

**ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY****MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS****Saturday, February 14****4:00p.m. ST. BENEDICT CHURCH**  
Gene & Cyndy Ingram**Sunday, February 15****SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****7:15a.m. ST. BENEDICT CHURCH**  
People of the Parish**8:30a.m. ST. BENEDICT CHURCH**  
✠ John Stant**11:15a.m. ST. BENEDICT CHURCH**  
✠ William T. Schuyler**Monday, February 16**

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

**Tuesday, February 17****9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**  
Angela Pizzadili**Wednesday, February 18****ASH WEDNESDAY****6:30a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**  
Liturgy of the Word  
with Distribution of Ashes**9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**  
People of the Parish**Noon St. Elizabeth Church**Liturgy of the Word  
with Distribution of Ashes**7:00p.m. St. Benedict Church**  
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory**Thursday, February 19****9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**  
✠ Fr. Jim Kirk**Friday, February 20****9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**  
✠ Mike Campbell**Saturday, February 21****4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church**  
✠ Susie Booze**Sunday, February 22****FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT****7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church**  
✠ Loretta McDonough**8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church**  
People of the Parish**11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**  
Ann Haywood

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**TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS****FEBRUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 27****St. Elizabeth Church****St. Benedict Church**[www.beparish.com](http://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 ~ David Jones ~ Mary Ann Jones ~ Deacon Hal Jopp ~ Gene Ingram ~ Kenny Wood ~ Laurie Thomas ~ Carrie Lang ~ Stirling Ward ~ Cheryl Harris ~ Chrissy Jackson ~ Joseph Wood, Jr. ~ Anne Jones ~ Jackie Poore ~ Amy Richter ~ Sue Fleegle ~ Tolbert Rowe ~ Mary Bashtarz ~ Karen Yoder ~ Helen Hadley ~ Teresa Dunmire ~ Greta Scanlan ~ Carlene Reich ~ Donna Baynard ~ Shannon Slacum ~ Richard Duld

**Please remember to call if someone should be removed from the sick list.****We remember those who have died:**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls 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) ~ 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**

Jesus tells us that some things can be accomplished only by prayer and fasting (Mt 17:21). Can you commit to an act of spiritual warfare for the unborn this year? Pray in front of an abortion clinic once a month; pray daily that a mother in a crisis pregnancy chooses life for her child; fast from social media one day a week; abstain from meat once a week. What can you do? It DOES make a difference. Jesus says so.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Come and enjoy the Knights' Pancake and Sausage Dinner at 5:00, then consider joining us!

**FEBRUARY 14 & 15, 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.

**LENTEN 2026****ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE ~ FEBRUARY 18, 2026****Prayer Services with the Liturgy of the Word****& Distribution of Ashes**

6:30a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

Noon - St. Elizabeth Church

**Masses with the Distribution of Ashes**

9:00a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

7:00p.m. - St. Benedict Church

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER**

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Dinner this Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm in the Parish Hall. There will be a free will offering basket at the door and all proceeds will benefit the parish Poor Box. Please RSVP if you plan to attend by contacting the Parish Office or via Flocknote: <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/244763>.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP & BREAD DINNER**

The BVM Ladies' Sodality will offer a variety of meatless soups along with bread & crackers from 5:00-6:30p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. No sign-up is needed; a free will offering basket will be available.

**LENTEN EVENING OF RECOLLECTION**

Mark your calendars for a Lenten Evening of Recollection on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. 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, guest speaker, Dr. Pat Zingo, will make a special presentation in the hall with the theme, "AI and Our Faith". All are invited and no RSVP is necessary.

**DYNAMIC CATHOLIC ~ BEST LENT EVER**

This Lent, join Matthew Kelly and Catholics across America on a journey to discover how God miraculously intervenes in human history—and your everyday life. Are you ready to see miracles all around you?

Sign up at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>.

