

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 22
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, September 23
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

Wednesday, September 24
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

Thursday, September 25
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Friday, September 26
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, September 27
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

Sunday, September 28
26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Nola Dinkins
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Francis Kinnamon
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
William & Grace Beiser

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

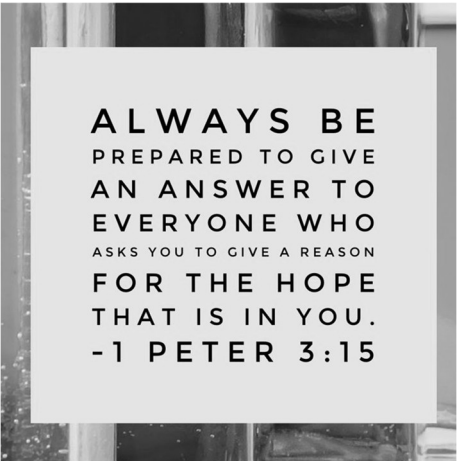
Kathleen Green ~ Edie Crank ~ Butch Petroski ~ Michael Petroski ~ Mary Jo Clancy ~ Socorro McIntire ~ Kenny Breeding ~ William R. Walton ~ Erica Redgraves ~ Martie Greco ~ Remi Michael Tedesco ~ Frances Vogt ~ Joan Mollick ~ John & Anne Rastelli ~ Olivia Wade ~ Nancy Sollers ~ Erica Jarman ~ Mike Babige ~ 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 ~ Stirling Ward ~ Cheryl Harris

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) ~ 2nd Lt. J. Aubrey Perry, US Army, Ft. Bragg, Fayetteville NC (Son of Carrie & Jim Perry)

✠ To be included in this list, please send the name, branch of service and location of your family member to parishoffice@beparish.com.

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



SEPTEMBER 20 & 21, 2025
CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES START ON SEPTEMBER 21st
Religious Education classes start this Sunday, September 21st at 10:00a.m. (after the Super Sunday Breakfast)! See you then!

CATECHIST ASSISTANTS NEEDED...
Pass on the Good News ~ We are still in need of a catechist assistant for 7th Grade. 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

HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS
Throughout the Religious Education program year, the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies' Sodality take turns providing hospitality in the parish hall from 9:30-10:30a.m. on Sundays when Religious Ed classes are in session (other than Super Sundays). They offer very affordable breakfast foods and beverages. All parishioners are welcome. The Knights will host hospitality in the hall next Sunday, September 28th and the Sodality will host during the month of October.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry will have their first gathering this 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 THIS SUNDAY
Our first Super Sunday of the program year will take place this Sunday (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!

VEGETABLE SALE

The Knights of Columbus will host a Vegetable Sale on the weekend of October 4 & 5 after all Masses. The sale will include a variety of fresh fall vegetables. All proceeds from the sale will benefit our parish seminarians, Joe Lewis & Dylan Emerson as well as Sr. Amanda Marie de Jesus, L.S.P.

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

October is Respect Life Month. Here's a challenge to commit to carrying the torch for those who have gone before us fighting the good fight. How? Many ways! Teach your child to memorize bible verses such as Jeremiah 1:5-8 or Psalm 139:13; fast from social media, video games, or a favorite food/beverage for a day for the intentions of the unborn; visit Holy Cross Cemetery to pray for the unborn at our new monument; pray a rosary for the unborn; attend Super Sunday breakfast on October 5th to enjoy a delicious breakfast and hear pro-life speaker, Sharon Finecy. What else can YOU think of that uses YOUR unique gifts, talents, and treasure?



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

Sunday, September 21
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
• 2nd Collection - Evangelization Support
• Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
• Super Sunday Breakfast - after the 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses
• Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 10:00-10:45a.m.
• Youth Ministry Gathering - 5-7pm - Parish Hall

Monday, September 22
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, September 23
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

Wednesday, September 24
• NO MORNING or EVENING MASS, CONFESSIONS or ADORATION
• Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Thursday, September 25
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION
• Adult Bible Study - 9:30a.m. - FLC Resource Room
• Three Hearts Homeschool Classes - 9:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. - Parish Hall/Great Room

