

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 1
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, September 2
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Isaac Meyer

Wednesday, September 3
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Deborah Spuduck
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Kathy Carmean

Thursday, September 4
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Jamie McWilliams

Friday, September 5
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Ben Gawitt

Saturday, September 6
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
First Saturday Mass
✠ Austin Rehfield
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

Sunday, September 7
23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Mary Westrick
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Dottie Lednum
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Dan Finnerin

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS
AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 12
St. Elizabeth Church

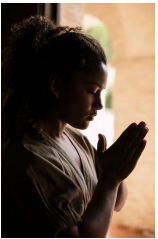
St. Benedict Church
In Honor of Benjamin Carmean



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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 ~ 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.

LITURGY

CANONIZATION OF CARLO ACUTIS & PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI
"Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, two young Catholics beloved for their vibrant faith and witness to holiness, will be canonized together on Sunday, September 7th. Acutis, an Italian computer-coding teenager who died of cancer in 2006, is known for his great devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. He became the first millennial to be beatified by the Catholic Church and is widely popular among Catholics, particularly youth. Frassati, who died at the age of 24 in 1925, is also beloved by many today for his enthusiastic witness to holiness that reaches "to the heights." The young man from the northern Italian city of Turin was an avid mountaineer and Third Order Dominican known for his charitable outreach." (From Catholic News Agency article by Courtney Mares, <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/264701/blessed-carlo-acutis-to-be-canonized-september-7>). Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information about Blessed Acutis and Blessed Frassati and be sure to pick up one of the prayer cards available at the entrance of the church.

AUGUST 30 & 31, 2025

MASS TIME CHANGES IN SEPTEMBER

NEXT WEEKEND, 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.

There will be NO daily Masses/Confessions/Adoration during the week of September 8 - 12.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER ✠ WE CELEBRATE ✠ WE BELIEVE

We congratulate Tyler & Natalie Lough on the birth of their third child, daughter **Audrey Jane Lough**, born on August 23rd weighing 8lbs. 10ozs. and 21" long! Audrey joins older brothers Owen Blaise & Kolbe Michael and is the granddaughter of Tom & Cathy Lough.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES START ON SEPTEMBER 21st
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUPER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

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).

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 a catechist assistant for 7th Grade. 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. If you are interested in helping 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

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE



Summerfest was a great opportunity to reach out to a lot of folks about pro-life issues, especially life in the womb. We gave out a lot of life-sized models of babies at 10 weeks gestation. People lined up to spin the wheel to answer a pro-life question - just so they could get one of the babies! Please let Tom Lough know of any other county events where we could have a presence. If you can become a member or renew your membership, the \$15 annual dues goes a long way to help us with expenses. The "babies" were pricey, but we thought they were well worth it!

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, August 31

- 2nd Collection - A/C Offset
- Masses: 8:00a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 10:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

Monday, September 1 ~ LABOR DAY

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, September 2

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Benedict Church
- Adoration - 10:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church
- Catechist Orientation Gathering - 6pm - Parish Hall
- BVM Ladies' Sodality Meeting - 6:30p.m. - FLC Great Room

Wednesday, September 3

- 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, September 4

- 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, September 5

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church

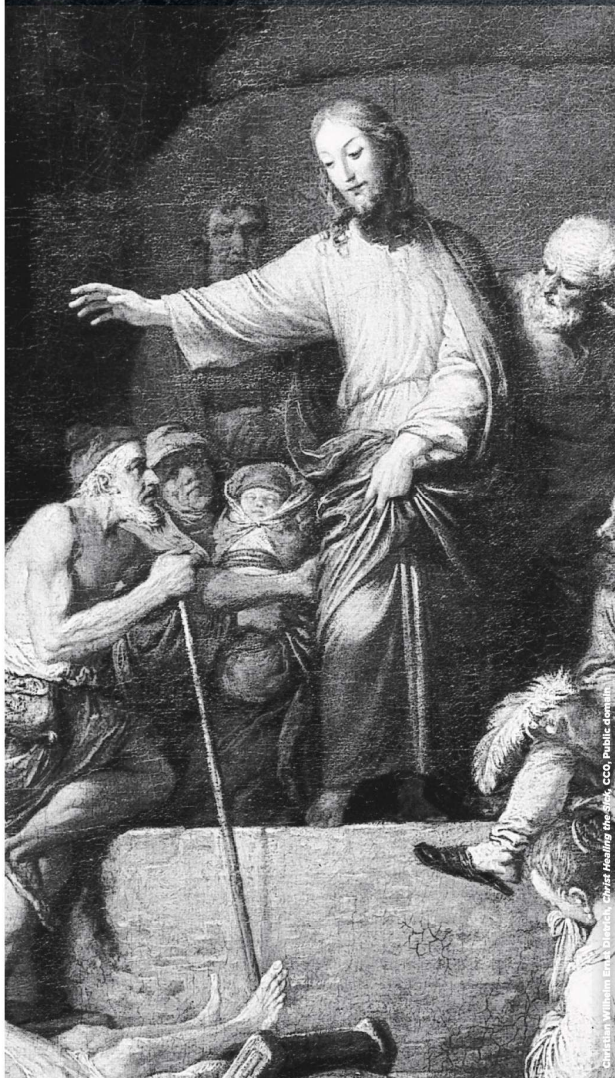
Saturday, September 6 - FIRST SATURDAY

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Mass - 9am - St. Benedict Church
- Regnum Christi Women's Retreat Group Gathering - 8am - Noon - Parish Hall
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- First Saturday Rosary - 3:30p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Mass: 4:00p.m.- St. Elizabeth Church

