

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, June 23

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth
CONFESSIONS5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth
Joseph Dombroski

SUNDAY, June 24

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict
People of the Parish8:30 a.m. St. Benedict
Joseph DeLuca10:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth
Richard Balling

Tuesday, June 26

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel
Deceased Members
of the Charles L. Knott Family

Wednesday, June 27

9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth
Robert G. Gabage

Thursday, June 28

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel
Helen Marie Smith

Friday, June 29

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth
Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, June 30

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth
CONFESSIONS5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth
Ann Satterfield

SUNDAY, July 1

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME7:15 a.m. St. Benedict
Gerry Podlesny8:30 a.m. St. Benedict
People of the Parish10:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth
Thomas Cook**TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS**

JUNE 23 – JULY 6

St. Benedict Church:

In Honor of Madison Beatty

St. Benedict Church:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of June 16 & 17, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 3,520.00
Loose	\$ 522.50
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 4,042.50
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Deficit (Below Budget)	(\$ 1,157.50)
2 nd Collection – Bldg. & Maint.	\$ 987.25
Poor Box	\$ 149.02

All Annual Catholic Appeal participants who pledged to the campaign will receive a monthly payment reminder mailed directly from the diocesan development office. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your pledge reminder.

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Each one of us is made for God. We are his adopted sons and daughters, brothers and sisters of Christ, Jesus. We have a remarkable privilege assigned to us because we are baptized in the name of the Triune God. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist – like him we are prophets for the Lord.

You may ask, "What do you mean when you say I am a prophet? I am just an ordinary person, living an ordinary life. I am not a prophet; they lived in ancient times..."

Yes, prophets lived long ago, but they also live today. I have said many times before, we are all called, because of our baptism, to be priest, prophet, and king. Now, I wish to emphasize the aspect of being a prophet today.

Listening to the Gospel and hearing about what occurs eight days after the birth of a baby boy – the circumcision and naming of the child – we see that this is truly an event that marks the covenant with God and His people done in the familial way. Each boy born is given to the Lord in a covenantal act and named. The boy born to Elizabeth and Zachariah is named John, *God's gift*. It is this gift that instructs others in the way of readying themselves for the coming of the Messiah, the Christ.

It is the role of the prophet to warn God's people, as God has instructed, of the wrath they will have to endure if they do not turn back and live the covenant they were given.

We are beneficiaries of the New and Eternal Covenant – given by Jesus, *God saves*. We are called to be prophets by God in the light of our baptism into Christ – into His death and resurrection. We ought to be excited to be living in these end times when not the first appearance of Jesus is made but rather the return of Jesus will be witnessed by all believers and non-believers alike. It is our position as followers of Christ to be persons who honor the calling and provide the impetus for others that have ears to hear the Word of God from his relatives – not cousins, but rather, brothers and sisters. We are the prophets that have a responsibility that is more imminent than those prior to John the Baptist. We are prophets of the Gospel message, that Jesus Christ suffered, died, and rose from the dead that we may have life with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in heaven.

You, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way (Lk 1:76).

We go before the Lord to prepare His way for the second coming!

O LORD, you have probed me, you know me: you know when I sit and when I stand; you understand my thoughts from afar.

My journeys and my rest you scrutinize, with all my ways you are familiar. Truly you have formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made; wonderful are your works. My soul also you knew full well; nor was my frame unknown to you when I was made in secret, when I was fashioned in the depths of the earth. **I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.**

Pax Christi,
Rev. John B. Gabage

99+ EFFECTIVE WAYS TO EVANGELIZE

- #113 – Read about the Saints. Tell their stories.
- #114 – Stop by the neighbors occasionally and bring a dessert.
- #115 – Call your distant loved ones regularly.

DO YOU HAVE AN EVANGELIZATION STORY TO TELL?

Has someone ever been an evangelizer to you? Have you been an evangelizer to someone else? Do you have a suggestion for an effective way to evangelize? If you have an evangelization story or suggestion that you'd like to share, send us an e-mail (LParks@beparish.com) with a brief paragraph about it and we may re-print it in the bulletin as space allows.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION**SAVE THE DATES – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!**

Vacation Bible School will be held this summer - July 16th through July 20th from 5:30pm to 8pm each evening. Our theme is "It's a Mystery – The Secret Garden", a children's retreat about Mary. All families should have received an e-mail containing VBS Registration Form during the past week. If your children, grandchildren or a child you know will be attending, please feel out a form for each child and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible.



