

## MASS SCHEDULE &amp; INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, September 15**  
**4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth**  
 CONFESSIONS  
**5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth**  
 Roger Banko

**SUNDAY, September 16**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**7:15 a.m. St. Benedict**  
 People of the Parish  
**8:30 a.m. St. Benedict**  
 Bart Sherman  
**11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth**  
 Millie Nash

**Tuesday, September 18**  
**9:00a.m. FLC Chapel**  
 Intentions of Linda Nickum

**Wednesday, September 19**  
**9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth**  
 Barbara McCreary

**Thursday, September 20**  
**9:00a.m. FLC Chapel**  
 Intentions of All Students

**Friday, September 21**  
**9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth**  
 Ted Selby, Jr.

**SATURDAY, September 22**  
**4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth**  
 CONFESSIONS  
**5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth**  
 Jimmy Blades

**SUNDAY, September 23**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**7:15 a.m. St. Benedict**  
 Pearl Collier  
**8:30 a.m. St. Benedict**  
 People of the Parish  
**11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth**  
 Brianna Nicole Freeman

**TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS**  
**SEPTEMBER 15 – SEPTEMBER 28**

**St. Benedict Church:**  
 In Honor of Brett Schreyer  
  
**St. Elizabeth Church:**  
 Intentions of Brett Carmean

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF**  
**STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD**  
**Weekend of September 8 & 9, 2018**

Envelopes	\$ 3,889.00
Loose	\$ 828.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$ 4,717.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
<b>Deficit (Below Budget)</b>	<b>(\$ 383.00)</b>
Building & Maintenance	\$ 909.00
Poor Box	\$ 52.00

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."



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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each of us is a human being that is loved into being by God along with His cooperating agents, our parents. Each of us was created for a purpose. Some will ask, what am I supposed to do with my life? Others may ask, how can I make a difference in the world?

To answer these questions is often difficult and perhaps puzzling when one does not understand their own gift of being within this world. Our purpose, however, is not an individual purpose, but rather, a collective purpose that enables each person to be expressive within the collective unit by utilizing their own God-given talent so that the many parts are made into one body.

Recently, I have been asking, "Where are you going?" Shouldn't our purpose have a destination in mind? As a collective body we call ourselves the Mystical Body of Christ – we are the Church. Christ desires us to be united as one body – His Body, a Body that rids the world of sin and brings about promise and hope, a Body that exemplifies the communal love that exists within the Trinity as its origin.

I again ask the question, where are you going? Today, many members of this parish gather within the walls of our churches – St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Benedict. Today, however, we are not all assembled, our body is not complete. If each person asked themselves, where are you going this morning, some would have answered, to church. Unfortunately, others may have answered, to the game, to the park, to the beach house, to the store. Not everyone who is an adopted son and daughter through Baptism is present here today. How frustrating this is for me as a pastor, and how frustrating it must be for God – to know people have continued to make promises that they continue to break.

Today, perhaps you can ask a person who is planning to sleep in or go to a game or sit in their car to join us here within this place instead to worship the God who dwells in our very being and who makes us the one Body he chooses to live within. Make a concerted effort to commit yourself to stay connected, to be alive in faith through your works.

Let us authentically celebrate with purpose the reason God brought us into existence.

When asked, "Where are you going?", perhaps you may reply, "I am going to heaven on earth, to the place that is already but not yet complete. I am going to discover my purpose for this week in the house of God; I am going to be unique today and keep His commandment so that I forget not myself in His Will. I am going to see the rest of the Body of Christ which I am a part of."

Let us transform the world with God's Word rather than mans'. Let us reveal the work of Christ that is alive in us. Let us reveal faith for others to see the Kingdom of God which is perfected by Christ.

