

## MASS SCHEDULE &amp; INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 2

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Poor Souls in Purgatory

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

5:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth

Roseanne Porter

SUNDAY, February 3

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

Ralph Downs, Sr.

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Billye Baghby

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 5

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, February 6

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

Intentions of Elsie Williams

Thursday, February 7

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Charles Roger Vogt, Jr.

Friday, February 8

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

Chuckle &amp; Margaret Startt

SATURDAY, February 9

OBLATE MASS

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

5:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth

Jimmy Blades

SUNDAY, February 10

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Kenneth Strauss

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

Christopher Winstead

## TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

JANUARY 19 – FEBRUARY 1

St. Benedict Church:

St. Elizabeth Church:

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of January 26 &amp; 27, 2019

The offertory figures for last weekend and this weekend will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

## 2018 TAX LETTERS

If you use offertory envelopes and would like to receive a statement of your 2018 Offertory contributions for tax purposes, please contact Marie Freeman to request a copy: 410-634-2253 or [mfreeman@beparish.com](mailto:mfreeman@beparish.com).

## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Who can be against God and live? No one! Why do so many people try to live according to their own desires, their own will that is misinformed by the world around them?

Jesus asks the question, who are my mother, brothers and sisters? And then those gathered hear his response, "My mother, brother and sisters are those who do the Will of My Father."

Who is doing the will of God today?

More and more people are being swallowed up by their pursuit of doing their own will – disregarding the Will of our Heavenly Father. People are listening to false teaching and believing that Relativism is an acceptable means in discovering God. These people are truly mistaken and are not living in the Will of the Father nor are they able to Live in the Truth of God or of themselves!

Satan is the father of Lies and unfortunately people are falling victim to the Lies, believing they are correct in their suppositions and practices in life. I believe our first parents, Adam and Eve, demonstrated how easily humanity could fall victim. Ponder our Scriptures from today and recognize who has the power to create and to assert our work in the world.

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

before you were born I dedicated you,

a prophet to the nations I appointed you (Jer 1:4).

In Baptism we have been given the role of Christ, we are a member of His Mystical Body, we are: priest, prophet, and king. Take seriously what you have been given – your life depends upon it. As priest, we offer prayer and supplication on behalf of our fellow men and women. As prophet, we announce to the world that sin, the evil one, has been conquered, death has no power over us. The Resurrection is True. Live in the Light of Christ not in the darkness of Satan. As king, we are called to live the service of Christ in this world, not for our personal benefit but rather for the benefit of the friends of God – for those who choose to live life according to the will of the Father in Heaven.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, it is not pompous,

It is not inflated, it is not rude,

it does not seek its own interests,

it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,

it does not rejoice over wrongdoing

but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails ( 1 Cor. 13: 4 – 8).

Do not let those who live falsehoods, believing only in themselves, pervert you into believing they know the will of the Father today as if they are the Son of God. Jesus already presented us with His truth. Truth does not change and nor does the Father's will. Please, brothers and sisters, promote the truth of Jesus Christ and LIVE – for your life depends upon it!

*Pax Christi,*

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

## EVANGELIZATION CORNER

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Take the leap of truth

In one guidebook, the place was oddly listed as the "Mount of Hurling." While that sounds like a site for over eager partygoers, Mount Precipice, as it's more widely known, is a hill overlooking Nazareth where Jesus almost met an early end. Citizens of his hometown loved having a celebrity to claim as their own, but when Jesus suggested that God might claim foreigners ahead of Israelites because of their welcome to prophets, the Nazoreans proved his point by attempting to run him off a cliff. Telling the truth rarely makes us popular. It can even be dangerous. Take the plunge!

Today's readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

**"They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill . . . to hurl him down headlong."**

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

YOU'RE INVITED! ~ SACRED Adult Religious Education Day

Saturday, February 23, 2019 ~ 8 AM until 3 PM at Salesianum School

1801 N Broom St, Wilmington, DE 19802

Celebrate our Catholic Faith with a day of spiritual renewal. The price includes coffee, a light breakfast, a hot Italian lunch and all-day beverages with over 15 courses in adult religious education. Reconciliation is offered at 8 AM and 3 PM. Optional Sunday Mass at 4 PM. Cost: \$45. Only \$40 if paid by Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> online at <http://sacred.salesianum.org>. The parish will cover the cost of registration for any Catechist or Catechist Assistant that wishes to attend this event. Don't miss out on a fun-filled and informative way to celebrate our Catholic Faith and to enter the season of Lent as Salesianum offers SACRED for the 19<sup>th</sup> time. This popular day of spiritual renewal through the lens of Salesian Spirituality has had over 150 attendees each year.

## PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER ♦ WE CELEBRATE ♦ WE BELIEVE  
CONGRATULATIONS!



Timothy Daly, honor student and lifetime member of St. Benedict's Parish, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in his troop, Troop 464 out of Ruthsburg. He would like to thank everyone both within and without the parish for their generosity and encouragement during his recent Eagle Scout project in Holy Cross Cemetery. Post-graduation, Tim hopes to be accepted by Virginia Tech to study mechanical engineering.

## SODALITY NEWS

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Beginning on February 26 and continuing for 9 consecutive Tuesdays, the BVM Ladies' Sodality is sponsoring a small group retreat focusing on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy. The retreat will be based on the book Consoling the Heart of Jesus: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat Inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Gain new insights into how you can console the heart of Jesus and learn to become a saint from spiritual masters such as St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Faustina, St. Louis de Montfort and Saint Teresa of Calcutta. **The retreat is for both men and women.** The Sodality will cover the cost of the book for all participants. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lori Parks in the Parish Office or complete and return the registration form that can be found in today's bulletin (also available online). Contact the Parish Office by Tuesday, Feb. 5 if you'd like to register.

NEW DATE!!!! VALENTINE'S DINNER FOR MARRIED &amp; ENGAGED COUPLES

When: Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00p.m.

Where: Parish Hall

What: Appetizers, Dinner, Desserts, Drinks, Fun!!!

Cost: \$40/couple

Tickets will be on sale after all masses for the next several weekends or you may contact the Parish Office to reserve a ticket.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU!

The Youth Ministry and adult team leaders would like to thank everyone that came out, participated or donated to the successful Youth Ministry-sponsored Spaghetti Dinner held last Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. A big thanks goes out to Walmart of Denton and store manager, Bill Duffy, for their donation of the ground beef and Italian bread. A special thanks to the BVM Ladies' Sodality for the desserts Yummy! Thanks to Linda Schirmer for the making of the spaghetti sauce. Thanks to all our adult kitchen help in prep, serving and clean-up of the hall and kitchen! A big thanks to Helen King for the "World Famous Spaghetti Cake" The winners of the drawings were:

- 50/50 - Jack King -\$320
- Italian Baskets - Ann Haywood and the King Family
- Wine basket and bottle - Greta Scanlan
- Spaghetti Cake - Paula Amalfitano

Again, a very big thank you to all and look forward to seeing you next year!

~ The Youth Ministry Team

## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

Members of our Social Concerns Ministry will be passing out the white food bags after all masses this weekend. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for a list of items that are needed of St. Martin's Emergency Shelter. Bags will be collected on February 9 & 10 prior to all masses.



## LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, February 3

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Building Maintenance

• Social Ministries passing out food bags

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

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

• Youth Ministry Gathering – 4-6p.m. - Hall

Tuesday, February 5

• Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. – RR

Wednesday, February 6

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

Thursday, February 7

• Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – RR

Saturday, February 9

• Oblate Gathering – 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Hall

• Social Ministries collecting food bags

Sunday, February 10

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Black & Indian Missions and Home Missions

• Social Ministries collecting food bags

• Hospitality offered by Knights of Columbus – 9:30a.m. – Hall

• Communal Anointing of the Sick – 11:15 a.m. Mass – (World Day of the Sick on 2/11)

• Rel. Ed./RCIA Classes – 9:45 -10:50 a.m.

• Confirmation Prep. – 10:45-11:15 a.m.

## 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 ♦ Dot Bornhoeft ♦ Clark Johnson ♦ Ken & Carolyn Swain ♦ Janet Kibler ♦ Karen Coward ♦ Kelly Presnell ♦ John Vranich ♦ Ron Safchick ♦ Rita Miedl ♦ Nelson Owens ♦ Roy Dean ♦ Ed Centofante ♦ Tobey McWilliams ♦ Rosemary Foracker ♦ Agnes Metzler ♦ Cynthia Makas ♦ Ernie Blazejak ♦ Margie Palazzolo ♦ Mary Redgraves ♦ Alex Wood ♦ Donnie Riffle ♦ James Coleman ♦ Rick Schwab ♦ George Simacourbe ♦ Delaney Tull

## VOCATION REFLECTIONS

**What was spoken to you long ago that you still try to hear?** God speaks to His people through the prophet Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born I dedicated you." Our God knows us intimately; our God has a plan for each of us. What are you doing to discover God's plan for your life? Could it be that He's calling you to a life of religious ministry for the good of the Church? If you think so, call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations](http://www.cdow.org/vocations) !

