

**ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY****MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS****Saturday, January 10****4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✧ Susie Booze

**Sunday, January 11****THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD****7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church**

The People of the Parish

**8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church**

✧ John Brennan

**11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✧ Brian Petrichenko

**Monday, January 12**

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

**Tuesday, January 13****9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**

Angela Pizzadili

**Wednesday, January 14****9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

Keith &amp; Maria Poptanich

**6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✧ Mike Campbell

**Thursday, January 15****9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**

✧ Jim Baker

**Friday, January 16****9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✧ Dan Finnerin

**Saturday, January 17****4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✧ Helen Vogt

**Sunday, January 18****SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church**

✧ Pat Whalen

**8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church**

People of the Parish

**11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✧ Al McCullough

NOTE: ✧ indicates a deceased person(s).

**TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS****JANUARY 3 - JANUARY 16****St. Elizabeth Church**In Thanksgiving for Prayers offered  
for Gene Ingram**St. Benedict Church**

Intentions of Fr. Markellos &amp; Family

[www.beparish.com](http://www.beparish.com)**ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON****REMEMBERING IN PRAYER**

Kathleen Green ~ 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 ~ Amy Richter ~ Peggy Finnerin ~ Sue Fleegle ~ Tolbert Rowe ~ Mary Bashtarz ~ Rene Floyd ~ Karen Yoder ~ Helen Hadley ~ Teresa Dunmire

**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) ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. J. Aubrey Perry, US Army, Ft. Bragg, Fayetteville NC (Son of Carrie & Jim Perry)

**CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE/RESPECT LIFE NEWS****UPCOMING ...**

- Catholics nationwide are invited to pray "9 Days for Life," an annual Respect Life novena starting Friday, January 16. Find the novena by going to the National Right to Life Website ([www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)) and typing "novena" in the search bar.
- The next CCRTL meeting is January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.
- The National March for Life is January 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be no bus this year, so reach out to a fellow parishioner to carpool.
- Save the date for the Maryland March for Life in Annapolis which will take place on March 16th.

**JANUARY 10 & 11, 2026****CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

Just a Friendly Reminder... that a parent or guardian must still pick up your child(ren) from the classroom after each class every Sunday.

**FEBRUARY SUPER SUNDAY**

The Knights will host the February Super Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. The delicious buffet breakfast includes scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, sausage gravy with biscuits, potatoes, pancakes and beverages. Cost is just \$6 per person with a \$35 max per family. RSVP [via Flocknote](https://www.flocknote.com) or by contacting the parish office by January 29<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS****ANNUAL "COATS FOR THE COLD" COLLECTION**

The St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus are collecting new and gently used winter coats as well as new hats, gloves and socks throughout November, December, January, and February for distribution to anyone needing these items, parishioner or non-parishioner alike. (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.

## Did you know?

### *Our Diocese has Saint In Waiting!*

Fr. Paul Wattson, who was born in our diocese in Millington, MD in 1863, was an Episcopal priest. Through prayer and discernment, Fr. Wattson and the Episcopal nuns, who resided at his parish and were headed up by Mother Superior Sister Lurana, converted to Roman Catholicism and moved to Garrison, NY. There they founded the Society of the Atonement taking vows of Franciscan poverty, obedience & charity with the mission of promoting Christian Unity. The Week of Prayer and Christian Unity January 18 to 23 was started by Fr. Wattson in 1908.

In 2015, Cardinal Timothy Dolan of N.Y. began the process of sainthood for Fr. Paul Wattson.

Every year since 2022, there has been a prayer service in our diocese alternating the locations at Sacred Heart RC Church in Chestertown, MD and St. Clements Episcopal Church in Millington, MD.

