

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY  
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, October 4 ~ FIRST SATURDAY**  
**9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**  
✠ Marianna Breeding  
**4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church**  
Clarence William Cochrane

**Sunday, October 5**  
**27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church**  
People of the Parish  
**8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church**  
✠ Betsy Wood  
**11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**  
✠ Dan Finnerin

**Monday, October 6**  
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

**Tuesday, October 7**  
**9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**  
✠ Shirley Smith

**Wednesday, October 8**  
**9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**  
✠ John Sebestyen  
**6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church**  
✠ Thomas Smithmyer

**Thursday, October 9**  
**9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**  
✠ William T. Schuyler

**Friday, October 10**  
**9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**  
✠ Helen Vogt

**Saturday, October 11**  
**4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church**  
✠ Susie Booze

**Sunday, October 12**  
**28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church**  
Carlos & Mandy Pita and Family  
**8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church**  
✠ Francis Donald Kempel  
**11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**  
People of the Parish

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

**SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 10**  
**St. Elizabeth Church**  
In Memory of Robert Kibler & Marty Kibler  
**St. Benedict Church**  
Intentions of Melissa Creasy & Family



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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 ~ Chrissy Jackson ~ Mike Campbell ~ Joseph Wood, Jr. ~ Jessie Woodward

**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) ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:parishoffice@beparish.com).

LITURGY  
ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE MASS

 The souls of our faithful departed will be remembered throughout the month of November. Use the special Remembrance Envelope in your packet to send in the names of your loved ones (or pick up an envelope at the entrance of either church). Envelopes should be turned in prior to November 1<sup>st</sup> via the collection basket at any Mass. A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. at St. Benedict Church. During this Mass, we will honor and pray especially for the repose of the souls of those people who have been buried from St. Benedict and St. Elizabeth's Churches since November 2, 2024. If you lost a loved one or friend during the past year whom you would like us to include in the Remembrance Mass, contact Lori in the Parish Office (410-634-2253) with the person's name.

OCTOBER 4 & 5, 2025  
CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We're off to a great start to the Religious Ed year!  
Friendly reminder: a parent or guardian must drop their child(ren) off to the classroom and also pick them up from the classroom for each class. If they will be going home with someone other than the parent or guardian, we will need a written note stating who they are going home with. We appreciate your cooperation with these new procedures.

Thank you all for all of your support! ~ Kasey Perza

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE NEWS  
BOXES OF JOY OUTREACH

 Our parish is participating in the Box of Joy outreach again this year. The Boxes of Joy are a Christmas gift outreach organized by local Catholic schools, parishes, and groups nationwide. We will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. Boxes, along with instructions, can be picked up at the Parish Hall. **Filled boxes must be returned NO LATER THAN Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** to the Parish Hall (filled boxes may also be dropped off at Super Sunday on October 5<sup>th</sup>, left in the vestibule of either church or dropped off at the Parish Office). For more information, contact Mrs. Jill King, at 410-556-6222 or [kingsflock@gmail.com](mailto:kingsflock@gmail.com). Please note that shipping cost of \$9 per box must be included with your box or paid online. Instructions can be found inside the boxes.

DIOCESAN MARIAN PILGRIMAGE ~ OCTOBER 11, 2025  
Seats still remain on our Parish Bus if you'd like to attend the Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage next Saturday

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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> **as soon as possible.** 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.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

**FALL FEST ~ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 ~ 2:00-7:00P.M.**  
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](mailto:abcdhen@aol.com)

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

**Sunday, October 5**  
• 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Building & Maintenance  
• Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church  
• Knights of Columbus Vegetable Sale after all Masses  
• Super Sunday Breakfast after 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses  
• Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 10:00-10:45a.m.  
• Youth Ministry Gathering - 6:00-8:00p.m. - Home of Brett & Pam Carmean

