

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 15
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Jose Morales Gallegos

Sunday, November 16
33rd 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
✠ Gabriel M. & Agnes A. Cortez

Monday, November 17
FEAST OF ST. ELIZABETH of HUNGARY
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 18
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Bryn Humphries

Wednesday, November 19
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Marvin Breeding
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Helen Vogt

Thursday, November 20
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ William T. Schuyler

Friday, November 21
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Emily Powell
11:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
Funeral Mass for Mark Auman

Saturday, November 22
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Arcy Passwaters

Sunday, November 23
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Betsy Wood
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Joseph Zarachowicz
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 8 - NOVEMBER 21
St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of
Theresa Asbury-Seiler
St. Benedict Church



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REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Kathleen Green ~ Edie Crank ~ Butch Petroski ~ Michael Petroski ~ Mary Jo Clancy ~ Socorro McIntire 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 ~ 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. ~ Barbara Thompson ~ Jackie Gammons ~ Kathryn Belmonte ~ Mickey Dickerson ~ The Flaherty Family ~ Kathryn Poll ~ Ann Cannon ~ Jonathan Freed ~ Yacintha Johnson ~ Kelley Van Ess ~ Nina Taylor ~ Sid Pinder ~ Joyce Morris ~ Judy Mogilewski ~ Doug League III & Family ~ David Jones ~ Mary Ann Jones ~ Deacon Hal Jopp ~ Gene Ingram ~ Laurie Thomas ~ Carrie Lang ~ Stirling Ward ~ Cheryl Harris ~ Chrissy Jackson ~ Joseph Wood, Jr. ~ Al McCullough ~ Anne Jones ~ Jackie Poore ~ Rosemary Kinnamon ~ Amy Richter ~ Lisa Gardner ~ Anne Jones

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)

FALL THEME BASKET RAFFLES

Have you purchased tickets yet for a chance to win the Fall Football Cooler or Advent/Christmas Basket? The Fall Football Cooler is chock full of football themed items & snacks as well as a \$50 gift card courtesy of Jersey Mikes Subs in Denton (*Package valued at \$150*). The Advent/Christmas Basket is filled with themed items and is also valued at \$150. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Cost for tickets is just \$5 each or \$20 for 5 chances. Winners will be drawn on Friday, November 21st.

BVM LADIES SODALITY NEWS

Join us for **Christmas Parish Palooza** on Sunday, December 14 from 8AM-1PM in the Parish Hall. The event will include a Cookie Sale, Parish Market, and Santa's Workshop at which children can purchase gifts for family members. The ladies are requesting items for the Parish Market (handmade items, new & gently used items, jams/jellies/relish/salsa, etc...). These items can be dropped off at the Parish Office or given to any Sodality member anytime. We also welcome donations of cookies of any kind. Cookies (and Parish Market items) can be dropped off at the Parish Office (8AM-4PM) or the Parish Hall (5PM-8PM) on Friday, December 12.

NOVEMBER 15 & 16, 2025
LITURGY

SPECIAL FEAST DAY MASS



This Monday, November 17th is the feast day of our parish patroness, St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Therefore, a special Mass will be celebrated in honor of the feast day at 6:00p.m. that evening at St. Elizabeth Church. Please attend if you are able to do so. (*November 17th is also Deacon Bill Nickum's 24th anniversary of ordination to the diaconate.*)

THANKSGIVING is on Thursday, November 27th. Mass will be celebrated at St. Benedict Church that morning at 9:00a.m.

ADVENT OFFERINGS

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30th. Mark your calendars for an Advent Evening of Recollection on Wednesday, December 10th which will include Mass and a presentation by parishioner, Dr. Janyne Althaus. The parish is also offering various resources to enrich your Advent journey including limited copies of the book Waiting Well: Advent with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Resources are available at the entrances of both churches. Finally, as Advent approaches, we will be unveiling a special gift to all parishioners that will not only enrich your Advent but will support you with faith formation opportunities for all ages and great Catholic programming at your fingertips throughout the year. Stay tuned!

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER ✠ WE CELEBRATE ✠ WE BELIEVE

We pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner, **Mike Campbell**, husband of Nancy Campbell, who died on November 7th. A funeral Mass will be celebrated for Mike on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 11am at St. Benedict Church. Please keep the Campbell family in your prayers.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

As the weather turns colder outside, the classrooms can feel chilly, so please make sure your child(ren) brings a sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket just in case they get cold.