**SODALITY NEWS**

The Blessed Virgin Mother Ladies' Sodality is once again sponsoring a "Love for Our Seminarians" collection throughout the month of February in honor of our two parish seminarians, Joe Lewis and Dylan Emerson. At the

entrance of each church are boards which contain paper hearts listing items that would help support our seminarians in their vocation journey. You are encouraged to take a heart from the board, purchase the requested item, and then return the items to the vestibule of either church or the parish office by the end of February. If you are purchasing a gift card, you may place it in an envelope marked "Love for Our Seminarians" and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass. Thank you for helping us to shower our seminarians with love and care.

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY****Sunday, February 15**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Poor Box Support
- Masses: 7:15a.m., 8:30a.m. & 11:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Hospitality offered by Ladies' Sodality - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Parish Hall
- Confirmation Prep Class - 10:45-11:15a.m.

**Monday, February 16**

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

**Tuesday, February 17**

- 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
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Dinner - 5:00-7:00p.m. - Hall
- Caroline County Right to Life Meeting - 6:30p.m. - FLC Great Room

**Wednesday, February 18 ~ ASH WEDNESDAY**

- 6:30a.m. - Prayer Service with Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes - St. Elizabeth Church
- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass with Distribution of Ashes - 9:00am - St. Elizabeth Church
- Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Noon - Prayer Service with Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes - St. Elizabeth Church
- Ash Wednesday Soup & Bread Dinner - 5:00-6:30p.m. - Parish Hall
- Confessions - 6:15-6:45p.m.; Mass with Distribution of Ashes- 7:00pm - St. Benedict Church
- Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7pm - Hall

**Thursday, February 19**

- 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, February 20****PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church
- Stations of the Cross - 9:30a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Stations of the Cross - 7:00p.m. - St. Benedict Church

**Saturday, February 21**

- Private Gathering - 11:00a.m-5:00p.m. - Hall
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass - 4:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

**Sunday, February 22**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Parish Religious Ed Support
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Hospitality offered by Ladies' Sodality - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Parish Hall



February 15, 2026

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Sir 15:15-20 | 1 Cor 2:6-10 | Mt 5:17-37

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that "unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." In Matthew 23:3-5, Jesus says, "Do and observe all things whatsoever [the scribes and Pharisees] tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice ... All their works are performed to be seen." What Jesus is inviting us to see is that to authentically live the commandments requires more than mere external compliance with the letter of the law. It's also not about putting on a show so that others think we're "holy." Rather, it's about the quiet, inner transformation of our hearts. The Gospel tells us it's not enough that we avoid murder; God wants to free us from anger and wrath. It's not enough to avoid unfaithfulness in marriage; God wants to give us hearts that are pure and free from lust. Our task is to open our hearts to the transforming power of his commandments which, if we live them, lead us to fullness of life.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In our second reading, St. Paul speaks about some challenges we face when sharing the faith with others. There are those who are unable to grasp God's wisdom, which is different from the wisdom of this age. God's wisdom is mysterious, hidden, and can only be understood and grasped through a revelation of the Spirit. This is an important concept for us as evangelizers. Sometimes no matter how hard we try, no matter how eloquent we are at explaining something, those who are not ready to receive what we have to share will not be able to receive it. In order for others to understand the Gospel, the Spirit must open their hearts to receive it. While we are responsible to share the Gospel as well as we're able, it is up to the person before us to respond to God's invitation.

### **PRAY**

Accepting the Lord's teaching in the commandments requires humility, and understanding their true meaning and depth is the result of the Spirit's work in our lives. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you true insight to live the commandments with your whole heart. Consider using these lines from today's psalm in your prayer: "Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law. Instruct me, O Lord, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart."

