

ST. BENEDICT, RIDGELY**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS****Saturday, May 2****FIRST SATURDAY****9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**

✠ Marie Carroll

4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

✠ Mike Porter

Sunday, May 3**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church**

Carlos & Mandy Pita and Family

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

✠ Cathy Ashby

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

People of the Parish

Monday, May 4

NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, May 5**9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**

✠ Susan McCoy

Wednesday, May 6**9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✠ Francis Douglas League III

6:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church

Gene Ingram

Thursday, May 7**9:00a.m. St. Benedict Church**

✠ Francis Douglas League III

Friday, May 8**9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

✠ Mike Porter

Saturday, May 9**4:00p.m. St. Elizabeth Church**

Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, May 10**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****7:15a.m. St. Benedict Church**

Mother's Day Intentions

8:30a.m. St. Benedict Church

Mother's Day Intentions

11:15a.m. St. Elizabeth Church

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NOTE: ✠ indicates a deceased person(s).

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS**APRIL 25 - MAY 8****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 ~ 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 ~ Kenny Wood ~ Laurie Thomas ~ Carrie Lang ~ Stirling Ward ~ Cheryl Harris ~ Joseph Wood, Jr. ~ Anne Jones ~ Amy Richter ~ Sue Fleegle ~ Karen Yoder ~ Helen Hadley ~ Teresa Dunmire ~ Greta Scanlan ~ Donna Baynard ~ Shannon Slacum ~ Peggy Finnerin ~ Claire Stevens ~ Parker Fleegle ~ Everett Freeman ~ George Hammond ~ Barbara Gola ~ Marladene Heinen ~ Tom Moran ~ Sue Kibler ~ Joe Carson ~ Joe Butts ~ Alvin Hudson

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) ~ 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)

PARISH COUNCIL SEEKING MEMBERS

The Parish Council is a consultative body that serves to advise the pastor on issues affecting parish life. We are currently seeking registered parishioners aged 18 and older who might have an interest in taking part in the work of the Council. The 2026-2027 Council will meet every other month from September through June. Meetings are usually no longer than 60-90 minutes. Please contact Lori Parks in the Parish Office - 410-634-2253 or LParks@beparish.com if you are willing to consider serving. Parish Council Elections will take place in late May or early June.

COR - MEN'S GROUP

The St. Joan of Arc Council Knights of Columbus invite all men of the Parish to join them on May 9th from 7:00-8:00a.m. in the Parish Hall for the COR program, featuring prayer, formation and fraternity. For more information contact Tom Lough at 443-996-3024 or Chris Grazzini at 703-927-3243.

MAY 2 & 3, 2026**WE REMEMBER ✠ WE CELEBRATE ✠ WE BELIEVE**

Everett Lawrence Davis, son of Trey & Meghan Davis, was baptized on April 11th. We celebrate the beginning of a life of faith for Everett as he receives the gift of new life in God's spirit and becomes a part of the fellowship of the Church through the Rite of Baptism.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION**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!

**SODALITY NEWS****SHE IS CALLED WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The Sodality is hosting a retreat for all women of the parish on Saturday, May 16th from 10:30a.m.-1:00p.m. in the Parish Hall. The theme for the retreat is "She is Called" and parishioner, Dr. Janyne Althaus, will be the presenter. Lunch will be served. Seats are limited to 50 attendees and

the retreat is free of charge. To reserve seats, scan the QR code at the right or contact the parish office.

CAROLINE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE/RESPECT LIFE NEWS

The Maryland Right to Life Convention is Saturday, May 16th in Gambrills, MD. It's an all day event to host dynamic speakers and discuss pro-life strategies. There will be exhibitors, vendors, an opening prayer breakfast and a closing outdoor cookout. Contact Visit www.mdrtl.org for more information or to register.

THREE HEARTS HOMESCHOOL GROUP NEWS

Retired Teacher or have a hobby you love? Consider teaching it to our Catholic homeschool group, Three Hearts. We meet Thursdays from 9:30-12:30 in the Parish Hall and are looking for volunteers to teach classes to middle and high schoolers for our 2026-27 year. If interested in finding out more, contact Jill King (kingsflock@gmail.com) or Erin Daly (aligorun@hotmail.com).

