

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 18
4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Marianna Breeding

Sunday, April 19
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
People of the Parish
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Jeannette Radtke
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Chuck Woodward

Monday, April 20
NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, April 21
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Terry Keigh

Wednesday, April 22
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Mike Porter
6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ Francis Douglas League III

Thursday, April 23
9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Francis Douglas League III

Friday, April 24
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
✠ James Dolan Edwards

Saturday, April 25
4:00p.m. ST. BENEDICT CHURCH
✠ Susie Booze

Sunday, April 26
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church
Carlos & Mandy Pita and Family
8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church
✠ Francis Kinnamon
11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church
People of the Parish

NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS



APRIL 11 - APRIL 24
St. Elizabeth Church
Intentions of Ann Haywood
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 ~ Erica Jarman ~ Mike Babige ~ Mark Hartlage ~ 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 ~ Mickey Dickerson ~ The Flaherty Family ~ Kathryn Poll ~ Kelley Van Ess ~ Sid Pinder ~ Judy Mogilewski ~ David Jones ~ Mary Ann Jones ~ Gene Ingram ~ Kenny Wood ~ Laurie Thomas ~ Carrie Lang ~ Stirling Ward ~ Cheryl Harris ~ Joseph Wood, Jr. ~ Anne Jones ~ Jackie Poore ~ Amy Richter ~ Sue Fleegle ~ Karen Yoder ~ Helen Hadley ~ Teresa Dunmire ~ Greta Scanlan ~ Donna Baynard ~ Shannon Slacum ~ Richard Duld ~ Peggy Finnerin ~ Claire Stevens ~ Parker Fleegle ~ Everett Freeman ~ George Hammond ~ John Gola ~ Marladene Heinen ~ Tom Moran

Please remember to call if someone should be removed from the sick list.

We remember those who have died:
Ellie Flynn

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) ~ Staff 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)

QUEEN ANNE CHORALE SPRING CONCERT

The Queen Anne's Chorale is having its spring concert at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College (TPAC) for one performance only. "Just Singin'", on Saturday, April 25th at **7:00 p.m.** The concert features many popular works including "Singin' in the Rain", "Side by Side", "Do You Hear the People Sing?" and much more. The ticket price is \$27.30 per adult (18+); students age 13-18 are \$16.80 (ticket prices include the TPAC fee) and Children up to 13 are FREE (when accompanied by a paid adult admission). To purchase tickets, please access the website: qachorale.org. Our fellow parishioner, Sharon Balling, a long-time member of the Chorale, wishes to thank you for your past support. She is looking forward to seeing you at the concert. If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach her by e-mail at edwardballing@comcast.net or by phone at 410-897-7663.

APRIL 18 & 19, 2026
CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Early Registration for the 2026-2027 Religious Education year will be held each religious education Sunday in April (April 12th, 19th, and 26th). Register early and receive a discount and peace of mind that it's already completed! I will have religious education and sacramental prep registration forms in the great room before and during classes those three Sundays. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.



SAVE THE DATES!
St. Benedict - St. Elizabeth Parish
Vacation Bible School
Tracking Mary Mysteries and Messages
Ages 3 - 11 (MUST BE POTTY-TRAINED)
July 6th through July 10th
8:30a.m. to 12:00p.m.
Registration will start in May.
More information is coming soon!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY SPAGHETTI DINNER
Our youth will be preparing a delicious spaghetti dinner next Saturday, April 25th, in the Parish Hall. There will be two seatings - 5:00pm. & 6:30p.m. If you can't attend in person, carryouts are also available. The menu includes 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. **Please sign-up for your preferred seating time via Flocknote @ (<https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/241903>) or by contacting the Parish Office NO LATER THAN THIS TUESDAY, 4/21.** Payment (via cash, check or credit card) will be collected at the door on the night of the dinner. *NOTE: The 3PM Confessions and 4PM Mass that evening will be at St. Benedict Church instead of St. Elizabeth Church.*

SODALITY NEWS

The Blessed Virgin Mother Ladies' Sodality is collecting diapers and wipes throughout the month of April for their April Showers fundraiser. All donated items will be delivered to Martin's House & Barn to support those in need of these items who visit the pantry or live in the house. Diapers in sizes 4, 5 & 6 as well as baby wipes can be placed in the large collection boxes at either church or dropped off at the Parish Office during office hours.

