

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS****Saturday, January 24****4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

John & Lora Breeding

Sunday, January 25**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church**

✠ Fr. Jim Kirk

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

✠ Mike Campbell

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

The People of the Parish

Monday, January 26

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, January 27**9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**

Mary Bashtarz

Wednesday, January 28**9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✠ Deceased Members of the Charles L. Knott Family

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

✠ Mike Campbell

Thursday, January 29**9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**

✠ Al McCullough

Friday, January 30**9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✠ Mike Campbell

Saturday, January 31**4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✠ Helen Vogt

Sunday, February 1**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church**

Kenny Wood

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

Brett & Pam Carmean and Family

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

✠ Mark Auman

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS**JANUARY 17 - JANUARY 30****St. Elizabeth Church**

Intentions of Deacon Hal & Margaret Jopp

St. Benedict Church

Intentions of Ann Haywood

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 & Bernie 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 ~ Karen Yoder ~ Helen Hadley ~ Teresa Dunmire ~ Greta Scanlan ~ Carlene Reich

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

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE/RESPECT LIFE NEWS

This legislative session in Maryland we expect to see several pro-abortion proposals, including legislation strengthening the legal shield for abortionists in Maryland who violate pro-life laws in other states. Pro-abortion lawmakers in Annapolis are keen to help Governor Wes Moore follow through on his promise to make Maryland a "safe haven" for abortion on demand. Save the date for the Maryland March for Life in Annapolis on March 16th.

**A Prayer for Hope and Life**

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own. Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world. Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying. Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

JANUARY 24 & 25, 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 next Sunday, February 1st. 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.beparish.com/flocknote) or by contacting the parish office by January 29th if you plan to attend.

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

The Knights will be collecting new and gently used winter coats as well as new hats, gloves and socks through February for distribution to anyone needing these items, parishioner or non-parishioner. Donation boxes can be found in the back of St. Elizabeth Church and in the Parish Hall.

SODALITY NEWS**Attention ALL ladies of the parish!**

Come join us for a Sodality social gathering. We will be having a line dance lesson and snacks on Friday, January 30th from 6-8PM in the parish hall. Come to have fun, socialize, enjoy some snacks and meet some new people. If you have any questions, you may contact Michelle Groves, Sodality President, at 443-786-0183.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**YOUTH MINISTRY SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Mark your calendars for the annual Youth Ministry Spaghetti Dinner which will take place next Saturday, February 7th from 5:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. We hope that you can come and enjoy tasty spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert & beverages for only \$8 per person (\$40 max per family). Proceeds

from the dinner help to send several of our young people to camp during the summer. There will be two seatings for the dinner: 5:00-6:30p.m. and 6:30-8:00p.m.

Please RSVP for your preferred seating time via Flocknote (<https://www.beparish.com/flocknote/signup/241903>) or by contacting the Parish Office. Payment (via cash, check or credit card) will be collected at the door on the night of the dinner or you can pay via credit card online if you sign up via Flocknote. NOTE: The 3PM Confessions and 4PM Mass that evening will be at St. Benedict Church instead of St. Elizabeth Church.

VALENTINE'S DAY RAFFLE

The Fundraising Committee will be selling tickets for a Valentine's Day Raffle over the next few weeks. The basket includes a \$350 gift certificate to the White Swan Tavern B & B and a \$100 gift certificate to the Watershed Restaurant (both in Chestertown), a \$50 gift certificate to Patti's Petals (Denton), a box of chocolates and a bottle of champagne. Only 50 tickets will be sold at the cost of \$20 each. All proceeds will benefit our parish Youth Ministry. Tickets can be purchased during hospitality in the parish hall on Sunday mornings, after Masses this weekend or next weekend, at the YM Spaghetti Dinner or at the Parish Office.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY****Sunday, January 25**

- 2nd Collection - Energy Offset
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Sacred Heart Icon at Masses (hosted by Knights of Columbus)
- Hospitality hosted by Knights - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Hall
- Valentine's Day Raffle Ticket Sales - after Masses and at Hospitality
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.