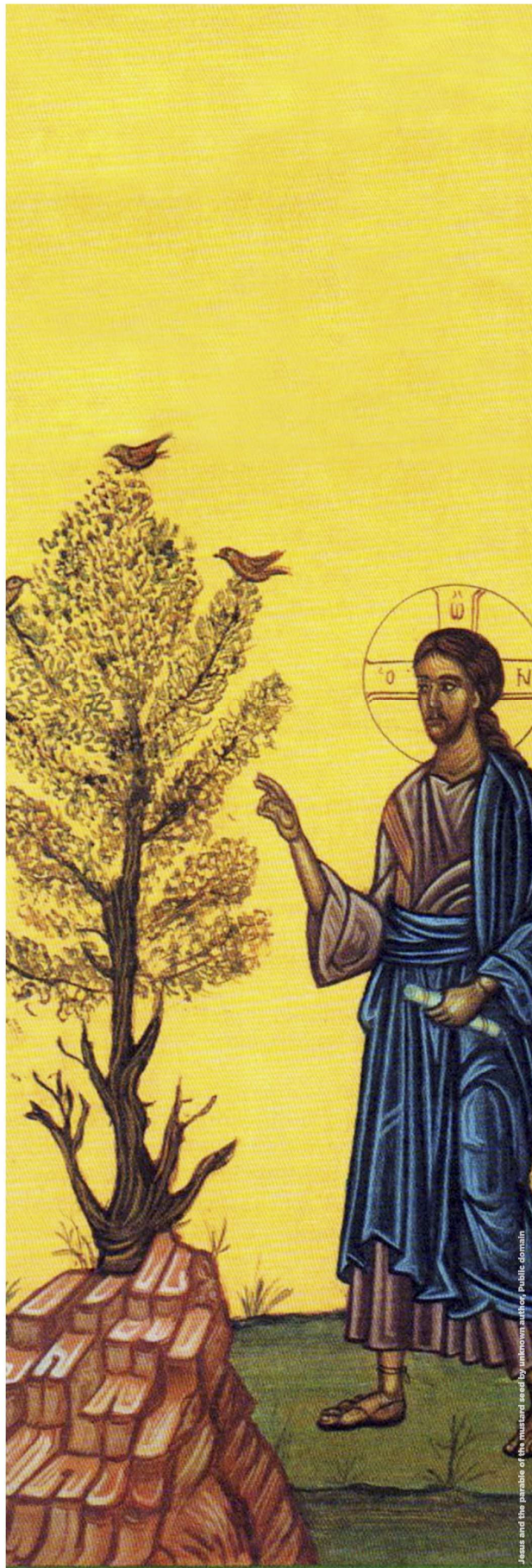
**Monday, October 6**  
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS  
**Tuesday, October 7**  
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Benedict Church  
• Adoration - 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church  
• BVM Ladies' Sodality Meeting - 7pm - Hall (Praying of the Rosary at 6:30p.m.)

**Wednesday, October 8**  
• 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  
• Parish Council Meeting - 7pm - FLC Great Room

**Thursday, October 9**  
• 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, October 10**  
• PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church  
**Saturday, October 11**  
• COR Men's Faith & Fellowship Group - 7-8am - Hall  
• Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church  
• Mass: 4:00p.m.- St. Elizabeth Church

**Sunday, October 12**  
• 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - All Souls Intentions  
• Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church  
• Hospitality provided by Ladies' Sodality - Parish Hall - 9:30-10:30a.m.  
• Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 10:00-10:45a.m.  
• Confirmation Prep Class - 10:45-11:15a.m.



October 5, 2025

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 | 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14 | Lk 17:5-10

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples: "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" I think what Jesus is drawing us to see is the humility we need as his disciples. It's easy to get puffed up, thinking, "Well, I've done this" or "I've done that" in service of God. We can even start to feel that God owes us. But we are called to love God for God's own sake, not for the accolades or even the reward that comes from faithfully serving him. St. Ignatius of Loyola penned a beautiful prayer called the Prayer for Generosity that expresses the sentiment that I feel is at the heart of our Scriptures today: "Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost ... to sacrifice myself without thought of any reward save the knowledge that I have done your will." Let's ask God to help us to serve him with generous hearts.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul calls us to "bear [our] share of the hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Serving the Lord requires that we rely on the gift of the Spirit within us who empowers us to serve courageously and generously. The good news, Paul tells us, is that "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." In our efforts to serve God and to share our faith with others, let's remember that it is God's grace that is at work within us, equipping us and strengthening us. Let's remember Jesus' promise that even if we only have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, we can still do great things for God. Indeed, through the gift of faith and the gift of his Holy Spirit, God has truly given us immense spiritual power.

### **PRAY**

Take a moment to examine your own heart. Is your discipleship fueled more by a hope of reward (heaven), or, by pure love of God? Take some time to pray with St. Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity (the full text can be found online), asking the Lord to increase your generosity in serving him.

