

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

- Saturday, September 13**
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Susie Booze
- Sunday, September 14**
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
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
- Monday, September 15**
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Tuesday, September 16**
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Marianna Breeding
- Wednesday, September 17**
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Patty Matoin
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Kathy Carmean
- Thursday, September 18**
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Annamaria Capella
- Friday, September 19**
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Bart Sherman
- Saturday, September 20**
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Jimmy Blades
- Sunday, September 21**
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Marianna Breeding
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Betsy Wood
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).



TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS
SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 26
St. Elizabeth Church

St. Benedict Church
Intentions of Omar Al-Ghusbi

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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 ~ 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, Ramstein AFB, Germany (Son of David & Teresa Remaniak) ~ Lt. Catherine Remaniak, Joint Base Lewis/McChord, Tacoma Washington, 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.

LITURGY
There will be NO daily Masses/Confessions/Adoration during the week of September 22-26. Please mark your calendars.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Today, the Church sets aside the numbered Sundays of Ordinary Time in order to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Honor the cross in your own home with flowers and a candle.

SEEKING VOLUNTEER TO LAUNDER ALTAR LINENS
We thank parishioner, Catherine Wood, for her many years of dedicated service to laundering the sacred linens at St. Elizabeth Church. Now that she has officially “retired” from this ministry, we are seeking a volunteer to follow in her footsteps. This ministry requires picking up the used altar linens once per week, laundering and ironing them, and returning them the following week. Basic instruction will be provided. Please contact Lori in the Parish Office if you are interested or would like more information.

SEPTEMBER 13 & 14, 2025
CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES START ON SEPTEMBER 21st
Catechetical Sunday is September 21st. Religious Ed classes begin that day after the Super Sunday breakfast from 10:00-10:45a.m. (please note that regular class time is 9:40-10:45a.m. on Sundays other than Super Sundays). If you have not yet registered your children, please do so right away. 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

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE NEWS

A group of volunteers gave the kitchen in the Parish Hall a deep cleaning last Friday. We thank them for their hard work and ask all parishioners & volunteers to help us maintain the cleanliness of the kitchen year-round by cleaning up after using the kitchen, putting away what you use in the appropriate storage areas/boxes, taking out trash after events/gatherings and taking your serving dishes/plates home with you after parish events.

YOUTH MINISTRY
The Youth Ministry will have their first gathering on Sunday, September 21st from 5:00-7:00p.m. in the Parish Hall. The evening will include food & fun activities. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SUPER SUNDAY BREAKFAST ON SEPTEMBER 21
Our first Super Sunday of the program year will take place on September 21st with the Knights offering their buffet breakfast after the 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses in the Parish Hall. 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. All parishioners are invited!

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE



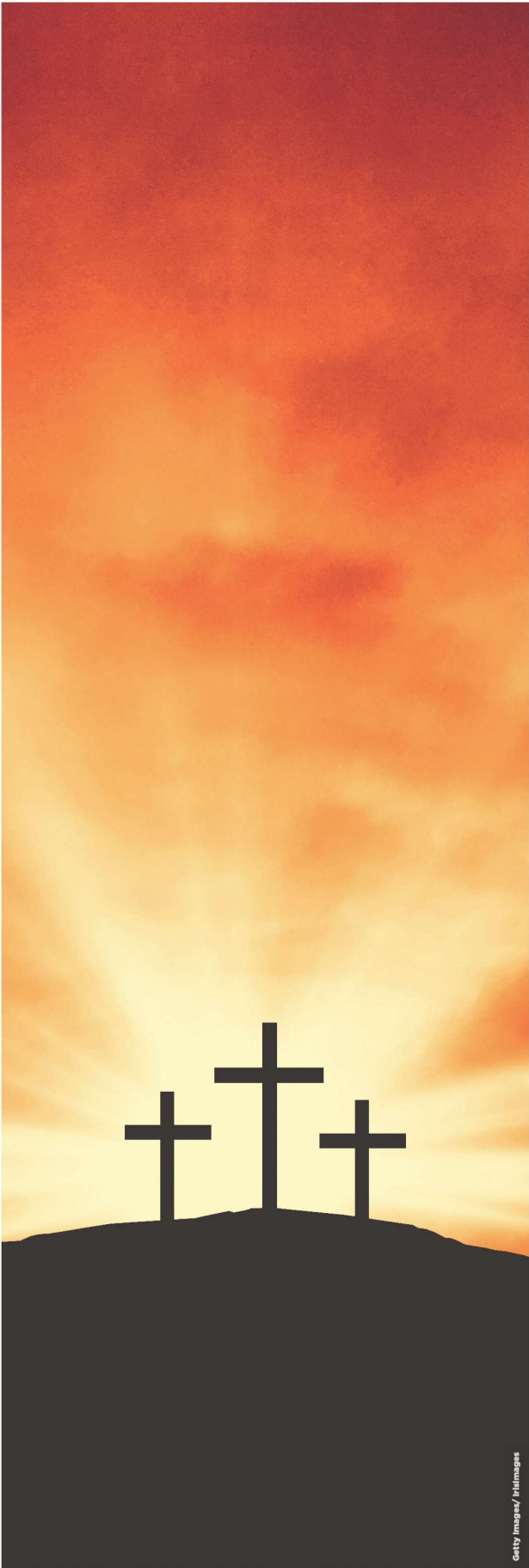
Our next Caroline County Right to Life meeting is this Tuesday, September 16. We meet at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We are so grateful to those who renewed membership and for those who pray to end abortion and physician assisted suicide. In truth, we could use a few more “boots on the ground” to attend meetings and participate in events.

