

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Tuesday, November 25
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
Francis Donald Kempel

Wednesday, November 26
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Mike Campbell
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ John A. Vogl

Thursday, November 27
THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Cathy Alder

Friday, November 28
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, November 29
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ E.J. Prudot

Sunday, November 30
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Marvin Breeding
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Francis Kinnamon
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Ken Flynn

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 5
St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of the Finnerin Family

St. Benedict Church
Intentions of the J. Breeding
Family



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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 ~ 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. ~ Anne Jones ~ Jackie Poore ~ Rosemary Kinnamon ~ Amy Richter ~ Lisa Gardner

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 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 (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

AND THE WINNERS ARE... Thank you to all who purchased tickets for our two raffles. The winner of the Fall Football Cooler is Cindy Simpson and the winner of the Advent & Christmas Theme Basket is Anthony Wobbe. Congratulations!



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 22 & 23, 2025
LITURGY

THANKSGIVING MASS
There will be a 9am Mass on Thanksgiving Day at St. Benedict Church. There will be **NO MASS** on Friday, November 28th.

ADVENT OFFERINGS
Mark your calendars for an Advent Evening of Recollection on Wednesday, December 10th. That evening, confessions and Adoration will take place at St. Benedict Church from 5:15-5:45p.m. followed by Mass at 6pm. After Mass, parishioner, Dr. Janyne Althaus, will make a special presentation in the hall with the theme, "Clearing Out the Clutter to Make Room for Happiness". All are invited and no RSVP is necessary. We also encourage you to pick up one of the free Advent books available at the entrance of the churches to enrich your Advent journey.

FORMED ~ A GIFT FOR OUR PARISH
This weekend during all Masses, you will be receiving information about how to sign up for your own account for FORMED, a comprehensive and beautiful Catholic app which includes videos, movies, podcasts, children's content and more. Sign up today and open the door to a whole world of great content to help you grow in faith!

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE
WE REMEMBER ✠ WE CELEBRATE ✠ WE BELIEVE

We pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner, **Al McCullough**, husband of Beth McCullough, who died on November 15th. A Celebration of Life will take place in the Spring. Please keep the McCullough 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to the next Youth Ministry Gathering on Saturday, December 6th from 6-8:30p.m. in the Parish Hall. The evening will include viewing the Ridgely Christmas Parade, dinner & dessert, a hot cocoa bar and games. Bring a friend and an EXTRA shoe!

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

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.

Monday, November 24
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
Tuesday, November 25
• 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

Wednesday, November 26
• 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

Thursday, November 27 ~ THANKSGIVING
• Confessions – 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass– 9am – St. Benedict Church
• PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
• NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY
• NO HOMESCHOOL CLASSES

Friday, November 28
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
• PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 29
• Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass – 4:00p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
Sunday, November 30
• Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. – St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
• NO RELIGIOUS ED/O.C.I.A. CLASSES

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE/
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Caroline County Right to Life will have their next meeting January 20, 2026 at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Contact Tom Lough at upcycle1atatime@gmail.com or Anne Fountain at anne@annepaul.com for more information. Get involved by becoming a member. Join us on the National March for Life in D.C. on January 23rd and the Maryland March for Life in Annapolis on March 16th. Fast and pray for all to respect the dignity and value of human life – no matter what the age or condition.





November 23, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3 | Col 1:12-20 | Lk 23:35-43

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

Since the birth of my oldest child, I have seen and heard many things about what I *should* do as a mother. I have heard everything from which products I should purchase to how I should help my child develop a healthy sleep routine. But my identity as a mother is not dependent upon any of these things; instead, it rests on my relationship with God as his beloved daughter and who he has called me to be as a mother. Those living at the time of Jesus were also trying to understand his identity as king according to their own expectations of what a king was meant to be. They certainly did not expect their king to be crucified by the Romans as we read about in our Gospel today. But Jesus did not come to rule as an earthly king. He *is* king because of his identity as the beloved Son of God, whose mission it was to offer his life for the salvation of all. Jesus did not allow society's understanding of a king to dictate how he lived his mission. Likewise, we must act confidently in accordance with the particular call that God has entrusted to us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I find it interesting that when David was anointed king of Israel, he is designated as a commander whose vocation it was to *shepherd* the tribes of Israel. Of course, now we also readily associate the term *shepherd* with Christ, the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. The notion of kingship and shepherding, therefore, seem to be intertwined. In the sacrament of baptism, each of us is invited to participate in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. To join Christ in his mission as king, we must also lead lives of service in which we allow the love of God to generously flow through us by caring for others. Let us strive to be shepherds for those in our communities who are seeking to know Christ more intimately; let us participate in Christ's mission as king through humble service to others.

PRAY

Today, take a few minutes to pray for all leaders. Ask the Lord to guide them in their leadership to be good shepherds to all those who fall under their governance. As you participate in your local community and parish, ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to join in Christ's mission as king by serving those in need.

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

FOR NOVEMBER 15 & 16, 2025

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 2,685.00
2nd Collection - Arch for Military Services	\$ 150.00
Poor Box	\$ 149.00



YEAR-TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 20 of 52)

Actual Offertory	\$ 109,547.95
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.

Please be generous when the **Retirement Fund for Religious collection** is taken in our parish the weekend of December 13/14. In 2024, Catholics across the Diocese of Wilmington contributed \$129,873.49 to the collection, mostly through their home parishes. From the collection, the Capuchin Poor Clare Nuns; Little Sisters of Jesus and Mary; Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales; and Oblates of St. Francis de Sales received a combined total of \$322,892.56 in financial assistance. Rising health-care costs and the absence of traditional retirement plans have placed significant financial strain on many religious communities. The Retirement Fund for Religious helps address this need, supporting more than 21,000 religious over the age of 70. In 2024, the average annual cost of care was about \$56,600 per person, with skilled nursing care averaging \$96,000.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR COLLECTION

The Knights will be collecting items and donations in support of the Little Sisters of the Poor on the weekends of December 6 & 7 and December 13 & 14 prior to all Masses. Please see the special insert in today's bulletin for a list of requested items.

SOUP FOR SEMINARIANS

The Knights are sponsoring a Soup for Seminarians sale. From November 24 - December 21, orders for soup and chicken salad will be accepted through the collection basket at any Mass and through the Parish Office (see the Order Form Insert in today's bulletin). Orders will be prepared and ready for pick-up at our January Super Sunday on January 4, 2026 between 8am-Noon. All proceeds will benefit our parish seminarians, Joe Lewis and Dylan Emerson as well as Sr. Amanda Marie de Jesus, I.s.p.

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 7th at 3 p.m. The concert features 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 visit www.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. Questions? Contact Sharon at 410-897-7663.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

This week, hear an interview with Catherine Cavadini, author of the new book "Behold the Wonder: The Coming of Christ Through Mary's Eyes." 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](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

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 MarriageHeldDelVal.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.