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

FOR SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2025

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| Offertory Giving @ Masses                        | \$ 2,086.00 |
| Online Giving via Flocknote for September        | \$ 7,805.00 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Poor Box Support    | \$ 767.00   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Share in the Spirit | \$ 416.00   |

**"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 13 of 52)

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| Actual Offertory         | \$ 73,654.55 |
| Average Weekly Offertory | \$ 5,665.73  |

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the diocesan Share in the Spirit tuition assistance collection last weekend. For those of you who have not yet participated, you may still contribute to the Share in the Spirit collection. Drop your envelope in the collection basket at any Mass or visit the Share in the Spirit website at [www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit](http://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit) and click on Ways to Give. This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

## CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE/RESPECT LIFE NEWS

### ***"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." - Proverbs 31:8***



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 5<sup>th</sup> to enjoy a delicious breakfast and hear pro-life speaker, Sharon Finecey. What else can YOU think of that uses YOUR unique gifts, talents, and treasure?

**NOVENA FOR LIFE** ~ Join thousands of Catholics praying the Respect Life Month Novena, Wednesday, October 22 - Thursday, October 30. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [respectlife.org/celebrate](http://respectlife.org/celebrate)

**MARYLAND RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET** ~ Do you feel called to speak up for God's most vulnerable children? Do you want to protect life *right here* in Maryland? You are warmly invited to attend Maryland Right to Life's Annual Banquet on Thursday, November 6, 2025 in Annapolis. Join us for an inspiring evening centered around the theme *"Make Each Voice Matter,"* in support of the educational work of Maryland Right to Life. The Banquet's keynote speaker, Kelly Lester, is a former abortion facility worker who will share her powerful journey through personal trauma, multiple abortions, and ultimately, what led to her change of heart. Today, Lester encourages others to follow in her footsteps and leave the abortion industry for good. Since 1973, Maryland Right to Life has been a voice for voiceless human lives from the moment of their conception until natural death. Through your support of the Maryland Right to Life Banquet, you will enable us to expand our educational outreach and engage communities across Maryland. To reserve your seat, to sponsor a student's seat, to make a tax-deductible contribution to Maryland Right to Life, or for more information, please visit: [www.mdrtl.org](http://www.mdrtl.org).

**ANNUAL FOOTPRINTS MASS** ~ Join us in October, Respect Life Month, for the Annual Footprints Mass. The Mass will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 9:30am at St. John the Beloved Church in Wilmington, DE. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents, and siblings who grieve the death of a child as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or early infant death. The loss may be recent or many years ago. As a Catholic community, all are welcomed to join us in prayerful support at this special healing Mass at St. John the Beloved. It is a time when we come together to remember those who died too soon. Sponsored by the Offices for Marriage and Family Life and Respect Life of the Diocese of Wilmington.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The St. Joan of Arc Council Knights of Columbus started at our parish in 1996. Since then, our membership has helped our parish in many of its needs. Over the years our council has always reached out to our community to help families, friends and seminarians with financial support when needed. Please take a look at the Knights of Columbus. We are the biggest Catholic organization in the world. We have over 2 million members worldwide. Our council is always looking for a few good men to carry out our mission. We bring men closer to their faith by performing works of charity and giving back to our community. Right now, you can join online by going to [www.KofC.org/join](http://www.KofC.org/join). Enter the code BlessedMcGivney to get free membership for a year. Our annual dues are only \$20. If you have questions, please contact Membership Director, Tom Lough, at 443-996-3024.



## AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

### **LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.**

This week, learn about the work of Red Bird Ministries, an organization that guides individuals and couples through the trauma that happens with the loss of a child through miscarriage and stillbirth or as an infant, child, adolescent, or adult. 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](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum) and [FaceBook.com/CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).



### **SAINT MARK'S HIGH SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE IS OCTOBER 26**

Join Saint Mark's High School for Open House on Sunday, October 26 from 12:30pm until 3:30pm. This is a great opportunity to learn about our Catholic identity, faith formation, academic programs, unmatched learning environments, visual and performing arts programs, clubs, extracurricular activities, athletics, and more. Faculty, staff, club moderators, coaches, and parent ambassadors will be available to answer your questions and share their experiences in the Spartan community. Most importantly, our amazing students will provide tours and discuss what it means to be a Spartan with all of our prospective families! Register today at [www.stmarkshs.net/admissions/campus-visits](http://www.stmarkshs.net/admissions/campus-visits) or call 302-757-8721.