Monday, January 26

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, January 27

- 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, January 28

- 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, January 29

- 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 30

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church
- Ladies' Sodality Social Gathering - 6:00-8:00p.m. - Parish Hall

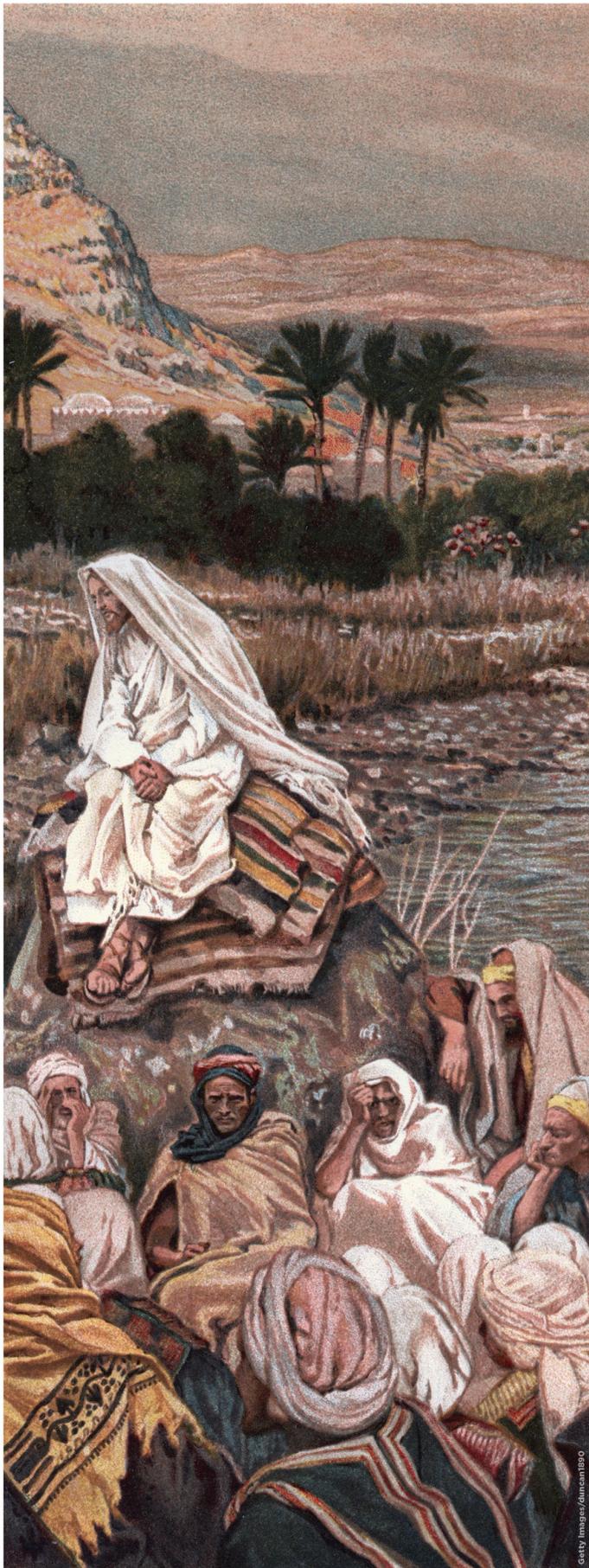
Saturday, January 31

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

• Valentine's Day Raffle Ticket Sales - after Mass

Sunday, February 1

- 2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Super Sunday Breakfast after 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. Masses - Parish Hall
- Valentine's Day Raffle Ticket Sales - after Masses and at Super Sunday Breakfast
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 10:00-10:45a.m.