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 21**

**4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✠ Susie Booze

**Sunday, February 22**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church**

✠ Loretta McDonough

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

People of the Parish

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

Ann Haywood

**Monday, February 23**

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

**Tuesday, February 24**

**9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**

✠ Francis Donald Kempel

**Wednesday, February 25**

**9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✠ John A. Vogl

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

John & Lora Breeding

**Thursday, February 26**

**9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**

✠ Wendy Pizzadili

**Friday, February 27**

**9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✠ Mike Porter

**Saturday, February 28**

**4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✠ Mike Porter

**Sunday, March 1**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church**

People of the Parish

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

✠ Francis Kinnamon

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

✠ Jose Morales Gallegos &

Carmen Herrera de Morales

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## TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

**FEBRUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 27**

**St. Elizabeth Church**

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**St. Benedict Church**

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## LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

**Sunday, February 22**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Parish Religious Ed Support
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45a.m.
- Hospitality offered by Ladies' Sodality - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Parish Hall

**Monday, February 23**

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

**Tuesday, February 24**

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Benedict Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30-10:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church

**Wednesday, February 25**

- 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
- Lenten Evening of Recollection:
  - 5:15-5:45p.m. - Adoration & Confessions @ St. Benedict Church
  - 6:00p.m. - Mass @ St. Benedict Church
  - 6:30p.m. - Presentation in the Parish Hall

**Thursday, February 26**

- 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, February 27**

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church
- Stations of the Cross - 9:30a.m. - SE Church
- Stations of the Cross - 7:00p.m. - SB Church

**Saturday, February 28**

- Youth Ministry Easter Candy Making - 9am-2pm - Parish Hall
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Mass: 4:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

**Sunday, February 29**

- Commitment Weekend for 2026 Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal
- 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
- Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 10:00-10:45a.m.
- Confirmation Prep Class - 10:45-11:15a.m.

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

**FOR FEBRUARY 7 & 8, 2026**

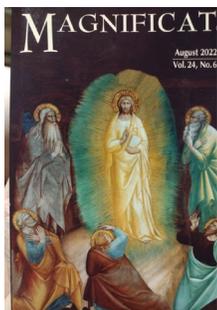
<b>Offertory Giving @ Masses</b>	<b>\$ 10,468.00</b>
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>	<b>\$ 942.58</b>



**YEAR-TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 30 of 52)**

<b>Actual Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 183,214.37</b>
<b>Average Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,107.15</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5,423.00</b>

**MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS**



Magnificat is a monthly publication which contains daily and weekend mass prayers and readings, morning and evening prayer, meditations, spiritual writings and essays on the saints. Magnificat subscriptions will be available through the parish office beginning with the May 2026 issue. The cost is \$42.00 per subscription (which is a \$10 savings off the cost of ordering a subscription on your own). The deadline to subscribe through the parish is March 20,

2026. You can find an order form at the entrance of either church, on the Bulletin Insert page of the parish website ([www.beparish.com/bulletininserts](http://www.beparish.com/bulletininserts)) or you can request one by contacting the Parish Office.



**AND THE WINNER IS...**

**The winner of our Valentine Raffle Package is Charles & Casey Duld.** We congratulate them and hope they enjoy all their goodies.

**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](mailto: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 to learn about Nuns Against Gun Violence when Sister Patricia Millen, OSF, is the guest. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DioceaseofWilm 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).

**HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE at SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH IN EASTON ON MARCH 3, 2026**

In response to an invitation from Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), to pray for peace in our nation and communities, Bishop William E. Koenig and the priests of the Diocese of Wilmington gathered Feb. 4 during their Presbyteral Retreat to offer a Holy Hour for Peace and have scheduled Holy Hours for Peace in each of the diocesan deaneries in coming weeks. This national invitation to pray for peace follows the [USCCB's Special Pastoral Message on Immigration issued in November 2025](#), in which the bishops of the United States affirmed their concern for immigrants suffering in a "climate of fear and anxiety," urged respect for the fundamental dignity of all persons, and called for meaningful reform of immigration laws and humane treatment of those seeking a better life in this country.

**The Holy Hour for Peace in our deanery of the diocese will take place on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00p.m. at Saints Petre & Paul Church, 1210 S. Washington Street, Easton MD.**

**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. 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.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** - Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! No group sharing required. The next weekend is March 6-8, 2026 at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.