Would you prayerfully consider if your boots might be the ones God is calling?

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

- 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
- Monday, September 15**
- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Tuesday, September 16**
- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am – St. Benedict Church
 - Adoration – 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m. – St. Benedict Church
 - Finance Council Meeting – 7pm – FLC Mtg. Rm.
 - Caroline County Right to Life Meeting – 7pm – Hall
- Wednesday, September 17**
- 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
 - Fundraising Committee Meeting – 6:30pm – FLC Resource Room
 - Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7pm – Hall
- Thursday, September 18**
- 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 Classes – 9:30a.m. – 1:00p.m. – Parish Hall/Great Room
- Friday, September 19**
- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am – St. Elizabeth Church
- Saturday, September 20**
- Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
 - Mass: 4:00p.m.– St. Elizabeth Church
- Sunday, September 21**
- 2nd Collection – Evangelization Support
 - Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. – St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. – St. Elizabeth Church

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
FALL FEST ~ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 ~ 2:00-7:00P.M. ~ PARISH HALL
See the special insert in today's bulletin
Fun for entire family: games, prizes, snacks & more. Followed by a delicious dinner. We welcome members, volunteers, ideas, parish pantry & baked goods items. Info: Anne Henderson 302-547-7503 abcdhen@aol.com



September 14, 2025

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Num 21:4b-9 | Phil 2:6-11 | Jn 3:13-17

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

Although God had freed our ancestors in faith from their slavery in Egypt, today we find them grumbling against the Lord as they wander in the desert. Even after we've glimpsed so much of God's goodness, we, too, can begin to grumble in challenging moments of our lives. It's precisely then that we need to cling to faith. After serpents appeared and began to bite those who had grumbled against God, those who had been bitten only had to look at the serpent mounted on a pole and put their faith in God once again to be healed. Similarly, when we find ourselves in the trials of life, we need only look at the cross of Jesus with faith. "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." Amid the storms of our lives, we are called to put our trust in his cross, for through it we are saved and set free.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Paul tells us that God the Father "greatly exalted" Jesus for his humility in embracing the cross, and that ultimately, all creation will join the Father in glorifying Christ. We who know the gift of what Jesus did for us on the cross are called to praise him with our voices and our lives. We praise and glorify Christ first through our example. How might our day-to-day interactions give others a glimpse of the humble and self-emptying love of Jesus? Finally, think of the ways that knowing Christ's love has made a difference in your life. Has it made you more patient? Has it made you more hopeful? Think of ways that you could share this in conversation. Telling others about what God has done for you or the difference that he has made in your life is one way of exalting Christ.

PRAISE

Today, spend some time thanking and praising God for the gift of the cross and our salvation in Christ. You might wish to use this traditional prayer frequently used during the stations of the cross in Lent: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world."

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

FOR SEPTEMBER 6 & 7, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 2,316.00
2nd Collection - Bldg. & Maintenance	\$ 491.00
Poor Box	\$ 230.00



YEAR-TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 10 of 52)

Actual Offertory	\$ 55,122.80
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,512.28

**"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**

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.



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, Father Brian Lewis, Pastor of St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Lewes, Delaware and Coordinator of the Annual Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage will give us a preview of this year's pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. which is being held on October 11, 2025. 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.