We are still looking for few volunteers to assist with the various committees: food for evening meals, snacks for later in the evening, games, crafts, skits, music, and of course, teachers for the Faith station. If you would like to volunteer, please email Maureen Duggan-Cassidy at mduggan@beparish.com or call the office 410-634-2253. **There is a donation board in the back of the church. If you would be so kind, please take one of the post-it notes and donate that item for VBS. Thank you for your support!**

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. (mduggan@beparish.com or 410-634-2253).

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE**WE REMEMBER + WE CELEBRATE + WE BELIEVE**

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY SOON: Maddox Flamma (7-15), Matt Breeding (7-16), Tom Lough (7-16), Melanie Rodriguez (7-16), Miles Beyer (7-17), Leslie Resendiz-Lopez (7-17), Jeremiah Raga (7-18), Kyle Bringman (7-19), Doug League (7-20), Mark Robuck (7-20), Heather Amador (7-21), Christopher Brown (7-21), Kristina Nelson (7-21), Tracey Sturm (7-21), Ed Balling (7-22), Elizabeth Daly (7-22), Tristan Stockhausen (7-22). Melvin Traband, Jr. (7-22)



CONGRATULATIONS to David & Alyssa King on the birth of their second child, a son, **Charles Kenneth King**. Charles was born on June 16th and weighed in at 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 22 3/4" long.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joan & Doc Dent as well – they were the lucky winners of the Father's Day Crabs & Canopy Raffle!

LOST AND FOUND ~ Ladies, did you by chance lose a bracelet recently? A bracelet was found by one of our neighbors in Ridgely whose home is across the street from SB Church. If you think the bracelet might be yours, please contact the Parish Office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC/OPEN HOUSE**

Wednesday, July 4, 2018 – 10am-5pm at Martinak State Park
NEW INFO!!! No fee to attend – simply make a donation of your choice to help offset the cost of food & drinks.

All current Knights of Columbus members and their families are invited to a picnic at the park to celebrate the Fourth of July. Any man interested in joining the Knights of Columbus or wanting to learn more about the Knights and their mission and activities is also invited to attend along with their family. Menu includes steamed crabs, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, desserts & beverages. Please RSVP by Saturday, June 30th with # attending to John Walton at JohnMWalton2@aol.com or Tom Lough at 410-754-7199.

**BRICK PRAYER GARDEN – HONOR OR REMEMBER A LOVED ONE**

Looking for a lasting way to honor or remember a family member, a graduate or another special person in your life? Consider purchasing an honorary or memorial brick in our Brick Prayer Garden outside St. Benedict Church. Cost for the bricks is \$100/each. Bricks can be purchased to honor a living or deceased relative, a newly married couple, a graduate or for many other occasions. Upon request, we can prepare a beautiful certificate documenting your brick donation and send it to the recipient of your choice. If you are interested in more information, visit the parish website (www.beparish.com) or contact the Parish Office.

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, June 24

• 2nd Collection – Works of the Holy Father

Tuesday, June 26

• Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – RR

• Social Concerns Meeting – 7:00 p.m. - Hall

Wednesday, June 27

• Staff Calendar Planning Day – 10:00 a.m. – RR

• Theology on Tap – 6:30 p.m. – Cohee's

Thursday, June 28

• Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – RR

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Patricia Brady	Peggy Brittingham
Jane Cade	Ralph Downs, Sr.
Joan Mollick	Terry Franz
Kathleen Green	Charmaine Sullivan
Arcy Passwaters	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
Larry Kutlik	The Clegg Family
Dot Bornhoeft	Carol Russell
Pearl Collier	Clark Johnson

VOCATIONS NEWS

As the great herald of the Christ child is born again, let us all herald the Christ into this world, why not consider becoming a priest for the Diocese of Wilmington by contacting Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org).

Be sure to visit our website:

www.cdow.org/vocations

QUO VADIS RETREAT ~

Where are you going?

Thursday, July 26, 5:00pm to

Sunday, July 29th at 8:00a.m.

Quo Vadis is a 3-day event for high school and college age men to learn more about the priesthood, deepen their Catholic faith, and to have fun. The retreat will be held at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. Registration is free. Register online and find more information at www.cdow.org/vocations

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Theology on Tap of Caroline County invites young adults (18-35) to come for good food, good drinks and meaningful conversation. Join us as we dive deeper into our faith and listen to speakers

who are prepared to discuss important topics that are relevant to the world today. Theology on Tap is for those who are searching for their faith as well as those who already have a strong foundation. We welcome all practicing and non-practicing Catholics – there is always room at the table! This month's gathering will be held this Wednesday, June 27th at Cohee's 404 Restaurant and Fr. Gabage will speak about Vocations – single life, married life and priesthood/religious life. The evening begins at 6:30 pm with some social time followed by the presentation and Q & A from 7-8pm. Hope to see you there!