For the upcoming holiday season, there will be **NO Religious Ed classes on Sunday, November 30, 2025, (for the Thanksgiving break) or Sunday, December 28, 2025, (for the Christmas break)**. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 4, 2026, a Super Sunday, so enjoy a delicious breakfast by the Knights of Columbus before classes start at 10:00. As we keep moving forward, please continue to remember the importance of attending classes on a regular basis. More than four unexcused absences will require a meeting with Father Markellos. An absence will be marked excused once your student has completed and turned in all make-up work to their Catechist in a timely manner.

Friendly reminder: parents or guardians must still drop your child(ren) off to the classroom and pick 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.

I can be reached at kperza@beparish.com or 410-634-2253 with any questions. Thank you! ~ Kasey Perza

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, November 16

- 2nd Collection – Parish Cemeteries
- Social Concerns Ministry collecting non-perishable food for Martin's Barn Pantry prior to all Masses
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. – St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
- Hospitality provided by Knights - Parish Hall – 9:30-10:30a.m.
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes – 9:40-10:45a.m.

Monday, November 17

- Mass – 6:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church (NO Confessions or Adoration prior to Mass)

Tuesday, November 18

- 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
- First Reconciliation Prep – 6:15p.m. – Hall
- Caroline County Right to Life Meeting – 6:30p.m. – FLC Great Room

Wednesday, November 19

- 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 Rm
- Knights of Columbus Mtg – 7pm – Hall

Thursday, November 20

- 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
- Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Gathering – 6:00p.m. – Hall

Friday, November 21

- Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass– 9am – St. Elizabeth Church
- Funeral Mass for Mark Auman – 11am – St. Elizabeth Church (Luncheon to follow in hall)
- Sodality Cookie Walk Prep – 6pm – Hall

Saturday, November 22

- Men & Women Are from Eden Formation Gathering – 11am-2pm – Parish Hall
- Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass – 4:00p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church

Sunday, November 23

- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. – St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
- Hospitality provided by Knights - Parish Hall – 9:30-10:30a.m.
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes – 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Confirmation Prep Class – 10:45a.m.



November 16, 2025

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a | 2 Thes 3:7-12 | Lk 21:5-19

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

We don't have to look far to find grief, violence, or chaos in our world. Perhaps it has made its way into our community or has pierced our hearts in deeply personal ways. Or even if the chaos of life has remained at a distance for now, it can be tempting to wonder if the end is near at times. But Jesus warns us against catastrophic thoughts. Listen to what he says in today's Gospel, when asked how we will know the end time is coming: "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Jesus knew we would need his clear and steady reminder. If you find yourself fearing the state of the world, turn all your senses toward Jesus. Let your anxiety, grief, and concern become catalysts for prayer.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Although today's Gospel may at first be one that stirs fear, as we look deeper we realize that Jesus is speaking directly into the heart of our fear and offering his profound consolation. There is so much in this Gospel that can encourage us to continue to bear witness to Christ even in trying times. As we scroll through the news each day, remember Jesus' words to not be "terrified." If you find yourself in circumstances where it's not easy to stand up for your faith, Jesus tells us, "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." And when you look to the future with dread, remember that Jesus says, "not a hair on your head will be destroyed." Read these words again, drawing comfort and strength that the Lord is with you, guiding and protecting you through it all.

PRAY

If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed this week, pray the Prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila:

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.*

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

FOR NOVEMBER 8 & 9, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 3,471.00
2nd Collection - Arch for Military Services	\$ 226.00
Poor Box	\$ 324.00



YEAR-TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 19 of 52)

Actual Offertory	\$ 104,070.55
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,477.40

2026 CALENDARS

As we soon prepare to welcome a New Year, 2026 calendars (available in two styles) will soon be available at the entrance of both churches. We thank The Sewing Outlet (Joe & Paula Amalfitano and Family) and Moore Funeral Home in Denton for their sponsorship of the calendars. The parish bears no cost for the printing of the calendars thanks to their generosity. Please feel free to take more than one calendar.

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE/RESPECT LIFE NEWS



Please mark your calendar and join us for the next Caroline County Right to Life meeting on Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30p.m. in Family Life Center Great Room. All are welcome.

"You can look in vain for that Gospel of Jesus where He says, 'Follow Me and everything will be a breeze.' Life is a struggle. A struggle between good and evil. We have to be warriors for good." (Fr. William Ryan of Togo Mission)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

ANNUAL "COATS FOR THE COLD" COLLECTION

The St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus will be collecting winter coats throughout November, December, January, and February for distribution to anyone needing these items, parishioner or non-parishioner alike. They are accepting new/gently used coats of all sizes as well as NEW gloves and hats. And for the first time this year, we will also be collecting NEW socks (at the request of one of the homeless shelters last year). Please launder used coats before donation. (*And, please, NO donations of clothing other than coats.*) Donation boxes can be found in the back of St. Elizabeth Church and in the Parish Hall. Please let us know if you or someone you know is in need of winter coats, hats, or gloves. All of the items collected will be distributed to the shelters here in Caroline County, schools, Martin's House & Barn and the Samaritan House. No one should be cold this winter, nor ashamed to ask for help. The Knights would like to thank all parishioners in advance for your very generous donations. Our annual "coat for the cold" drives has been very successful in years past. Last year nearly 350 coats were collected (about 250 were new) and distributed here in Caroline County. Thank you and God Bless all!