**Please pray for our seminarians:**

Gabe Weston	Kevin Lilly
James Gebhart	Mark Donohue
Brooks Jensen	James Holman
John Enemu	Craig Kursinsky
Adam Bauer	Brennan Ferris
Michael Preston	

LITURGY

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK @ 11:15a.m. MASS NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

February 11<sup>th</sup>, traditionally the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, was proclaimed as the World Day of the Sick by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1992. In observation of this day, the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated at the 11:15a.m. mass next Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. The sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage, and his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1520-23). This Sacrament is for any Catholic who desires the graces of the sacrament to restore the hope of physical or mental healing. The Anointing's will happen after the homily during Mass. If you wish to be anointed that morning, simply fill out the card below and bring it with you to the mass. One might ask why people need to register and cannot simply show up to be anointed? The sacraments are powerful actions and the Church takes their administration very seriously. For this reason, all anointing's are recorded in a special register kept by the priest. Simply contact the Parish Office if you have any other questions.

Please complete this card and hand it to the Deacon when you come forward to receive the Sacrament of Anointing at Mass:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: Sunday, February 10, 2019

REASON FOR ANOINTING: Circle One or More

- Physical Healing Spiritual Healing
Mental Healing Healing from Addiction
Upcoming Surgery Ongoing Illness
Other: \_\_\_\_\_



Magnificat is a monthly publication which contains daily and weekend mass prayers and readings, morning and evening prayer, meditations, spiritual writings and essays on the saints. Magnificat subscriptions are currently available through the parish office. The one-year subscription will begin with the May 2019 issue at the cost of \$34.95 per subscription (which is a \$10 savings off the cost of ordering a subscription on your own). The deadline to subscribe through the parish is March 1<sup>st</sup>. To sign-up, see the order form online at www.beparish.com or contact Lori Parks in the Parish Office.

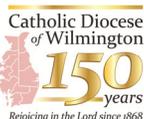
AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY



SAINTS PETER & PAUL CAR RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Take a chance to win a new vehicle and support Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School at the same time! For the cost of \$10/ ticket or \$50 for 6 tickets, you can take a chance to win a 2018 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Sport (vehicle donated by Dave & Peggy Wilson and the Preston Automotive Group). Contact Marie Freeman at the Parish Office to obtain tickets. The drawing will be held on June 7, 2019 at the Sabre Spirit Celebration. Need not be present to win.

ALSO NEEDED .... EMPTY GALLON SIZE MILK JUGS AND LOTS OF THEM ... to support the Sts. Peter & Paul Hight School Post-Prom Party. Milk jugs can be dropped off to Marie Freeman at the Parish Office.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Join parishioners and fellow pilgrims to celebrate Mass with Bishop W. Francis Malooly as the Diocese closes its year-long 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at St. Joseph Mission Church, 13209 Church Lane, Cordova MD. A tour of the church will take place at 10:30a.m. followed by Mass at Noon.

PILGRIMAGE to Germany including the famous PASSION PLAY at OBERAMMERGAU with Fr. Gallagher, September 4-13, 2020. The Passion Play is performed every ten years. For details, go to www.gtrpilgrimage.com



Registration is now open for the Maryland Catholic Conference's annual event, Catholics in Annapolis, which will be held on February 21 starting at 3 p.m. Each year, the Maryland Catholic Conference welcomes hundreds of Catholics from across Maryland to the capital to meet face-to-face with legislators and share the Church's position on important issues. For the first time, this year's event will kick off with the prayer of the Rosary for our elected leaders, led by Maryland's bishops. Also new this year, inspiring speakers will address attendees to ignite passion for the issues Among the key issues Catholics will be asked to advocate on this session are a proposed abortion rights constitutional amendment, securing scholarships for low-income students, stopping the legalization of

assisted suicide, and protecting human rights. The Conference is encouraging Catholics to join them in Annapolis on February 21 and stand up for life, justice and human rights. To reserve your spot today, visit www.catholicsinannapolis.org or call 410-269-1155. A full agenda for the day and more info is available online.