. For those who did this faithfully, he made what St. Margaret Mary referred to as the “Great Promise”. “I promise you in the unfathomable mercy of my heart that my omnipotent love will procure the grace of final penitence for all those who receive communion on nine successive first Fridays of the month; they will not die in my disfavor [the grace of final repentance], or without having received the sacraments, since my divine heart will be their sure refuge in the last moments of their life.”

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**Typically five consecutive Saturdays in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

The practice of the First Saturday devotion was requested by [Our Lady of Fatima](#), who appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, multiple times starting in 1917. She said to Lucia, the oldest of the three children:

“I shall come to ask . . . that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world.” Years later she repeated her request to Sr. Lucia, the only one still living of the three young Fatima seers, while she was a postulant sister living in a convent in Spain: “Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at very moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me, and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.”

GREATER DIFFICULTY, GREATER REWARD

While keeping up with these devotions over five or nine consecutive months is not easy, the reward for making the effort is eternal. Look again at those promises from Jesus and Mary

To learn more, visit <https://americaneedsfatima.org/blog/1st-friday-1st-saturday-devotions>.