### *Come Join Us! All Are Welcome!*

This year, the prayer service will be at St. Clements Episcopal Church, 32940 Maryland Line Road, Massey, MD 21650 on Friday, January 23rd  
6:00pm — Fellowship in Gettier Parish Hall  
7:00pm — Ecumenical Service of Prayer & Worship

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD****LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY****Sunday, January 11**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Catholic Communications
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Hospitality hosted by Knights - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Hall
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Youth Ministry hosting dinner for His Hope Shelter residents - 3:00-8:00p.m. - Hall

**Monday, January 12**

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Knights of Columbus Exemplification - 6pm - Parish Hall

**Tuesday, January 13**

- 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 Finance Office

**Wednesday, January 14**

- 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, January 15**

- 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, January 16**

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church

**Saturday, January 17**

- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass - 4:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

**Sunday, January 18**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Building & Maintenance
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Hospitality hosted by Knights - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Hall
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Confirmation Prep - 10:45-11:15a.m.

January 11, 2026

## The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 | Acts 10:34-38 | Mt 3:13-17

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

We hear in today's Gospel that at the moment of Jesus' baptism, "a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" We can hear these words as a simple proclamation of who Jesus is — the beloved Son of God — but also as a proclamation of who we are called to be: the beloved adopted sons and daughters of God. I sometimes forget that I am also called beloved. I mistakenly think that my value depends on my accomplishments or on my faithfulness, but the truth is that my status as beloved is due to being made in the image of my Creator. If I allow myself to absorb the full meaning of that, it will not only affect how I view myself but also how I relate to others. But Christ didn't come only to show us the truth about who we are. His coming also invites us to see one another as beloved. As Peter reminds us in our second reading, "God shows no partiality." May we strive to see the belovedness that God bestows on us and on all people.

