

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 8
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, September 9
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

Wednesday, September 10
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

Thursday, September 11
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Friday, September 12
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, September 13
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Susie Booze

Sunday, September 14
24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Francis Donald Kempel
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Noreen Flohr

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

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

St. Benedict Church
In Honor of Benjamin Carmean



www.beparish.com 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), Sgt. Alexander Davis, US Army, Ft. Hood, TX & PV2 Christopher Davis, US Army, Ft. Hood, TX (Sons of Sylvia Davis)
✠ To be included in this list, please send the name, branch of service and location of your family member to parishoffice@beparish.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus would like to give a HUGE thanks to all that participated in our first summer Baby Bottle drive for Baywater Women's Clinic/Ignite Outreach (formerly known as Choices Pregnancy Center). Over \$2,400 was collected from the bottles. WOW! These funds will allow the center to fulfill their mission of helping young pregnant women to choose life. Empty baby bottles will be available at Super Sunday breakfasts and at the entrances of the churches throughout the year (filled bottles may be turned in at any Super Sunday breakfast, the church office, weekly collection baskets or given to any Knights of Columbus gentleman.) The Knights have been supporting the pregnancy center for over 10 years. Through our parishes baby bottle donations and additional giving by our Council of Knights, we assisting them in purchasing their first 4D sonagram machine which has encouraged the choice for life by allowing pregnant women to see their babies in the womb in color. Our most recent assistance helped the center to outfit their mobile unit with a sonagram machine, allowing them to drive to different locations around the Eastern Shore to assist women in need. Again, the St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus extend a big THANKS to all parishioners who helped to contribute to this wonderful cause.
~ **Dan Tuel**, Treasurer - St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus & Chairman of the Baby Bottles collection for Ignite Outreach

SEPTEMBER 6 & 7, 2025
MASS TIME CHANGES IN SEPTEMBER

There will be NO daily Masses/Confessions/Adoration during the week of September 8 - 12 or the week of September 22-26.

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). Cost for the buffet breakfast is just \$6 per person with a \$35 MAX per family and the menu includes scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, sausage gravy with biscuits, potatoes, pancakes and beverages.

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



Did you know that when an expectant mother sees her baby on ultrasound, she's more likely to keep her baby even if she had previously been considering having an abortion? Did you know that our Knights of Columbus collect money (in those plastic baby bottles you see in our church vestibules) to give to Baywater Women's Clinic/Ignite Outreach (previously Choices Pregnancy Center)? Did you know that Baywater Women's Clinic uses these donations to continue to provide free ultrasounds and other supportive services to expectant moms? Yes, indeed!

COR 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, September 13th from 7:00-8:00am 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.

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

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

Monday, September 8
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, September 9
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

Wednesday, September 10
• NO MORNING or EVENING MASS, CONFESSIONS OR ADORATION
• Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

Thursday, September 11
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
• Adult Bible Study - 9:30a.m. - FLC Resource Room
• Three Hearts Homeschool Classes - 9:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. - Parish Hall/Great Room

Friday, September 12
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, September 13
• COR Men's Faith & Fellowship Gathering - 7:00-8:00a.m. - Parish Hall
• Benedictine Oblate Gathering - 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. - FLC Resource Room
• Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
• Mass: 4:00p.m.- St. Elizabeth Church

Sunday, September 14
• 2nd Collection - Parish Religious Ed Support
• Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

