

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, November 24

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth

Joseph Dombroski

SUNDAY, November 25

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

Robert G. Gabage

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

People of the Parish

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

Larry Kutlik

Tuesday, November 27

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Carol Russell

Wednesday, November 28

9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth

William Ernest

Thursday, November 29

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

John Sedegh

Friday, November 30

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

Brian Rampolla

SATURDAY, December 1

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Robert G. Gabage

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

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SUNDAY, December 2

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

Millie Nash

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Larry Kutlik

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

People of the Parish

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 7

St. Benedict Church:

St. Elizabeth Church:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of November 17 & 18, 2018

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| Envelopes | \$ 3,098.00 |
| Loose | \$ 680.80 |
| TOTAL OFFERTORY | \$ 3,778.80 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ 5,100.00 |
| Deficit (Under Budget) | (\$ 1,321.00) |
| Campaign for Human Develop. | \$ 690.25 |
| Poor Box | \$ 106.10 |

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are a people of faith, a people who are called to think and act as God does. He enables humanity to be participants in His activity through the example of Jesus Christ. God the Father enables us to be perfect as He is perfect. In other words, God permits us to be a humble instrument of love.

Perfected Love is found in Christ because Jesus was able to put aside his own interests for the interests of His Father and the rest of humanity. This humility has been commented on by many scholars of the Scriptures. We are invited into the mystery of Loving as Jesus Loves – which is an unconditional, unselfish, exemplary way of living.

It is with awe and admiration that we look at the qualities of Jesus Christ and know that imitation is the best form of flattery and it is possible that we who were washed clean of our sins at Baptism can now imitate and put into practice the Love that Jesus Christ lived.



Today we celebrate Jesus under the title of King. It is the title of King that when lived without humility gets people who are "titled" king into great trouble. Jesus Christ knew very well what it meant to be a servant of his Father and that servitude granted him the possession of the ability and title to be King. We marvel and even romanticize the pomp and pageantry that exists within royal families and their lifestyles. Perhaps we are so removed from such an existence that we pay no mind, but whatever the case, each one of us is an heir to the kingdom and of royal responsibilities because of our adopted relationship with Jesus Christ.

We are charged to serve our fellow citizens of the world and of the Kingdom of God. We are to recognize what is within our human nature because of Christ – that our flesh is empowered by God's grace and enabled to present the holiness of humanity as it was intended to be when we were first created.

Let us give our King, Jesus Christ, the Honor that is due by being people in his image, a people that loves unconditionally, selflessly, and a people that presents what is of God that lies within – His Love, perfected in humility and lived out with God's grace. At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend... we certainly do have a king, and he will reign forever! Let us live life knowing who we are in the Light of Christ that our humanity may reflect the perfected humanity of Christ in all that we do for and in His name.

Let us love one another as Christ has loved us... and as He still does...

Pax Christi,

Vy. Rev. John B. Gabage, V.F.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

By whose authority

Every instance of bad leadership reinforces the vital importance of good leaders. In church and in government, at work and at home, we need people of wisdom and vision to take us into the future. Leaders must lead, not merely from a platform or agenda, but with a profound respect for the common good as an unshakable principle. Championing the common good makes families more holy, workplaces more just, societies more civil, and governments more noble. What kind of world do we want to live in? At what kind of authority will we bend our knees?

Today's readings: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

"So, Pilate said to him, 'Then you are a king?'"

SODALITY NEWS

The Sodality will be preparing Cookie Tins for our local Catholic nursing home residents and homebound members of our parish. If you would like to donate cookies to assist them in this effort you may drop off your donations at the Parish Office on Tuesday, December 11th from 10am – 4:30pm or to the Parish Hall that evening at 7pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

WINTER COAT COLLECTION ~ As in year's past, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting new and gently used coats throughout the months of November and December for donation to the His Hope Haven Homeless Shelter and other area organizations who serve those in need. This year, they are also asking for new hats and gloves/mittens as well. Collection boxes for coats, hats/mittens/gloves can be found at the entrance of St. Elizabeth Church and the entrance of the Parish Hall. Please launder any used coats and be sure that they are in good condition. Thank you for your generous support of past efforts!

OUR NEXT SUPER SUNDAY BREAKFAST IS DECEMBER 2nd – All parishioners are invited to join us for a delicious buffet breakfast on Sunday, December 2nd at 9:30a.m. in the Parish Hall. The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, home fries, sausage gravy & biscuits, pancakes, coffee, juice & milk. Cost is \$6 per person with a \$35 family max. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The final First Reconciliation meeting for parents and children will be held this coming Thursday evening, November 29th, in the hall from 6:15 to 7:30. Please have your children bring their books. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday morning, December 1st, at St. Benedict's Church in Ridgely at 11am.

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FUNERAL PLANNING PACKAGES are available in the Parish Office. If you would like a package, please contact Lori Parks.

MASSSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (a holy day of obligation) will be celebrated on Friday, December 7th at 7:00p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church and Saturday, December 8th at 9:00a.m. at St. Benedict Church.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE ~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Wednesday, December 12 ~ 7pm ~ St. Benedict Church

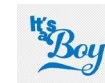
Make plans to attend our parish Advent Penance Service with all the members of your family who are old enough to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to Fr. Gabage, there will be four priests on hand from area parishes to assist with confessions.



PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

CONGRATULATIONS to Jake & Maggie Humphries on the birth of their first child, a son, **BRYN FRANCIS HUMPHRIES**.

Bryn was born on November 18th and weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was 20 ½" long. Bryn is the grandson of Chris & Carm Powell.



CELEBRATING 25+ YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Ken & Carolyn Swain (55 years), Marvin & Marianna Breeding (54 years), Sidney & Linda Pinder (52 years), John & Connie Walton (46 years), Richard & Anne Marie Duld (41 years), Mike & Mary Redgraves (35 years), Tolbert & Jeanne Rowe (33 years), Kenny & Jill King (31 years)

SENIOR BREAKFAST ~ "CHRISTMAS MORNING MEMORIES"

All parish Seniors age 65 and over are invited and encouraged to come to our Senior Mass & Breakfast on Tuesday, December 4th. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00a.m. at St. Benedict Church followed by a Christmas morning breakfast in the Parish Hall. Bring your memories of your childhood Christmas mornings to share and if you have any toys, decorations or photos from your childhood Christmas celebrations, please bring those along, too. Please RSVP by contacting the Parish Office – 410-634-2253 or LParks@beparish.com.

HELP REPRESENT OUR PARISH IN UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PARADES

This year, our parish will be participating in the Denton Christmas Parade and Lighting of the Green on Thursday, December 6th at 6pm. We encourage parishioners of all ages to join us to represent our parish community. We have a banner that will lead the way and you are encouraged to dress festively as we walk the parade route, passing out candy canes and singing one or two Christmas carols. The more the merrier! Come give witness to the joy and fellowship that are alive in our parish! (Lineup for the Parade begins at 4:30p.m. at the HAPS Building).

10th ANNUAL 5K RUN & WALK FOR THE "WELL" OF IT

May 2019 be a year of new beginnings... the date and location of this year's 5K Run & Walk for the "Well" of It may be all new, but our mission remains the same – to raise funds in support of Lifetime Wells International, parishioner Ken Wood's well drilling mission in Africa.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 1, 2019

WHERE: Hunter's Oak Golf Course, 500 Amberly Farm Ln, Queenstown MD. Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us. Registration forms can be found at www.beparish.com or as an insert in next weekend's bulletin.

CHRISTMAS SCRIP CARD SALES

SCRIP Cards make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. We have SCRIP cards available from a large variety of retailers such as restaurants, retail stores, gas stations, etc... See the ORDER FORM IN TODAY'S BULLETIN and place your order soon. Completed Order Forms, along with payment, should be sent to Marie Freeman in the Parish Office via mail (P.O. Box 459, Ridgely MD 21660) or via the collection basket at any mass (please place in envelope marked "SCRIP ORDER". What is SCRIP? It is issued by retailers where we already shop – supermarkets, department stores, restaurants, fast food chains and gas stations. The parish purchases SCRIP gift cards at a discount and sells them for face value. You get dollar for dollar value on your purchases and the parish earns a percentage (the difference between the discounted price and face value) as revenue.

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, November 25

• 2nd Collection – Poor Box Support

• NO Rel. Ed./RCIA classes

Tuesday, November 27

• Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – RR

Thursday, November 29

• Adult Bible Study – 9:30a.m. – RR

• 1st Reconciliation Prep. – 6:15p.m. - Hall

Saturday, December 1

• Confessions – 8:00-8:45a.m. – Pastor's FLC Office

• First Saturday Mass – 9am – FLC Chapel

• First Reconciliation Service – 11:00a.m. – St. Benedict Church

• Rosary – 5pm – SE Church

Sunday, December 2

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

• 2nd Collection – Christmas Flowers

• Super Sunday Breakfast – 9:30a.m. – Hall

• Rel. Ed./RCIA classes – 10:10-10:50a.m.