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

QUEEN ANNE CHORALE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Queen Anne's Chorale is having its December 2025 concert and is once again performing at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College (TPAC) for one performance only, "A Classic Christmas", on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. The concert features many beautiful Christmas pieces including John Rutter's, "Angel's Carol", "And the Glory of the Lord" from Handel's Messiah, "Breath of Heaven-Mary's Song" from the Lloyd Larson Choral series along with many Christmas favorite audience sing-alongs. The ticket price is \$27.30 per adult; students ages 13-18 are \$16.80 (ticket prices include the TPAC fee) and children up to age 13 are FREE (when accompanied by a paid adult admission). To purchase tickets, please access our website: qachorale.org. Our fellow parishioner, Sharon Balling, a long-time member of the Chorale, wishes to thank you for your past support. She is looking forward to seeing you at the December concert. If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach her by e-mail at edwardballing@comcast.net or by phone at 410-897-7663.

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

This week, we talk with Father Joseph Chorpenning, OSFS, author of "Saint Joseph and the Carmelite Reform of Saint Teresa of Avila." The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm 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.

SAINT MARK'S HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Saint Mark's High School warmly invites you to its upcoming theater production of Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*. Join us for a heartwarming journey of redemption, compassion, and the true meaning of Christmas. Performances will be held on November 21st, 22nd, and 23rd at Saint Mark's High School. Don't miss this inspiring production, perfect for the whole family, as we welcome the season with joy, generosity, and the spirit of goodwill. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by going to our website at <https://www.stmarkshs.net/visual-and-performing-arts-presents>. All are welcome!

YOU ARE INVITED...

to the Aaron's Place Workforce Development Training Series, designed to strengthen essential professional and interpersonal skills in a supportive, interactive environment. From December 2025 through June 2026, Aaron's Place will host monthly 90-minute workshops at 401 B, [401 Aldersgate Dr, Denton, MD](#). Each session focuses on a key area of professional growth including business etiquette, communication, digital professionalism, personal branding, and productivity to help participants enhance workplace readiness and confidence.

Here's a quick look at the upcoming sessions:

- Dec 2, 2025: *Mastering the Art of Business Etiquette*
- Jan 6, 2026: *Speak with Impact: The Power of Verbal Communication*
- Feb 3, 2026: *Digital Professionalism: Navigating Online Etiquette*
- Mar 3, 2026: *Brand Yourself: Dressing for Success*
- Apr 7, 2026: *Write It Right: Polishing Your Professional Communication*
- May 19, 2026: *Unleash Your Strengths: Maximizing Your Natural Qualities*
- Jun 2, 2026: *Own Your Time: Strategies for Smart Productivity*

Each class accommodates 2-15 participants and provides hands-on activities, discussion, and practical takeaways for professional success. If you would like to enroll, visit <https://forms.gle/ctnLRgdc314rkYxD9> or contact the St. Benedict Parish Office.

SUPPORTING HIS HOPE MINISTRIES HOMELESS SHELTER

As temperatures drop, His Hope Ministries Homeless Shelter is preparing to serve more individuals and families than ever before. Right now, they are asking for support of their Winter-Ready Giving effort through donations of essential items to keep their guests safe, clean, and comfortable through the winter months. You can help by donating any of the following:

- ♦ Hygiene kits and toiletries
- ♦ Warm socks, gloves, and blankets
- ♦ Household items like paper towels and detergent
- ♦ Non-perishable food items and bottled water
- ♦ Gift cards for gas, groceries, or personal needs

You can drop off items at the shelter (409 Aldersgate Drive, Denton) or at the His Hope Ministries office (105 Gay Street, Denton) or call our team to coordinate delivery (443-448-7297). Want to help in other ways? Many of our volunteers pack meals, organize drives, or help distribute supplies to those who need them most. Learn more and sign up to help: <https://lnkd.in/e-eWiCaC>.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

In 2026, the programs will be held **February 6-8, July 31 - August 2**, and **October 21-23**, at the Malvern Retreat Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit MarriageHeldDeVal.org or call 215-766-3944. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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. 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.