AVAILABLE NOW!
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

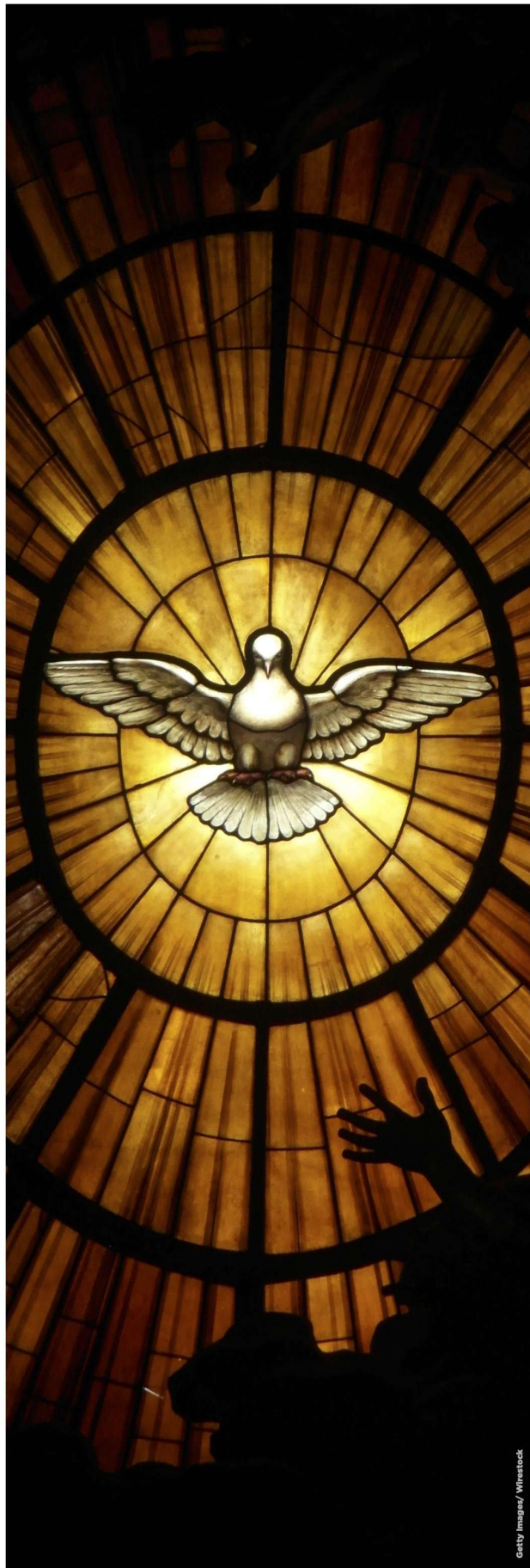
Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

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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September 7, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b | Phlm 9-10, 12-17 | Lk 14:25-33

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I am particularly struck by this line from Solomon's prayer in today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom: "Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high?" Solomon doesn't seem to be seeking direct answers to the questions he presents today, but rather, uses them as a sort of poem of praise to honor God in all his glory. In modern language, we could rephrase his questions: *What do we know that God has not instilled into our minds? What wisdom do we have that was not infused by the Holy Spirit?* There are many things that we cannot understand without the wisdom God gives us. May we, like Solomon, praise and thank God for this gift. Let us trust that where our feeble, corruptible humanity falters, our heavenly Father is our refuge in every age.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel is certainly one that we need God's wisdom to understand. This reading always makes me do a double take or a read-over. "*What* did Jesus just say?!" His words today are stark and can feel disconcerting. "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." When I encounter a challenging Scripture such as this one, I try to immediately root myself in concrete truths about the Lord. First, I acknowledge that he is good and desires *my* good. He is all-knowing, all-powerful and all-loving. After centering on those realities, I can look at this Gospel again, but this time through a clearer lens. Ultimately, this Gospel is a piercing reminder of the radical renunciation desired by the Lord. It is a rubric for the narrow road and for sanctity. Jesus does not mince his words, nor does he seek to confuse or confound: to follow Jesus is to release our hearts from earthly attachments, to embrace our cross and to set our lives in proper order. Clear and direct? Certainly. Easy? Not at all. But doing this in union with Jesus? *Absolutely possible.*

REFLECT

Today, consider reflecting on your attachments – the places you cling to anything that is not Christ. As you go into these tender places, invite Jesus to gently reveal where he wants to grant you his freedom.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

FOR AUGUST 30 & 31, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 5,598.46
Online Giving via Flocknote for August	\$ 6,700.00
2 nd Collection - Energy Offset	\$ 285.00
Poor Box	\$ 328.00

"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



YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 9 of 52)
Actual Offertory \$ 52,806.80
Average Weekly Offertory \$ 5,756.31

SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF THOSE SUFFERING IN GAZA

Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies, and care for people's emotional well-being. Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, please consider a donation to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East. Donations can be made online to: Catholic Relief Services(CRS) - <https://www.crs.org> OR Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) - <https://cnewa.org>

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>.

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.



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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

BE ON THE LOOKOUT: Next weekend, look for the special 60th anniversary edition of The Dialog as we look back at six decades of being the official news source for the Catholic community of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

This week, we chat with the founder and CEO of The Ministry of Caring, Brother Ronald Gianone, OFM Cap. 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.