

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, September 1**  
**FIRST SATURDAY MASS**  
 9:00 am, FLC Chapel

Tom Duggan  
 4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth  
**CONFESIONS**  
 5:30p.m., FLC Chapel  
 Ann Saterfield

**SUNDAY, September 2**  
**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 7:15 am, St. Benedict  
 Intentions of Families & Patients  
 at St. Jude Research Hospital  
 8:30 am, St. Benedict  
 People of the Parish  
 10:15 am, St. Elizabeth  
 Fred Senon

**Tuesday, September 4**  
 9:00a.m., FLC Chapel  
 Jim Bradley

**Wednesday, September 5**  
 9:00 am., St. Elizabeth  
 Angelo Ralph Porco

**Thursday, September 6**  
 9:00a.m., FLC Chapel  
 Kerry Litic

**Friday, September 7**  
 9:00am., St. Elizabeth  
 Robert G. Gabage

**SATURDAY, September 8**  
 4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth  
**CONFESIONS**  
 5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth  
 Dominic Certolante

**SUNDAY, September 9**  
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 7:15 am, St. Benedict  
 Joseph Whelan  
 8:30 am, St. Benedict  
 Deceased Members of the  
 Charles L. Knott Family  
 11:15 am, St. Elizabeth  
 People of the Parish

**A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is with great celebration that we find ourselves in the midst of God's grace and that we as a believing community can see who and what we are in the midst of trials and tribulations. I harken back to Sacred Scriptures where our Lord Jesus Christ surrounded himself with those whom he believed to be His friends. As we know, one was not a friend but a betrayer, a person who associated with the Savior for his own personal gain. Unfortunately, those who do not realize their self-centeredness and their inability to love as God intends, will find themselves in the category of betrayer, a person who would be better off that he had never been born.

Ironically, Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss – a manner of expressing love. Well, this falsehood of love inflicted upon Jesus by Judas can be likened to those who present themselves as if they love, but truly seek their own position and interests – you know, those in Scripture who seek to lengthen their own sashes and seek attention from others in a narcissistic fashion; these individuals have no place with Christ in His Kingdom.

Yes, in every age Judas does exist and as we know Judas was a close "friend" and amongst those in the inner circle. Judas did not change only what would occur to him in the end. The actions of Judas did not change the person of Jesus Christ. Judas only changed his future. You see, one cannot change the Body of Christ from within or from outside. Jesus is "Jesus" and no one can change Him.

Fortunately, even though Jesus cannot be changed, we can. We are changed by one person and one person only – the Christ. Jesus is the one who makes new our humanity. The Church is His Body and it can only grow by and through His goodness known by His members... its fingers and toes, its ribs and elbows, yes, in and through you who honor his way of Loving – authentic love which builds up and rids the world of sin and death. Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!



I have prayed before the image of *The Flagellation of Christ* by Alonso Cano. The composition reveals Christ before the flagellation, before the torturers begin their task. Jesus' innocence and tender composure looks upon the excited rage beheld by these two figures, one on either side of Christ. Compressed by vengeance, Jesus's Body awaits whip, reed, and rod; he awaits the value his torturers can measure out, he awaits suffering without complaint. Remarkable is this the courage we as members of His mystical Body are currently asked to imitate? To not be a Judas but to be a John or a Peter and see the Body of Christ as truth for our future – an existence that cannot be overcome by evil, sin, or selfish desires.

Let us celebrate, brothers and sisters, the example Jesus left for us and become keenly aware of who we are as His Mystical Body, His Church.

*Pax Christi!*

Rev. John B. Gabage

**EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Law is Good, Love is Better**  
 It seemed like such a good idea at the time: carve the law of the nation in stone. We citizens of another land and millennia can appreciate how final the Ten Commandments must have felt— and yet how inadequate they turned out to be. We too have laws and rules. Declaration and Constitution, rights and amendments. But a community doesn't emerge from stone or paper, from documents and words and promises. We may give lip service to high ideals, but only love leads to the common good. Do we really love our neighbor as ourselves?

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27.*

“What great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law?”