Sunday, September 7

- 2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Bashtarz Baptism - 12:30p.m. - St. Benedict Church
- Hutchins Baptism - 12:30p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

“
THE ONE WHO
HUMBLES
HIMSELF WILL
BE EXALTED.”
(LK 14:11)



August 31, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 | Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a | Lk 14:1, 7-14

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

There's a well-known story about an actor who was asked by an elderly priest to recite Psalm 23. The actor agreed only if the priest also recited the psalm. While the actor's delivery was met with esteem and applause, the priest's was met with raw emotion, stunned silence, and tears. The actor, smiling, said, "I may know the psalm, but the priest, he knows the Shepherd." I can't help but be reminded of this story when reading today's Gospel. Like the Pharisees, the actor represents the one who was the "center of attention" who was humbled whereas the priest, in his humble service to God, found himself exalted. That is where true humility lies, when our actions and our everyday lives are rooted in God first and not ourselves.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As Jesus reminds us today, "Every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Beyond telling us this truth, Jesus lived it. Scripture tells us that Jesus – the second Person of the Holy Trinity – "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave..." (Phil 2:7), and that he came not "to be served but to serve" (Mk 10:45). Each of us is invited to consider the ways we can imitate the same humble servant-leadership which Jesus showed throughout his life. What does servant leadership look like, practically speaking? Some simple examples: At work, it might look like signing up to do those less desirable tasks that others would prefer to avoid. In our homes, it could look mean letting your children or spouse choose what's for dinner rather than asserting your own preferences over meal planning. In our relationships, it might mean allowing a friend to talk through their struggles without offering advice or sharing how you might have handled things differently. With the eyes of faith, each of us can see countless opportunities to practice the virtue of humility in daily life.

WITNESS

Like the priest in the story above who revealed God to the crowd in his recitation of Psalm 23, you have the opportunity to let God shine through in your life to others. Be a servant leader, seeking to glorify God rather than yourself. When you are humble you "will be exalted" and "repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

FOR AUGUST 23 & 24, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 2,025.00
Poor Box	\$ 231.00



YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 8 of 52)

Actual Offertory \$ 39,508.34

Average Weekly Offertory \$ 4,938.54

**"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**

2025 FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL

"Together in Hope" ~ Striving for 35%!

We are nearing the end of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, and our parish has a stretch goal: 35% participation. This goal isn't just about numbers; it's about all of us coming together as one family in Christ to support ministries that serve thousands across our Diocese. If you haven't yet made a gift, no matter the amount, please prayerfully consider doing so today. Your participation makes a difference. Pledge envelopes are available at the parish office and at the entrances of both churches. Or, you can give online at <https://www.givecentral.org/appealsform-registration/acp67610f75825c4/user/guest>.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

HIS HOPE MINISTRIES SEEKING MEALS FOR HOMELESS SHELTER RESIDENTS

You are invited to be part of something meaningful and impactful for the local shelter community that is served by His Hope Ministries in Caroline County. They are seeking volunteers to help provide meals for the shelter through their Meal Train program. Whether you're a culinary expert or a home cook, your time and effort in preparing a meal can make a world of difference to those in need. If cooking isn't your thing, you can also participate by sponsoring meals or providing pre-prepared options. Every bit of help is deeply appreciated. To sign up or learn more about the meal schedule and how you can contribute, please visit the Meal Train page at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/e7g62o> Together, we can make a meaningful impact.

**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.

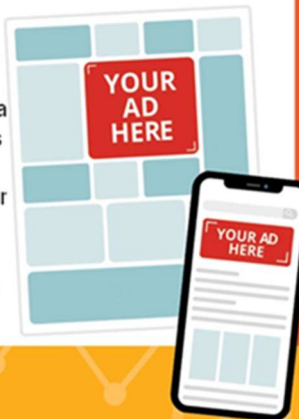


WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE A BUS TO THE SHRINE? Our parish has contracted a bus for the Pilgrimage. If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Lori in the Parish Office **OR** add your name to the Bus Sign-Up list on Flocknote at <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/219434> **by September 11th.** 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.

**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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AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

This week, we celebrate The Dialog's 60th anniversary as the official news source for the Catholic Diocese when Joe Owens and Mike Lang are the guests. 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](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

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 Alocque](#) (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>.

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](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofW). This is a free service of the Cathedral and the Office of Communication of the Diocese of Wilmington.