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE/RESPECT LIFE NEWS



Our next Caroline County Right to Life meeting is Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30 pm in St. Benedict Parish and Family Life Center. The next event we'll participate in is the Ridgely Strawberry Festival on Sunday, May 24th. This event is usually a lot of fun. We have a spinning wheel for prizes. Kids and adults both enjoy answering questions about human development in the womb, and this leads to some pretty wonderful conversations. Holy family, pray for us.

**Save the date: May 16th -Maryland Right to Life Banquet in Gambrills, Maryland.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, April 19
• 2nd Collection - CRS & Latin America
• Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
• Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45am
• Hospitality offered by BVM Ladies' Sodality - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Hall
• Confirmation Interviews - 1:00-3:00p.m. - FLC Resource Room
Monday, April 20
• NO MASS/CONFESSIONS
Tuesday, April 21
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Benedict Church
• Adoration - 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m. - St. Benedict
• Caroline County Right to Life Meeting - 6:30p.m. - Parish Hall
Wednesday, April 22
• 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
• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 5:15-5:45p.m./Mass - 6pm - St. Elizabeth Church
• Parish Council Meeting - 7pm - FLC Great Room
Thursday, April 23
• 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
• 1st Eucharist Prep Gathering - 6:15p.m. - Hall
Friday, April 24
• Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church
• YM Spaghetti Dinner Prep - 4-8pm - Hall
Saturday, April 25
• Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass - 4:00p.m. - ST. BENEDICT CHURCH
• Youth Ministry Spaghetti Dinner - 5pm Seating & 6:30p.m. Seating - Parish Hall
Sunday, April 26
• 2nd Collection - Mother's Day Devotions
• Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
• Constitution Course Information @ all Masses
• Religious Ed/O.C.I.A. Classes - 9:40-10:45am
• Hospitality offered by BVM Ladies' Sodality - 9:30-10:30a.m. - Hall
• Confirmation Prep Class - 10:45-11:15a.m.



April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

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

If I lived at the time of Christ and caught Jesus' eyes while passing him in the streets, would I recognize him as the Messiah? You and I are made in the image and likeness of God. We are the adopted children of the Father. Would my soul be drawn to Christ as two magnets are drawn to one another? I believe that when we are in full and perfect communion with Christ, our entire being will be drawn to the Lord and instinctively rejoice in the glory of God. But on this earth – a world broken by sin – our eyes are clouded and we do not see clearly. In the Gospel today, as the pair of disciples encountered Christ, we read that “their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” Christ had preached and worked miracles and died in faithful obedience to the Father’s will. He had been raised and was present again fully glorified. Yet, they could not see who it was before them in that moment. In our world today, it is easy to become blinded by sin and miss seeing Christ in our midst. But just as he walked the streets of Nazareth growing up and walked along the road to Emmaus after his resurrection, Christ continues to walk among us today.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When we look at the example of the disciples traveling to Emmaus, we see a blueprint for how we might improve our vision to see the Lord’s presence more clearly. They listened carefully as Jesus reminded them of Scripture, they spoke to him and urged him to remain near to them, and they broke bread with him. After all of this, “their eyes were opened and they recognized him.” We can also come to see Christ more clearly by encountering him in Scripture, by speaking to him in prayer, and by encountering him in the sacraments – particularly by regularly receiving the graces offered in confession and receiving the Eucharist. In doing this, we not only clear our own vision, but we align our thoughts and actions to be more like those of Christ, participating in the Father’s mission to draw humanity back to himself.

WITNESS

After the disciples recognized Christ, they returned to the others and “recounted what had taken place on the way.” This suggests that when we encounter Christ, we are not meant to keep it to ourselves! This week, consider how you can humbly share with a friend or family member how you have encountered Christ.

FOR APRIL 11 & 12, 2026

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 3,567.00
Poor Box	\$ 230.00



YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 39 of 52)	
Actual Offertory	\$ 233,369.98
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,983.85
Budgeted Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,423.00

Honor the special mothers in your life by having them remembered at the Masses on Mother's Day weekend. Special Mass cards are available at the entrances of the churches. Simply pick one up, fill out the intention envelope, and place it in the offering basket by May 3rd (or drop it off at the Parish Office). If you receive offertory envelopes, you can use the special envelope provided for the Mother's Day devotions in your envelope packet.