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD**  
**Weekend of August 25 & 26, 2018**

Envelopes	\$ 3,348.00	\$ 797.25
100se	\$ 4,145.25	\$ 5,100.00
Weekly Budget	(\$ 954.75)	
AC Offset	\$ 894.00	
Poor Box	\$ 344.00	

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

**ARE YOU THE PARENT OF AN UPCOMING KINDERGARTENER?**  
 If your child is eligible for Kindergarten this fall, and you wish to register them for religious education Kindergarten class, please contact Mrs. Duggan-Cassidy at the Parish Office: ([induggan@beparish.com](mailto:induggan@beparish.com)) or 410-634-2253).

**REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE UPCOMING 2018/2019 RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM** have been sent out. If you have NOT received registration forms yet for this coming religious education school year, please call or email Maureen Duggan-Cassidy in the Religious Ed Office: 410-634-2253 or ([induggan@beparish.com](mailto:induggan@beparish.com))

**We need catechists and classroom assistants for September.** Please contact Maureen Duggan-Cassidy at 410-634-2253 if you are willing to serve in this capacity and want to learn more.

**LITURGY**

**MASS TIME CHANGE AT ST. ELIZABETH**  
 The Sunday Mass time at St. Elizabeth Church will switch back to 11:15a.m. next Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to mark your calendars with a reminder!

**AROUND THE DIOCESE & COMMUNITY**

**DIOCESAN MARIAN PILGRIMAGE 2018**



This year's diocesan sponsored Marian Pilgrimage will be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our diocese. The pilgrimage will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady, Queen of Peace on the campus of Holy Spirit Parish in New Castle DE and is one of the official Diocesan Anniversary events. Festivities will begin at 9am and continue throughout the day culminating with mass celebrated by Bishop Malooly at 4pm. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is "Mary, Cause of Our Joy" which coincides with the liturgical include panels of priests from the Diocese who will each speak on how Mary is the Cause of the Joy of their priesthood and the presentation of the commissioned painting of "Our Lady of Wilmington" painted by well known local artist Neilson Carlin. We will include a schedule of events for the day as an insert in next weekend's bulletin. If you are interested in attending the Pilgrimage and you would like to carpool with other interested parishioners, please e-mail Lori Parks in the parish office ([L.Parks@beparish.com](mailto:L.Parks@beparish.com)) to let her know so that arrangements can be made.

**CAROLINE COUNTY IS GOING PURPLE**

This September, Caroline County, in partnership with Drug-Free Caroline and other community stakeholders, will be launching **Caroline Goes Purple**, a month-long project to build awareness of the critical opioid epidemic facing our community. Overtypes are the leading cause of accidental death for those under age 50. In fact, overdoses kill more people each year than car accidents and homicides combined. Join the movement by doing one of the following:

- Go Purple! Light your home with purple lights.
- Spread the word: Share education messages on social media.
- Talk about it: Engage in conversation with your family about prescription drugs, and really listen to what your kids have to say.
- Take action! Look up your prescription drugs and safely dispose of ones you aren't using.
- Join the conversation! Attend one of the community conversations about the opioid crisis.



See this Times-Record news article for full details: [https://www.myvaastatesherald.com/articles\\_record/communitynews/caroline-goes-purple-to-combat-opioid-awareness/article/136261d6-3c1e-5260-8c62-54074601d780.html](https://www.myvaastatesherald.com/articles_record/communitynews/caroline-goes-purple-to-combat-opioid-awareness/article/136261d6-3c1e-5260-8c62-54074601d780.html). For more information about Caroline Goes Purple, contact Jennifer Farina at [jfarina@drugfreecaroline.org](mailto:jfarina@drugfreecaroline.org) or 410-479-0660.

**SENIOR CALL CHECK PILOT PROGRAM**

Maryland is the first state in the country to start a free, opt-in, telephonic service to check on Maryland's older residents across the state. Every day a telephone call will be placed to a participant at a regularly scheduled time. These calls will take place between 8am and 4pm. If the participant does not answer after three calls, additional calls will be made to notify a designated person. Any Maryland resident aged 65 or older who has a land line or cell phone is eligible to participate. To apply, please call 1-800-243-3425 or visit [www.admrmaryland.gov](http://www.admrmaryland.gov). You will be informed if your application is accepted for the Pilot Program.

**LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY**

- Tuesday, September 4
  - Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – RR
- Wednesday, September 5
  - Staff Meeting – 10:15 a.m. – RR
  - Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - Hall
- Thursday, September 6
  - Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – RR
  - Catechetical Orientation & Classroom Setup – 6:30 a.m. – GK
- Friday, September 7
  - First Friday Benediction – 9:30 a.m. – SE Church
- Saturday, September 8
  - Blessing of Students and Teachers at Mass
  - Asbury Baptism – 1:00 p.m. – St. Benedict Church
- Sunday, September 9
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Building Maintenance
  - Blessing of Students/Teachers at Masses
  - Installation of Parish Council during 8:30 a.m. Mass – SS Church

**REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...**

- Patricia Brady ♦ Peggy Brittingham ♦ Jane Cade ♦ Joan Mollack ♦ Terry Franz ♦ Kathleen Green ♦ Charamne Sullivan ♦ Patricia McWilliams ♦ Julia Seiler ♦ Helen Dill ♦ Cheryl Harris ♦ Judy Edmonston ♦ Edle Clark ♦ Patricia Freeman ♦ Sandy Keating ♦ Michael All ♦ Michael Keating ♦ Neil Straley ♦ Christina Jewell ♦ Debbye Jackson ♦ Kerry Winn ♦ Jessica Hedderway ♦ The Clegg Family ♦ Dot Bonhomme ♦ Clark Johnson ♦ George Sincoube ♦ Sarah Trice ♦ Mary Bennett ♦ Fr. Bill Graney ♦ Naomi Powell ♦ Amir Turner ♦ Marilda Tiel ♦ Ken & Carolyn Swain ♦ Linda Nickum ♦ Bob Frouse

**VOCATIONIS NEWS**

In today's first reading, Moses asks the Israelites "What great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God, is to us?" Indeed, our God calls us to deep intimacy and invites us to participate in His plan for the salvation of all people. How is He calling you to participate? If you think your vocation is to priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 302-573-3113 or [vocations@dcow.org](mailto:vocations@dcow.org).

Be sure to visit our website: [www.dcow.org/vocations](http://www.dcow.org/vocations)!

Please pray for our diocesan seminarians:

- Michael Preston Craig Kuskinsky
- Brian Ferris Adam Bauer
- John Emenho James Gebhart



## AROUND THE DIOCESE & COMMUNITY

### **Upcoming Events at Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center**

**Day of Reflection: Finding Tranquility in a Hectic Day. with Fr. Nicholas Amato, Wednesday, September 5, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm:** There are ways to experience tranquility that are longer lasting, ways that can transform our deepest sense of self. Join us for a day of deepening our spirits and reclaiming a joy that has been lost. Learn ways to maintain the inner peace that has been gained. Give yourself the treat of a day away to center and ground yourself and to find the tranquility you seek. Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

**Presentation: What is Spiritual Direction? Tuesday, September 18 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm or Wednesday, September 19, 10:00 am - 11:00 am.** Have you heard of Spiritual Direction but wonder what it is? Come to Jesus House and learn about this ancient ministry of the Christian community.

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858. Please visit the Jesus House website ([jesushousecenter.org](http://jesushousecenter.org)) or call the office at 302-995-6585 for more information about any of the above offerings or to register.

### **ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHTS**

Father Mark Mealey, judicial vicar for the Diocese of Wilmington, will offer annulment information nights at two locations in September. The first will be Sept. 20, 7 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear-Christina Road, Bear, Del. Another will be Sept. 26, 7 p.m., at St. John-Holy Angels Church, 82 Possum Park Road, Newark, Del. Among the issues discussed will be the new norms of Pope Francis on the marriage nullity process and implementation of those norms in the diocese Tribunal. The nullity process and the various canonical grounds for marriage will be presented. Anyone interested should call the Tribunal office, 302-295-0630, and leave a voicemail. Reservations are encouraged to ensure enough materials are available.