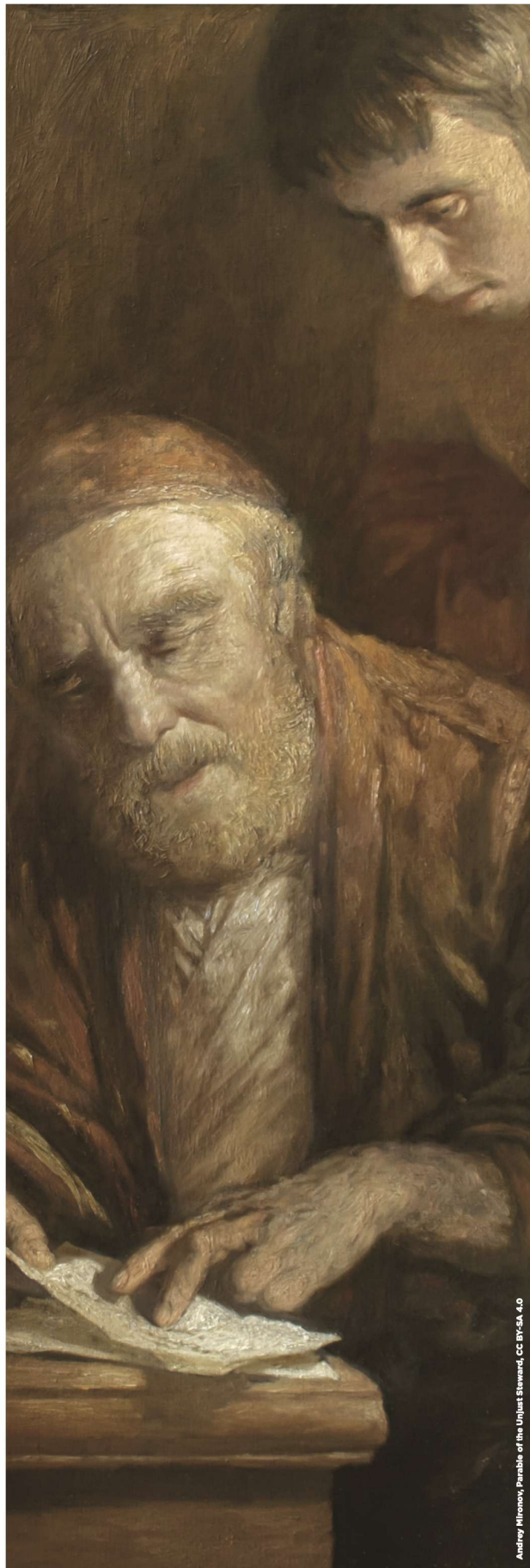
Friday, September 26
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

Saturday, September 27
• Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
• Mass: 4:00p.m.- St. Elizabeth Church

Sunday, September 28
• 2nd Collection - Poor Box Support and Share in the Spirit Collection for Catholic Schools
• Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
• Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
• Hospitality hosted by the Knights of Columbus - 9:30-10:30a.m.- Parish Hall

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

FALL FEST ~ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 ~ 2:00-7:00P.M. ~ PARISH HALL
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



Andrey Mironov, Parable of the Unjust Steward, CC BY-SA 4.0

September 21, 2025

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7 | 1 Tim 2:1-8 | Lk 16:1-13

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

As Catholics we understand that none of our actions are truly isolated. Every virtue we practice or sin we commit affects others because we are all members of the body of Christ. Today's readings from the Old and New Testaments highlight our interconnectedness and offer guidance for how to order the life of the community according to God's will. The key to tranquil communal life is to consider the needs of others as important as our own. In the first reading, the prophet Amos decries those who exploit the poor for personal gain, putting profit over the common good. In the second reading, St. Paul begs the community to pray not only for themselves and for their close relatives, but to offer prayer and supplication for *everyone*. It's tempting to buy into the perspective that we need only focus on *our own* life. But the Lord invites us into authentic community where we intercede, sacrifice for and build up the kingdom *together*.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I like to think of myself as a trustworthy person, and I'd expect most of us would consider ourselves the same. But as the Lord convicts my heart with today's Gospel reading about those who are trustworthy or untrustworthy in big and small matters, I hear the Holy Spirit inviting me to ponder deeper questions: Perhaps I don't intentionally deceive people and I aim to keep my word, but when someone's name or reputation comes up in conversation, can I be trusted to build them up? Do I fall prey to petty gossip, or simply sit idly by as others fall? I am true to scheduled commitments I make, but am I trustworthy with how I spend all my time? Do I use the gift of time for God's greater glory, or do I squander it with excessive scrolling or mindless TV shows? The Spirit doesn't want us to be scrupulous, and everything must be understood through God's merciful gaze. But the Lord does intend to purify us so that we can live more fully in communion with him.

REFLECT

Today, consider how you are invited to live in community and contribute to the building of a Christ-like culture. How are you called to more trustworthy stewardship of the gifts and time God has given you so that you can use them for building up the body of Christ?

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

FOR SEPTEMBER 13 & 14, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 4,470.75
2nd Collection - Parish Rel Ed Support	\$ 400.00
Poor Box	\$ 337.26



YEAR-TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 11 of 52)

Actual Offertory	\$ 59,593.55
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,417.60

**"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**

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Next week, parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of a Catholic education a reality for many struggling Catholic families. Monies raised through this collection, coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment, provide financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. Through this collection, our Bishop is reaching out to believing and worshipping Catholics like you to assist him in ensuring the Catholic commitment to total education of our children does not fade away because people cannot afford it. Our Catholic Church has the mission to educate, and this mission directly affects the quality of life we experience as Catholics; all of us have a stake in Catholic education. To learn more about the *Share in the Spirit* collection and its importance, go to the diocesan website at <https://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit>.

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

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

This week, hear an interview with Fr. John Aurillia OFM, Cap, former secretary to Padre Pio and author of the book, "Dearest Soul: A Spiritual Journey with Padre Pio." 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.