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

Did you know that the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal supports over 40 ministries across our Diocese - from faith formation to food assistance, from youth ministry to mental health services?

If you have not yet made your pledge to the 2026 appeal, 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, 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus would like to thank all parishioners who donated to our annual Coats for the Cold drive. From November, 2025 until the end of March, 2026 we collected 370 coats and almost 200 of them were new coats. New hats, gloves and socks were also collected. The coats and other items were distributed to Martin's House & Barn in Ridgely and His Hope Ministries Homeless Shelter and the Samaritan House in Denton. Several of our own parishioners were also beneficiaries of our coat drive. Again, a HUGE thank you to all that made donations. This project is only possible because of our parish's great folks that always seem to answer the call when others are in need.

The Knights would also like to thank all that came out and enjoyed our great Super Sunday breakfasts from September through April. A large number of parishioners came out each month for our \$6.00 breakfast. We are looking forward to seeing you on Catechetical Sunday (September 20, 2026) when our breakfasts will start again.

Finally, the Knights extend their thanks for your amazing support of our Baby Bottle campaign for Ignite Outreach (formerly Choices Pregnancy Center) in Easton MD. Bottles are set out at all Super Sunday breakfasts and can also be picked up anytime to take home - just ask any Knight if you'd like one. We will do our second baby bottle drive in June. Bottles will be passed out after Masses to be taken home and filled with loose change, dollar bills or checks made payable to the Knights. Last year, over \$1,000 was collected and we hope to top that this year. We collect all the bottles and make out one big check to Ignite Outreach to support their vital work serving pregnant mothers and their babies and preventing abortions. Stay tuned to the bulletin for more details.

Again, thank you for your generous support of our coat drive, breakfasts and baby bottle campaign!

Vivat Jesus

Dan Tuel - Past Grand Knight and current Treasurer, St. Joan of Arc - Knights of Columbus

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. GALLAGHER

October, 2026: SEINE RIVER CRUISE, all the single cabins are gone; two double cabins are still available. To register, contact Margot at 1-800-842-4842.

COMING SOON TO CATHOLIC FORUM

Next week, a special guest joins the show to discuss the legacy of Pope Francis what the interregnum period between his papacy and the beginning of the papacy of Pope Leo XIV meant to the Church. As we mark the first anniversary of Pope Francis' death, this episode will look back at the outpouring of emotion from the Universal Church at the news of his passing and the fervor that ensued as the Conclave began. Each week you can listen to The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and [YouTube.com/DioceaseofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceaseofWilm) every Wednesday; 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). Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communication of the Diocese of Wilmington (supported by the Faith and Charity Appeal!) Please like, subscribe and share.

2026 NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE ~ "ONE NATION UNDER GOD"

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington is proud to participate in the upcoming 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage which announced its theme recently. The pilgrimage, under the theme "*One Nation Under God*" will honor St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first American citizen to be canonized a saint as dioceses along the Eastern seaboard of the United States come together from Memorial Day through July 5, 2026 to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist.



The 2026 pilgrimage will coincide with celebrations of America's Semiquincentennial, with the final leg of the pilgrimage route ending in Philadelphia on July 5, 2026. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will pass through the Diocese of Wilmington from June 11th to June 12th. For local updates check out cdow.org and thedialog.org. To learn more about the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage effort visit eucharisticpilgrimage.org.

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. Malvern offers retreats for women, men, married couples, families, young adults, and those in addiction recovery. Please visit malvernretreat.com.

JOYFUL EVER AFTER

GET THE MARRIAGE YOU WANT

ONE DAY MARRIAGE RETREAT

JUNE 27, 2026 | 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Early Bird pricing: **\$20 per couple** (before May 16th)

\$30 per couple (May 16th - June 6th)

A lunch and a light breakfast is included with each registration.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH
WILMINGTON, DE

To Register visit:

<http://ihm.org//2026-marriage-retreat>

Hosted by Melanie and Damon Owens