• Confirmation Prep. Class – 10:45-11:15a.m. – 10th Grade Classroom

• Youth Ministry Gathering – 6-8p.m. – Hall

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Patricia Brady ♦ Peggy Brittingham ♦ Jane Cade ♦ Joan Mollick ♦ Terry Franz ♦ Kathleen Green ♦ Patricia McWilliams ♦ Julia Seiler ♦ Helen Dill ♦ Cheryl Harris ♦ Judy Edmonston ♦ Edie Crank ♦ Patricia Freedman ♦ Sandy Keating ♦ Michael Alt ♦ Michael Keating ♦ Christina Jewell ♦ Debbye Jackson ♦ Kenny Winn ♦ Jessica Haddaway ♦ The Clegg Family ♦ Dot Bornhoeft ♦ Clark Johnson ♦ George Sinacourbe ♦ Fr. Bill Graney ♦ Ken & Carolyn Swain ♦ Bob Rouse ♦ Janet Kibler ♦ Karen Coward ♦ Kelly Presnell ♦ John Vranich ♦ Ron Safchick ♦ Rita Miedl ♦ Nelson Owens ♦ Earl Harden ♦ Roy Dean ♦ Ed Centofante ♦ Fr. Mike Gallagher ♦ Heather Robuck ♦ Tobey McWilliams ♦ Rosemary Foracker ♦ Agnes Metzler

VOCATIONS NEWS

Today the Book of Revelation tells us that "Jesus Christ is the faithful witness." By virtue of our baptism, each of us is called to be a faithful witness to the wonderful things our God has done for women and men. Are you being called to give witness as a religious or as a priest? Are you willing? Let's talk. Call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). Please visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations/

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

TUCKAHOE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Tuckahoe Habitat for Humanity, serving Queen Anne and Caroline Counties, has a new Volunteer Coordinator, Ms. Suzette Kelly. Suzette is seeking interested volunteers to assist with current Habitat projects and to encourage support of this ongoing mission of neighborhood revitalization in our community. Volunteers are needed in support of housing efforts centered in the town of Denton during the week as well as on Saturdays. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Suzette at (410) 479-9200 or volunteer@tuckahoehabitat.org or visit the Habitat website at www.tuckahoehabitat.org.

AROUND THE DIOCESE & COMMUNITY

The Queen Anne's Chorale Christmas Concert is on **Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD.** The theme is "Peace on Earth" and features Vivaldi's "Gloria" with chamber orchestra, seasonal selections and the ever-popular audience sing-along. Ticket price is \$20/adult and Children (through high school age) admitted free. To obtain advance tickets, please contact St. Benedict's/St. Elizabeth's parishioner, Sharon Balling at 410-479-2395 or by e-mail at: edwardballing@comcast.net

JOB OPENING AT ST. MARTIN'S HOUSE ~ Saint Martin's House in Ridgely is seeking an overnight Resident Program Assistant. This is a part-time position that could become a full-time position. If you are interested in finding out more, please call Melanie at 410-634-2537, Ext. 104.



PAINT NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR SAINTS PETER & PAUL POST PROM

You are invited to attend a Paint Night Fundraiser at SS Peter & Paul School, 900 High Street, Easton, on Friday, December 7, 2018 from 6:00-9:00p.m. The artist-led session includes all the supplies needed to paint a Christmas Cookie Tray. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$20 for students if paid by December 1st. Cost goes up to \$40 per adult and \$25 per student at the door. If you plan to attend, please register by contacting Amy Schisler at 410-725-1693 or amyschisler@me.com.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

Diocesan 150th Celebration Held at IHM

What is it? "Everyday Holiness" an original play commissioned for the celebration of the sesquicentennial.

Why should I come? Enrich your Catholic life with the story of the gentle saint, St. Francis De Sales, and the amazing widow, mother, and religious, St. Jane De Chantal. These were exceptional people for their time, and they inspire us today! It is also Advent! What a great way to begin the spiritual aspects of your journey.

When is it? Sunday, December 2, 2018, 3:00 pm

Where is it? In the church building; easy access for wheelchairs.

Who should come? Recommended for anyone 12 years old through adult.

An RSVP is helpful in planning the refreshments.

Mrs. Terry Di Fonzo 764-4693 or tdifonzo@ihm.org

Video tour of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church and Tubman Chapel in Dorchester County now available.

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington has released a new video tour of the original St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, now called the Tubman Chapel; and the current St. Mary Star of the Sea, located across Hoopers Island Road from the original church, in Golden Hill, Dorchester County, Maryland. The video is the fifth in a series featuring historic churches of the Diocese of Wilmington and is available free to the public on the Diocese of Wilmington's YouTube channel – www.youtube.com/DiocesefofWilm.

Listen to the Catholic Forum podcast every week. A new program debuts every Sunday morning at www.cdow.org/Catholic-Forum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. This Sunday, November 25th, Father Richard Jasper, Associate Pastor of St. Ann Church in Wilmington, Delaware, will preview his four-part Advent series that will debut on the Sunday, December 2nd *Catholic Forum*. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum.

BOY SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARDS

Any scout who is interested in earning their Catholic religious award should contact the Diocese of Wilmington's Catholic Committee on Scouting. Our committee can help get the process started and will supply the award, once earned. Each year the Bishop will present the awards to the scouts of our Diocese at our annual Scout Mass. For further information please contact either Bob Murray, Committee Chair at (302) 993-6290 or Deacon Tommy Watts, Boy Scout Chaplain (302) 218-1415.