

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS****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

Monday, February 2

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, February 3**9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

Wednesday, February 4**9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

Thursday, February 5**9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Friday, February 6**9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Saturday, February 7**9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church****FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

✠ John Vogl

4:00p.m. ST. BENEDICT CHURCH

People of the Parish

Sunday, February 8**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church**

✠ Pat Whalen

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

✠ Mike Campbell

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

✠ Irena Dlouhy

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS**JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 13****St. Elizabeth Church**

Intentions of Gene Ingram

St. Benedict Church

Intentions of Stirling Ward

www.beparish.com**ST. ELIZABETH, DENTON****REMEMBERING IN PRAYER****We remember the sick:**

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 remember to call if someone should be removed from the sick list.**We remember those who have died:****Francis Douglas League III (son of Pat & Doug League)**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

The lobby day against assisted suicide in Annapolis originally scheduled for January 27th was postponed until (tentatively) February 5th due to the winter storm. We hope to arrange for a carpool. It's time again to renew membership or to become a new member of Caroline County Right to Life. Dues are \$15 a year and go a long way to help us buy educational materials and rent spaces at local fairs and festivals. Dues (and donations) can be mailed to Tom Lough, 516 Old Denton Rd., Federalsburg, MD 21632. Thank you for your financial, physical, and prayerful support!

**JANUARY 31 & FEBRUARY 1, 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.

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.

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://beparish.flocknote.com/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, at the YM Spaghetti Dinner or at the Parish Office.

THANK YOU...

To the Knights of Columbus, BVM Sodality, and Parishioners too numerous to count, it is with heartfelt thanks that I extend my gratitude for the extraordinary show of hospitality and welcome at the funeral luncheon for Mike. The food and service were only surpassed by your kindnesses. A great big hug to Lori, for her guidance, support and empathy. A special thank you to Father Markellos for his generosity in attending to all things behind the scenes, a true servant.

Sincerely,
Nancy Campbell

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY****Sunday, February 1**

- 2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance
- Masses: 7:15a.m., 8:30a.m. & 11:15a.m. Masses - St. Benedict Church
- Valentine's Day Raffle Ticket Sales - after Masses
- NO Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes

Monday, February 2

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, February 3

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION
- BVM Ladies' Sodality Meeting - 6:30p.m. - Hall

Wednesday, February 4

- NO MORNING or EVENING MASS, CONFESSIONS & ADORATION
- Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7pm - Hall

Thursday, February 5

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Adult Bible Study - 9:30a.m. - FLC Resource Room
- Three Hearts Homeschool Classes - 9:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. - Parish Hall/Great Room

Friday, February 6

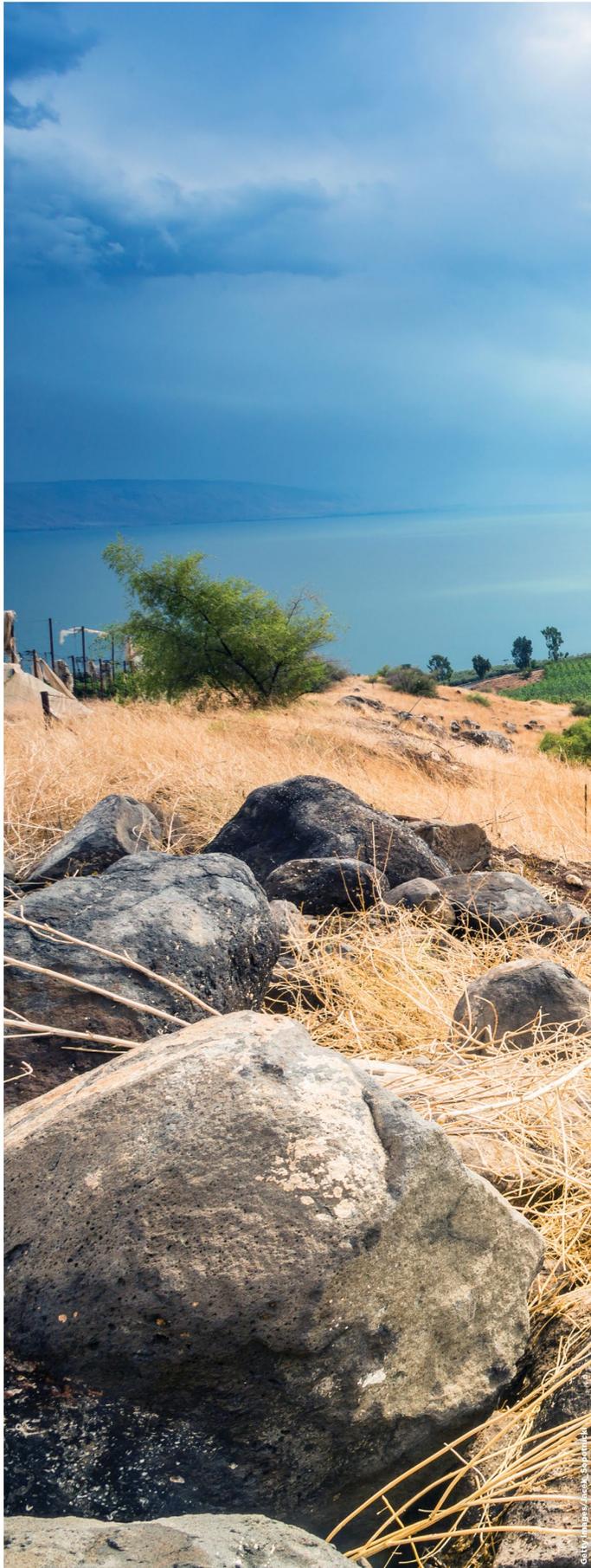
- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- Youth Ministry Spaghetti Dinner Prep - 4:00-8:00p.m. - Parish Hall