January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3 | 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 | Mt 4:12-23

Written by
THE
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For most of my life, any time I have heard these words of Jesus, the emphasis has always been on “*Repent*.” Recently, I’ve started to pay more attention to the second half of Jesus’ proclamation: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Through his coming into our world and the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus’ reign has begun. The signs of his kingdom’s arrival are striking and immediate; we see Jesus “curing every disease and illness among the people.” This is cause for great rejoicing, like the rejoicing we hear of in today’s reading from Isaiah: “Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness ... upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown.” Jesus’ miracles reveal that the reign of darkness, sin, and death is coming to an end; this is good news, indeed! It’s also a major part of our call as disciples. We’re called to pray (“thy kingdom come”) and to work to advance Jesus’ reign on earth.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Like the Apostles Peter, Andrew, James, and John in today’s Gospel, we, too, have been called to help build God’s kingdom on earth. We do this in a particular way by continuing the works of Jesus here on earth. As Pope Leo XIV reminds us in *Dilexi Te*, “The signs that accompany Jesus’ preaching are manifestations of the love and compassion with which God looks upon the sick, the poor and sinners ... The Church, if she wants to be Christ’s Church, must be ... a place where the poor have a privileged place.” (21) Part of the way we bear witness to the inbreaking of God’s kingdom on earth is to put those who are ill and marginalized at the center of our concern. Then the kingdom of God will be manifest and visible in the world, drawing others to Christ.

SERVE

This week, spend some time researching ways you can work with other Christians to serve the sick and the poor of our world. As we conclude this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (which ends Jan. 25, 2026), there’s no better witness we can offer to the dawn of the kingdom of God than being “united in the same mind and in the same purpose” (as Paul calls us to be today) in serving those in need.

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

FOR JANUARY 17 & 18, 2026

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 3,375.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 366.00
Poor Box	\$ 1,150.00



YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 28 of 52)

Actual Offertory	\$ 155,694.16
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,560.51

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

[Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls](#)

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th. And, in case you didn't know, St. Francis de Sales is the patron saint of our diocese! **Did you know? That all parishioners of St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth can access the FORMED platform for free.** To sign-up, visit www.formed.org/signup and enter the parish zip code (21660), enter your name and email address and start watching!

2025 TAX LETTERS

If you made contributions to the parish during 2025 via envelope or online via Flocknote Giving, you may request a 2025 tax letter by contacting parish bookkeeper, Kim Ernest, at kimsconqueringchaosllc@gmail.com.

To print your own letter, scroll to the bottom of any Flocknote email that you have received and click the "my info" link at the bottom of the email. When your Flocknote user page appears, click the "Giving" link on the left-hand side of the page and then click the colorful 2025 Donor Summary button on the right side of your user page. This will generate a printable tax letter which you can print on your own printer.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

Tune-in this week when The Dialog's Joe Owens interviews retiring Communications Director and Catholic Forum host, Bob Krebs. 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](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.

Registration can be completed by visiting the Diocesan website at <https://cdow.org/ministries/office-for-marriage-and-family-life/wedding-anniversary-mass-2025/> or by completing the form that can be found at this link: <https://cdowmarriagepreparation.wufoo.com/forms/qf0nytf11mq100/>

RETOUVAILLE: 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. 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.

National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Lenten Retreat: Pondering with Mother Mary

Saturday, February 28th Registration: \$35 With Lunch: \$50

The National Shrine Grotto invites you to join us for a Day of Retreat with Retreat Master Fr. Dwight Schlaline! Fr. Dwight Schlaline is the pastor of the historic Sacred Heart Basilica (aka "Conewago Chapel") located near Hanover, PA. He has served as a priest of the Harrisburg Diocese since June 2010; first at St. Patrick Church in Carlisle, then at Our Lady of the Visitation in Shippensburg, and now in Hanover. A fellow overthinker, Fr. Dwight asks, "Has someone ever said: You think too much. Why don't you just let it go?" Have you ever tried to stop ruminating about something but just couldn't do it? It's possible to be free from overthinking. Visit [//nsgrotto.org/events](http://nsgrotto.org/events) for more information. Flyer attached. **Come out and let's see what God can do to heal our minds and hearts.**

Questions? Contact Lisa Rush at 301-447-5521 or l.m.rush@msmary.edu

National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the campus of Mount St. Mary's University

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