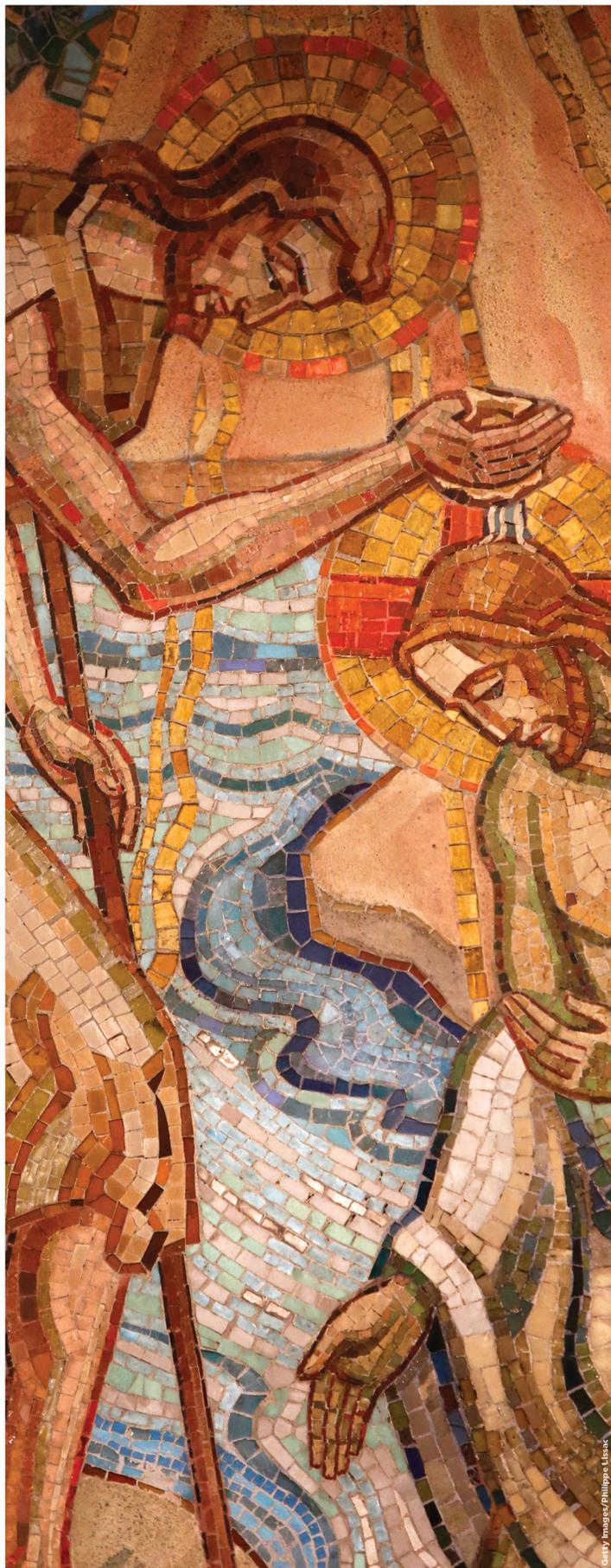
### **GO EVANGELIZE**

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

Jesus entered fully into our humanity, including entering into communion with each of us through our common baptism, to allow for us to one day share in the perfect exchange of love of the Trinity. Our call is to take on Christ's mission of love here on earth — to speak and act in a way that proclaims the truth of who God is and who he has made us to be. How can we remind our families, our neighbors, and even our enemies of their nature as beloved children of God? And by recognizing our own nature as beloved, we allow God's grace to flow through us. We then trust that God will make himself known as the source of love itself.

### **REFLECT**

Take time this week to reflect on what it means to be a beloved son or daughter of God. What would it be like to hear, "You are my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased"? Once we root ourselves in this truth we can ask ourselves, "What act of kindness, what consoling word might I offer, what goodness might I do for others around me to help them experience a glimpse of their own belovedness?" Then, do it!



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

**FOR JANUARY 3 & 4, 2026**

<b>Offertory Giving @ Masses</b>	<b>\$ 6,464.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$ 1,660.21</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>	<b>\$ 305.00</b>



<b>YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 27 of 52)</b>	
<b>Actual Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 152,916.16</b>
<b>Average Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5,663.56</b>

**AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY**

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

Tune-in this week to meet Salesianum High School students, Anthony Morgan and Shaun Hahn and learn how they are helping Catholic Charities' Bayard House. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DioceesofWilm 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).

**ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** - Bishop William E. Koenig invites all married couples in the Diocese of Wilmington to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on World Marriage Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 1:00pm at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, DE. Those celebrating significant anniversaries (5-year increments) - 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or any anniversary beyond 50, will receive a special certificate from the Bishop. Reservations are needed, no matter what the anniversary year. Reservations are required by February 4, 2026. Bishop Koenig will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. Questions may be referred to the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302-295-0657 or by emailing [OMFL@cdow.org](mailto:OMFL@cdow.org). Registration can be completed by using the following link - <https://cdowmarriagepreparation.wufoo.com/forms/qf0nyt11mq100/> or by going to the Diocesan Website - Ministries - Marriage and Family Life.

**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

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. The next program begins the weekend of February 6-8, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit [www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org](http://www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**WEEKEND OF HOPE & HEALING (After Abortion)**

Weekend of Hope & Healing retreat offers a beautiful opportunity to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a chance to get away from the daily pressures of work and family, to focus on a painful time in life, and to begin healing through a supportive and non-judgmental process. Spiritual exercises focusing on God's forgiveness, compassion, and mercy are shared through psychological exercises which help participants work through repressed grief and anger that may exist. Many preconceived fear of condemnation are transformed into blessings; memories of abandonment, pain, and confusion are replaced by peace and reconciliation. This retreat will focus on God's love and forgiveness in a nonjudgmental environment. Based in Catholicism, the retreat is open to and welcomes individuals of all denominations. The weekend begins on Friday late afternoon and concludes Sunday early afternoon.

**Dates:** March 20-22, 2026

**Confidential Location:** Ocean City, MD area, disclosed after registration

**Suggested donation:** \$250/person, \$400/couple (scholarships available)

**For confidential inquiries and registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry (Archdiocese of Baltimore):** Call (410) 625-8491 or Text (410) 299-9345.