4 LECTURES ON THE CONSTITUTION

This 4-part seminar will be offered in the Parish Hall on Saturday, May 9th from 9am-4pm. At the seminar, certified teacher, Mr. Larry Mayo, will present primary sources to examine the principles and ideas our country's Founders used to establish the American Republic 250 years ago. The lecture includes Biblical Principles of the Founding Documents, Introduction to the Constitution and modern-day applications. Lunch will be served. Please scan the QR code to register.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY****Sunday, May 3****FIRST EUCHARIST WEEKEND**

- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- First Eucharist & May Crowning at 8:30a.m. & 11:15a.m. Masses

Monday, May 4

- NO MASS/CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, May 5

- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Benedict Church
- Adoration - 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m. - St. Benedict
- Parish & Family Life Committee Meeting - 5:00p.m. - FLC Resource Room
- BVM Sodality Meeting - 7p.m. - Parish Hall (begins with praying of the Rosary at 6:30p.m.)

Wednesday, May 6

- 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
- Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, May 7

- 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, May 8

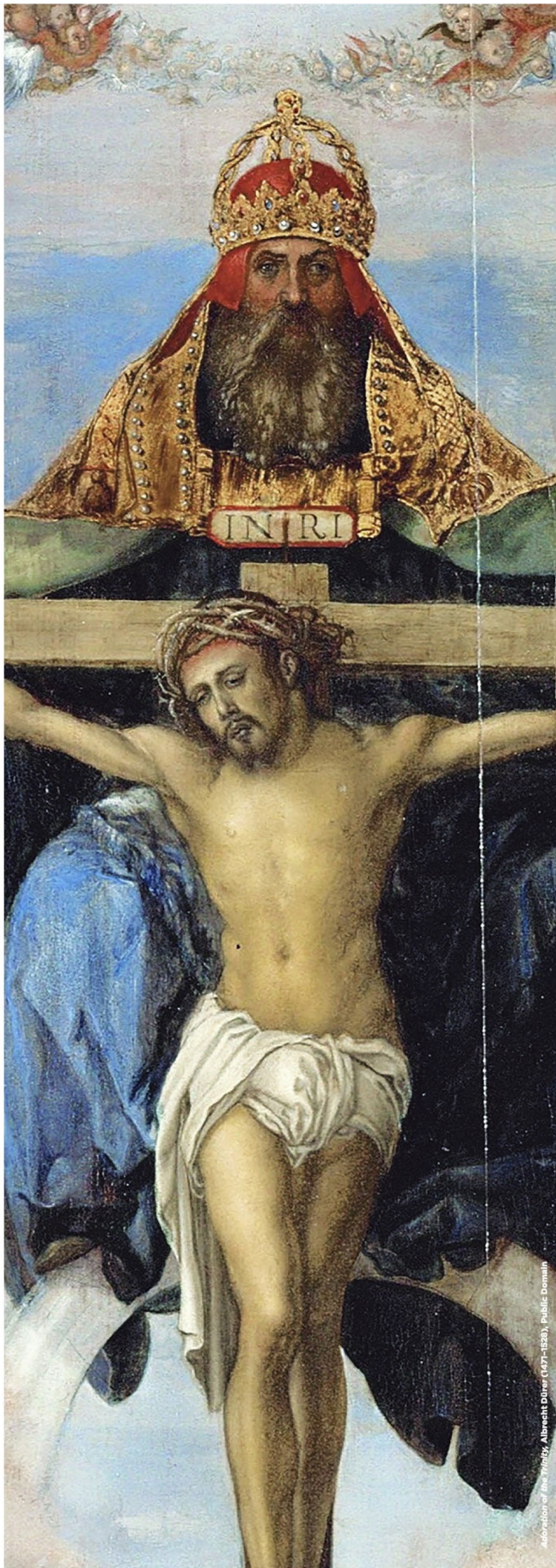
- Confessions - 8:15-8:45a.m.; Rosary-8:30a.m.; Mass- 9am - St. Elizabeth Church
- Meade Wedding Rehearsal - 5:30p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

Saturday, May 9

- COR Men's Faith & Fellowship Gathering - 7am-8am - Parish Hall
- Confirmation Retreat @ Grazzini Home - 8am -4pm
- 4 Lectures on the Constitution - 9am-4pm - Parish Hall (includes lunch)
- Meade Wedding - 1:30p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church
- Confessions - 3:00-3:45p.m./Mass - 4:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church

Sunday, May 10

- 2nd Collection - Building & Maintenance
- Masses: 7:15a.m. & 8:30a.m. - St. Benedict Church & 11:15a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church