Saturday, February 7

- First Saturday Mass - 9:00a.m. - St. Benedict Church (Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.)
- Regnum Christi Gathering - 8am-Noon - Parish Hall
- First Saturday Rosary - 3:30p.m. - St. Benedict Church
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass - 4:00p.m. - ST. BENEDICT CHURCH
- Youth Ministry Spaghetti Dinner - 5:00-8:00p.m. - Parish Hall

Sunday, February 8

- 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 - during Super Sunday Breakfast in Parish Hall
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 10:00-10:45a.m.



February 1, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13 | 1 Cor 1:26-31 | Mt 5:1-12a

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

There have been many times when I have experienced “imposter syndrome” in my work, where I doubt my own ability. In these times, I often looked to others to try to determine if I was doing enough. But instead of giving me the validation and encouragement I was seeking, this act of comparison frequently led to dissatisfaction. I began to wish I was more like others — more outgoing, more disciplined, more organized. But who I am and the gifts that I have to offer are exactly what I am being called to give in my vocation. Saint Paul reminds us in his First Letter to the Corinthians that we were not called because we possess a specific talent or personality; we have been called to bear witness to the work Christ is doing in us. And this witness comes from living our vocation authentically, with the gifts we naturally possess. When we not only accept but love and value our unique qualities, we give glory to the One who so lovingly and perfectly created us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In proclaiming the beatitudes, Christ reveals that those who will experience the rewards of heaven aren’t those we might consider “blessed” by human standards. What our culture values as markers of success and happiness are not always what is valued in the kingdom of God. Indeed, the joys of life in the kingdom are deeper than those here on earth; we were created for fulfillment greater than what this world can offer. Therefore, we must live confidently in the hope of Christ’s promises instead of comparing ourselves to others who might appear more successful. And as we live our vocation, we are called to live out the countercultural message of the beatitudes — a radical trust in the eternal promises of God in spite of earthly poverty, grief, or persecution. In doing so, we invite others to see and experience the joy of the abundant life that Christ proclaims.

REFLECT

As we go through life, there can be times when we feel unprepared for the vocation God has called us to. Consider how these feelings of inadequacy may be an invitation for us to rely more fully on Christ working within us. Bring this to prayer and ask the Lord to reveal how he may be using this particular circumstance to draw us closer to him.

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

FOR JANUARY 24 & 25, 2026

A report for January 24 - February 1, 2026 offerings will be included in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your sacrificial gifts to the parish. Your generosity supports everything from utility bills and salaries to our Religious Ed program and support for those in need.



YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 28 of 52)	
Actual Offertory	\$ 155,694.16
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,560.51
Budgeted Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,423.00

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

LENTEN RESOURCES

Lent begins on February 18th with Ash Wednesday. The FORMED app has lots of great resources to enrich your Lenten journey. From the video series [How To Lent](#) to a Lenten Retreat with Bishop Andrew Cozzens that will be available on Ash Wednesday to tons of great family and children's content - there is something for all ages and stages. There is also an [interactive Lent Calendar](#) that includes daily links for great FORMED resources. **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!

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

Tune-in this week to meet Catholic Forum's new host and Diocese of Wilmington's Communications Director, Hannah Dell. 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).

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/>

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

16330 Grotto Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 301-447-5521 www.nsgrotto.org



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.

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. 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.