

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

Monday, March 2

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

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

✠ Jim Baker

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

✠ Dan Finnerin

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

✠ Mike Porter

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

✠ Al McCullough

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

✠ Mike Porter

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

Angela Pizzadili

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

✠ Mike Campbell

Sunday, March 8**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT****7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church**

✠ Loretta McDonough

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

✠ Marianna Breeding

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Helen Hadley

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS**FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 13****St. Elizabeth Church****St. Benedict Church**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 ~ Donna Baynard ~ Shannon Slacum ~ Richard Duld ~ Peggy Finnerin

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 at home 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) ~ 1st 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.

**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 28 & MARCH 1, 2026**LENT 2026****LENTEN FISH DINNER ~ Friday, March 20****5:30-7:30pm- Parish Hall**

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, dinner includes baked fish, potato wedges, homemade coleslaw and macaroni & cheese, roll, dessert & beverages. Cost is just \$9 per person and carryouts will be available. Sign up via Flocknote (<https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/248431>) or by contacting the Parish Office (payment will be collected at the door). **STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place at 7pm in St. Benedict Church.**

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS****SAVE THE DATE... GAELIC & GARLIC CELEBRATION****Sunday, March 15TH ~ 4:00-6:00p.m. ~ Parish Hall**

Join us as we gather to celebrate the feast days of St. Patrick (March 17) and St. Joseph (March 19)! The afternoon will begin at 4:00p.m. and will feature a Chili Cook-Off as well as pastries & desserts in honor of the Feast of St. Joseph. Any interested parishioner is encouraged to bring a crock pot of chili to enter into the Cook-Off (and to share for dinner). Chili toppings, beverages and desserts will be provided. There is no cost for this event. Please RSVP by March 11th via Flocknote (<https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/248395>) or by contacting the Parish Office. There will be prizes for the top three chili's.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

This year, instead of their traditional chocolate Easter eggs, the Youth Ministry will be selling a variety of homemade chocolate bark, which they are calling "St. Benedict's Bark", for their spring fundraiser. Members of our Youth Ministry will be available after Masses for the next several weekends selling the bark at the cost of \$5 per bag or 5 bags for \$20. Please support their efforts by getting your delicious bark today.

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE ~ MARCH 3, 2026

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

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. 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY****Sunday, March 1**

- 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.

Monday, March 2

• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 3

- 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
- Fundraising Committee Meeting - 5:00p.m. - FLC Resource Room
- BVM Ladies' Sodality Meeting - 6:30p.m. - Hall

Wednesday, March 4

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass - 9:00am - St. Elizabeth Church
- Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Confessions - 5:15-5:45p.m; Mass - 6:00pm- St. Elizabeth Church
- Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7pm - Hall

Thursday, March 5

- 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, March 6

- 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
- Hall Set-up for Regnum Christi Gathering
- Stations of the Cross - 7:00p.m. - St. Benedict Church

Saturday, March 7 ~ FIRST SATURDAY

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m./Mass - 9:00a.m. - St. Benedict Church
- Regnum Christi Women's Retreat Group Gathering - 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. - Parish Hall
- First Saturday Rosary - 3:30p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass - 4:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

Sunday, March 8

- 2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance
- 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 Knights of Columbus - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Parish Hall



March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Gen 12:1-4a | 2 Tim 1:8b-10 | Mt 17:1-9

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

What struck me when I first read this passage from the Book of Genesis, in which the Lord speaks to Abraham, is God's proclamation that it is through *his will* and *his work* that the blessings and goodness of Abraham's future will come about. It is not a vague statement, in which the subject is omitted. God clearly says, "I will make your name great." Abraham was a faithful servant of God and sought to obey God's will, but that is not what made his name memorable. It is due to God's will and generosity that Abraham's blessings came about. I sometimes struggle with giving up credit for the good things in my life. I want to believe that *my work, my talents, and my dedication* have brought about these good things. But the reality is that all of who I am and the skills that I have is a gift. I was created by God and formed by others to hone certain dispositions and talents that have led to my accomplishments. When we come to realize that all we have is a gift, we are able to offer our lives back to be transfigured and glorified by God, who creates and gives all things.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Many scholars identify this moment of the Transfiguration as the climax of the narrative arc of the Gospels, after which Christ's actions lead to his suffering and death. In his passion, Christ demonstrates the ultimate submission to the will of God, taking on the weight of human sin in order to redeem us. In this moment of Transfiguration on the mountain, we glimpse the beauty of the glorification that will result from this perfect obedience to God's will. We, too, are called to surrender ourselves fully to God. Following Jesus' model of humble submission to the Father's will does not involve false humility, in which we are self-deprecating or overly critical of ourselves. Instead, we are called to acknowledge and celebrate our gifts and accomplishments, while also recognizing that who we are and the gifts that we have come from our generous and loving God.

REFLECT

Reflect on the gifts and talents you have been given, as well as the accomplishments that have come about because of these gifts. Take a moment to thank God for all that he has given to you, and ask him to reveal how you can be a witness to his goodness through the prudent use and celebration of these gifts.

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

FOR FEBRUARY 14 & 15, 2026

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 1,965.00
Poor Box	\$ 490.00

FOR FEBRUARY 21 & 22, 2026

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 4,189.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 750.00
Parish Religious Ed Support	\$ 530.00
Poor Box	\$ 370.00



YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 32 of 52)	
Actual Offertory	\$ 189,368.37
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,917.76
Budgeted Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,423.00

**2026 FAITH & CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL
Many Hands, One Mission: A 50-Year Legacy**

This year marks the golden jubilee of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – fifty years of carrying faith into the future through ministries that serve the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of God’s people across Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. As we celebrate this milestone, we are being asked not only to give, but to participate. Every parish has both a financial goal and a participation goal. Bishop Koenig hopes every household will join in – because when every hand is part of the mission, our Church grows stronger for the next generation. For those participating for the first time, 50% of your gift will stay right here in our parish to support local needs. And once our parish exceeds its goal, a portion of all funds raised above it will remain here as well. Let us honor the generosity of those who built our Church before us by strengthening it for those who will come after. Together, with many hands and one mission, we can ensure our faith endures for the next fifty years and beyond. To learn more or make your pledge, visit www.cdow.org, click Giving → Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, or scan the QR code.



CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWS

In preparation for Spring, all expired Thanksgiving/Christmas/Winter flowers and decorations will be removed from graves at Holy Cross Cemetery in the next couple of weeks. If you have placed a decoration on your loved one’s grave that you wish to keep, please retrieve it from the cemetery as soon as possible.

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) or you can request one by contacting the Parish Office.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM EACH WEEK.

Tune in this week when Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP, General Promoter for Social Communication for the Order of Preacher, joins the show from Rome to discuss his new book "Witness: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation" available from Ave Maria Press. You might know Fr. Briscoe from the popular podcast "Godsplaining", so you won't want to miss this episode! 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.

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 or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.