*Pax Christi,*  
**Rev. John B. Gabage**

**DIOCESAN ORDER OF MERIT AWARDS**

This year's **Diocesan Order of Merit Awards Prayer Service** will be held on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm at St. Joseph Church (371 E. Main St., Middletown, DE). Our parish recipients this year are **Linda & Dan Ruskin** and **Pete & Linda Schirmer**. We thank them for their witness and example in many areas of parish ministry and within the wider community. They are great representatives of all that happens at St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth Parish for the glory of God! All parishioners are invited to attend the prayer service in support of our parish recipients.

**EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**     **The Answer This Time**  
 We evolve. This is one of the most grateful things about existence, that we're not required to remain stuck in our stuff. We grow, learn, and adapt through the years. Our relationship with the Holy One evolves too. So, when Jesus asks us once more—Who do you say that I am?—our reply may well be different this time. Is Jesus still the God someone gave us long ago? Has Jesus become more real and necessary: as a friend, brother, healer, teacher, fellow sufferer, or champion? Is Jesus Lord of our lives, judge, irritant, role model, or inspiration?

Today's readings: Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35  
**"And Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?'"**

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

**RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES BEGIN THIS SUNDAY!**

Next Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> is Catechetical Sunday! The theme for this year is "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ". There will be a Super Sunday/Knights of Columbus breakfast in the hall following the 8:30 Mass. The cost is \$6 per person and \$35 max per family. During breakfast, there will be an open house in the classrooms for parents to accompany their children and meet the catechists. This will be followed by a shortened class which will end at 10:45a.m. Kindergarten parents will need to sign their children in and out of class. (Kindergarten class ends at 10:40). May our good God make possible within us and for us what only He can do!!

**PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE**

**WE REMEMBER ♦ WE CELEBRATE ♦ WE BELIEVE**  
**BAPTISMS**



**Leif Constantine Asbury**, son of Travis & Faith Asbury was baptized last weekend. We celebrate the beginning of a life of faith for this newly baptized infant 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.

**PLANNING FOR OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR IS UNDERWAY**

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Bazaar will be held on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. This year's event will feature several special features in celebration of our "Golden Anniversary". As always, many volunteers are needed to help make this parish and community event a great success. If you are willing to help at the bazaar in any way, please join our chairpersons for the next Bazaar Planning Meeting on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up and clean-up, in our White Elephant Flea Market area, selling raffle tickets, helping at the Friday Night dinner and much more. Please join us to learn more.



**DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF BAZAAR'S IN YEAR'S PAST?** We have lots of digital photos for the year's covering 2006-2017. But, we do not have many historical photos of bazaar's past. If you have any photos that you would be willing to allow us to scan (or if you can scan them yourself and e-mail them to us) we would be most appreciative. We are working on a Through the Years slideshow to be shown at the Bazaar. Thank you!

**CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS**

It's that time of year again! **Campus Ministry is in the process of preparing the 2018-19 mailing list.** If your son or daughter is in college, either away from home or locally, or if they are serving in a branch of the armed forces, we would like to have their address, so they can be included in our mailings. Campus Ministry sends out various packages and cards throughout the year to help our youth and young adults feel connected to their parish family. If you would like to have your son/daughter be a part of this, please forward their address to Beth McCullough as soon as possible by e-mail ([beth@sustainable-science.com](mailto:beth@sustainable-science.com)) or by phone (410.924.4441). This applies to those who have participated in previous years as well if there have been any changes to your child's college or military address.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Are you a young adult age 18-35 with an interest in learning more about your faith in a relaxed environment? If so, we'd love to have you join us for our next Theology on Tap gathering on Wednesday, September 26 at 6:30p.m. This month we will gather in the PARISH HALL to eat, socialize and talk about FAITH IN THE WORKPLACE. We hope that you will consider joining us (and we encourage you to bring a friend). Pizza and sodas will be provided. BYOB (beer, that is).