May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Pt 2:4-9 | Jn 14:1-12

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

When the needs of ministry became overwhelming, the Apostles did not say they would sleep less or pray less in order to have more time to serve others. Instead, they appointed leaders from the community to help so they could continue to devote themselves to prayer and preaching. This reminds me of a story I read about Saint Teresa of Calcutta, in which the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity asked to be excused from the mandatory daily Holy Hour because the needs of the poor were so overwhelming. Saint Teresa is said to have responded that the sisters should then spend not one, but two hours in prayer each day. She knew that the foundation of a life of service was a life of prayer. We are asked in all that we do to rely not on our own abilities, but to humbly recognize that all we have to give comes from God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The cornerstone of our lives – the piece that gives strength to everything else that grows within us – is our relationship with God. The works of our vocation are meant to flow from that relationship. And so coming to know Jesus through prayer is at the core of serving others. In my vocation as a wife and mother, I sometimes get consumed in completing tasks and only realize at the end of the day that I have not prayed. But even Christ, the Son of God, tells us in the Gospel that “the Father who dwells in me is doing his works.” Life in the Trinity means that the love of the Father flows through the Son. If Jesus does not rely on his own being to preach and serve, I certainly cannot respond to God’s call to love my family apart from him. As we complete the daily tasks of our vocations, we must remember that the ultimate call of a life of holiness is to allow God’s love to flow forth through us.

PRAY

This week, consider how you can develop or strengthen a habit of prayer as the first act of your day. You might be able to pray in silence, or you might choose to incorporate prayer into the activity of your morning. However you are able to establish this routine, be intentional about how you recognize prayer as the cornerstone of all that you do.

FOR APRIL 25 & 26, 2026

Offertory Giving @ Masses	\$ 2,226.00
Online Giving via Flocknote for April	\$ 7,170.00
Mother's Day Devotions	\$ 776.00
Poor Box	\$ 366.00



YEAR- TO-DATE OFFERTORY (Week 41 of 52)	
Actual Offertory	\$ 246,063.98
Average Weekly Offertory	\$ 6,001.56
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 provides support for youth and young adult ministry, campus ministry, and programs that help young people stay connected to their faith? 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.



AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

MARTIN'S HOUSE & BARN IN RIDGELY SEEKS VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONIST(S)

Martin's House in Ridgely is currently seeking volunteer receptionists. The role includes answering the phone (which is minimal), locking/unlocking the front door as needed (this is done remotely with a tablet on the desk), assisting with client requests (miscellaneous items; clients are very friendly). Volunteers can assist on any day and for any length of time from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am-4pm. You will be given training and there is always someone else at the House who can answer questions. You can bring a book to read, your laptop or tablet, sewing or knitting, etc... The desk is quiet most of the time. Having volunteer receptionists will allow staff to complete other projects. Interested? Contact Martin's House at 410-634-1140 or Gina at 410-714-4751.

THIS WEEK ON THE CATHOLIC FORUM PODCAST

On Apple, Spotify, YouTube.com/DiocesefWilm and Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday at 1:30p.m.

On this week's edition of Catholic Forum, Junno Arocho Esteves, International Correspondent for OSV News joins the show to discuss the first year of Pope Leo's pontificate and how his first words from the balcony on May 8, 2025: "peace be with you" - have become a roadmap for his papacy and taking the Gospel message where hope is needed. You can find Junno's writing on <https://www.osvnews.com> or on Substack at <https://arochoju.substack.com>.

2026 NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE ~ "ONE NATION UNDER GOD"

The Wilmington leg of the Pilgrimage includes more than 7 events over the course of 24 hours on June 11th and 12th, traveling from Kent Island, MD, to Easton, MD, Georgetown, DE, to Ocean City, MD and ending at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Wilmington before handing off Jesus in the Eucharist to the Diocese of Camden. We invite all members of our Diocesan community to join us along the route and celebrate our Eucharistic faith as Jesus and the Perpetual Pilgrims pass through our Diocese. Registration for Diocesan events is encouraged but not required and will help parish and diocesan staff make adequate plans. Additional information is available at cdow.org/cabriniroute.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR BIKE MS FUNDRAISER

Bike MS: Chesapeake Challenge, an annual fundraising cycling event, is seeking student volunteers for Sunday, May 17th. Service hours will be given. There are 2 rest stops for the cyclists and volunteers would assist at those stops. Bike MS drops off all supplies and volunteers set up a pop-up tent, tables and chairs, put out snacks and water. When the last rider comes through, volunteers take down the tent, tables, chairs, tie off trash, stack up leftover snacks (or take them with them!), and head off! Our team will pick up everything. The first rest stop is located at the Cherry Lane Pavilion at Tuckahoe State Park (13283 Cherry Lane, Queen Anne) with following time slots: 6:45AM-7:30AM and 10:15 AM-10:45AM. The second rest stop is located at Martin Sutton Park (302 W 4th St, Ridgely) with the following time slots: 7:15AM-8:00AM and 11:45 AM-12:15PM. If you'd like to help, please contact Heather Kiuttu, National Multiple Sclerosis Society Event Volunteer Specialist, at Heather.kiuttu@nmss.org or 408-393-7898. For more information about the event, visit nationalMSSociety.org.

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.

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