

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

**Monday, March 9**

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

**Tuesday, March 10****9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

**Wednesday, March 11****9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

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

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

**Thursday, March 12****9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

**Friday, March 13****9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

**Saturday, March 14****4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✠ Francis Kinnamon

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

People of the Parish

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

✠ B. Vance &amp; Kathleen Carmean

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

✠ William Hemmer

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

**TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS****FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 13****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 ~ 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) ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. J. Aubrey Perry, US Army, Ft. Bragg, Fayetteville NC (Son of Carrie & Jim Perry)

**COR - MEN'S GROUP**

*Join fellow Catholic men to refocus on Jesus Christ and to be strengthened in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation and fraternity.*



The St. Joan of Arc Council Knights of Columbus invite all men of the Parish to join them on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 8:00-9:00a.m. in the Parish Hall for the COR program, featuring prayer, formation and fraternity. The next session will be on March 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Tom Lough at 443-996-3024 or Chris Grazzini at 703-927-3243.

**MARCH 7 & 8, 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.

**LENT 2026****LENTEN FISH DINNER ~ Friday, March 20****5:30-7:30pm- Parish Hall (RSVP by 3/16)**

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.**

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

Catholics from throughout the Diocese of Wilmington are invited to receive the sacrament of reconciliation at any of the 57 parish churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore on Monday, March 30, from 3-8 p.m., during the fifth annual diocesan-wide "Reconciliation Monday." The event is designed to make it more convenient for Catholics to receive the sacrament at the end of Lent and beginning of Holy Week, in anticipation of the celebration of Easter. At our parish, Fr. Markellos will hear confessions from 3-5pm at St. Elizabeth Church and 6-8pm at St. Benedict Church that day.

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE NEWS****GAELIC & GARLIC CELEBRATION****Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 4-6p.m. ~ Parish Hall (RSVP by 3/11)**

Join us as we gather to celebrate the feast days of St. Patrick (March 17) and St. Joseph (March 19) from 4:00-6:00p.m. The gathering will feature our annual Chili Cook-Off. 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 11<sup>th</sup> via Flocknote (<https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/248395>) or by contacting the Parish Office. When you sign-up, please indicate if you will be bringing a pot of chili. There will be prizes for the top three chili's with the first place winner receiving a \$100 cash prize.

**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. *NOTE: The bark freezes well so pick up enough to give as Easter gifts or put in Easter baskets.*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT****LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY****Sunday, March 8**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Monday, March 9**

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

**Tuesday, March 10**

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS/ADORATION

**Wednesday, March 11**

- NO MORNING or EVENING MASS, CONFESSIONS or ADORATION
- Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

**Thursday, March 12**

- 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
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting - 6-9pm - Parish Hall

**Friday, March 13**

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
- NO MORNING STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- Stations of the Cross - 7:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

**Saturday, March 14**

- COR Men's Faith & Fellowship Gathering - 8-9am - Parish Hall (NEW TIME)
- Benedictine Oblate Gathering - 9am-1pm - FLC Resource Room
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass - 4:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

**Sunday, March 15**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Evangelization 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 Knights of Columbus - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Parish Hall
- Confirmation Prep Class - 10:45-11:15a.m.
- Garlic & Gaelic Celebration & Chili Cook-Off - 4:00-6:00p.m. - Parish Hall

**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.



March 8, 2026

## Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 | Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Jn 4:5-42

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

As the Israelites wandered in the desert, Moses heard their cries and recognized their deeper need, not simply for water, but for hope. And so Moses calls upon the Lord, who gives them water in the desert, revealing his trustworthiness. In the big and little ways that we ask the same question - "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" - our loving and generous Father reminds us that he has not abandoned us and that his goodness will ultimately prevail. It's easy to become disgruntled like the Israelites when there is great pain and suffering around us. But through the ways that we care for one another and the peace that we find in prayer, the Father reminds us that he stands with us, granting us sustenance and grace.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

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

When Christ told the woman at the well that those who drink the water he gives will never thirst again, she thought he was offering literal water. Christ was instead revealing his own identity as the Son of God. This woman, who hears the words of Christ and knows God's promise of a Messiah, is filled with hope as she comes to recognize that the Lord indeed was in her midst. And I find it interesting that when she told people in town of her encounter with Christ, she told them of how he saw the mistakes of her past. Jesus loved her, and called her to step into the fullness of who she could be by turning away from the past that she clung to. We live in a world where we have very real physical needs, like the Israelites who thirsted, and the need to be seen in love, like the Samaritan woman. Ultimately, at the core of both of these needs is the desire for the hope that only God can give. When we serve our neighbors and look upon others with love, we can also be the vessel through which the presence of God is made known.

### **WITNESS**

In our world, people are constantly asking the question, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" Reflect on one way that you can share the Good News of the Gospel through word or action to make the presence of God known to those in your community.

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

**FOR FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1, 2026**

<b>Offertory Giving @ Masses</b>	<b>\$ 5,979.00</b>
<b>Online Giving via Flocknote for February</b>	<b>\$ 7,200.00</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>	<b>\$ 675.05</b>



<b>YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 33 of 52)</b>	
<b>Actual Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 202,547.37</b>
<b>Average Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,137.80</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5,423.00</b>

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

For fifty years, the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal has carried faith into the future—strengthening our Church and caring for those in need throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. This year, Bishop Koenig is asking every parish family to join in. Your participation matters as much as the gift itself. When every household gives, our parish grows stronger—and our shared mission thrives. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so today. 50% of all first-time gifts stay right here in our parish, and funds raised beyond our goal also support local needs. Together, with many hands and one mission, we can ensure our faith remains vibrant for generations to come. Visit [cdow.org](http://cdow.org), click Giving → Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, scan the QR code, or pick up a pledge envelope at the entrance of either church to participate.



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



The Maryland March for Life will take place on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in Annapolis, MD. The evening will include Mass at St. Mary's Church, the March and Rally, and a reception. A carpool will leave St. Benedict Church that day at 3:00p.m. If you are interested in joining the group to attend the March, please contact Tom Lough at 443-996-3024 or [upcycle1atatime@gmail.com](mailto:upcycle1atatime@gmail.com). Visit <https://marchforlife.org/maryland-march-for-life/> for more information about the March and related events.

**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 on the Bulletin Insert page of the parish website) or request from the Parish Office.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY**

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

Tune in this week when Susan Kirk Ryan, the Diocesan Archivist, will join Faces of Impact to discuss Msgr. Thomas Reese and the legacy he helped build for Catholic Charities in our diocese. You won't want to miss this informative episode as we continue in the initial days of the 2026 Faith and Charity Appeal and look forward to the Catholic Charities Tribute Dinner in April. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and [YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofWilm) debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.

**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.

**MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE - "COME INTO MY EUCHARISTIC PRESENCE"**

We invite men and their sons to a weekend encounter with Jesus at the Mid-May & Archbishop Fitzmaurice Men's Retreat, May 15th-17th, 2026. Our Retreat Director is Msgr Stephen McHenry. Our guest speaker is Kevin Reliey, a former Eagle. Register at: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/mid-may-arch-fitzmaurice-2026/> or contact Maurice Sadowsky at [mjsadowsky@yahoo.com](mailto:mjsadowsky@yahoo.com). Malvern offers retreats for women, men, married couples, families, young adults, and those in addiction recovery. Please visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com).