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

**ANNUAL CAR RAFFLE**

Would you like to be driving a brand new 2019 Ford Mustang by later this year? If so, be sure to buy a raffle ticket or two for the Knights of Columbus Annual Car Raffle. Knights will be on hand after all masses on the weekend of September 29/30 selling the tickets for a cost of \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is the Mustang, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is an iPad Air and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is a \$200 gift card. The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

**ALL PARISH MEN ARE INVITED ...** to join the Knights of Columbus at their next Social Meeting on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. The evening will begin with the praying of the Rosary at 7pm followed by a Blues Brothers Bingo and BBQ Night. We will have BBQ pork and sides to enjoy plus beverages. If you are curious about the Knights and interested in learning more about what they do, please join us. Active members are invited to bring a guest to the social meeting and current members who have not come to a meeting for a while are encouraged to join us, too! We hope to see you there.

**LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY**

**Sunday, September 16**

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY/SUPER SUNDAY**  
 • 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Parish Religious Ed. Support  
 • Super Sunday Breakfast/Classroom Open House – 9:30 a.m.  
 • Religious Education Classes – 10:10 a.m.  
 • Commissioning of Catechists during 8:30 a.m. Mass  
 • Cathedral of St. Peter 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass – 11:00 a.m.  
 • Youth Ministry Gathering – 6-8:00 p.m. - Hall

**Tuesday, September 18**

• Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – RR

**Wednesday, September 19**

• Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - Hall

**Thursday, September 20**

• Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – RR  
 • Hovland/Nannini Wedding Rehearsal – 4:00 p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church  
 • Baptism Formation – 7:00 p.m. – RR  
 • EMHC Re-Certification – 7:00 p.m. - Hall

**Friday, September 21**

• Hovland/Nannini Wedding – 4:00 p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church

**Sunday, September 23**

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Share in the Spirit  
 • Sodality Hospitality  
 • Rel. Ed./RCIA classes – 9:45-10:50 a.m.  
 • Diocesan Order of Merit Ceremony – 2p.m. – St. Joseph, Middletown

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

Patricia Brady ♦ Peggy Brittingham ♦ Jane Cade ♦ Joan Mollick ♦ Terry Franz ♦ Kathleen Green ♦ Charmaine Sullivan ♦ Patricia McWilliams ♦ Julia Seiler ♦ Helen Dill ♦ Cheryl Harris ♦ Judy Edmonston ♦ Edie Crank ♦ Patricia Freedman ♦ Sandy Keating ♦ Michael Alt ♦ Michael Keating ♦ Nial Straley ♦ Christina Jewell ♦ Debbye Jackson ♦ Kenny Winn ♦ Jessica Haddaway ♦ The Clegg Family ♦ Dot Bornhoeft ♦ Clark Johnson ♦ George Sinacourbe ♦ Sarah Trice ♦ Mary Bennett ♦ Fr. Bill Graney ♦ Marlinda Tuel ♦ Ken & Carolyn Swain ♦ Linda Nickum ♦ Bob Rouse ♦ Janet Kibler ♦ Karen Coward ♦ Kelly Presnell ♦ John Vranich

**VOCATIONS NEWS**

In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah says, "The Lord God opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back." Please pray for our seminarians, that as they work through the sometimes difficult and strenuous process of priestly formation, they may continue to experience God's call and keep their eyes on His plan for them. And if you think *you* might have a vocation to priesthood or religious life, please call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). And check out our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)

*Please pray for our diocesan seminarians:*

**Michael Preston**     **Craig Kursinsky**  
**Brennan Ferris**     **Adam Bauer**  
**John Enemu**     **James Gebhart**

**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 Sesquicentennial theme of "Rejoicing in the Lord since 1868". Highlights of the pilgrimage 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. See the insert in today's bulletin for a schedule of events for the day. 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 ([LParks@beparish.com](mailto:LParks@beparish.com)) to let her know so that arrangements can be made.

**BLOOD MOBILE COMING TO DENTON**

Give the gift of life by donating blood! The Blood Bank of Delmarva Blood Mobile will be coming to St. Luke's Church in Denton on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-6:00p.m. If you are able to donate blood, log onto <https://donate.bbd.org/> to schedule an appointment for September 20<sup>th</sup> (or November 15<sup>th</sup> which is the next time the blood mobile will come to Denton.)

