

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 22

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

SUNDAY, December 23

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Mary Ellen Wise

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

Deacon Arcy Passwaters

Monday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. St. Benedict

Intentions of Miriam Clark

6:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth

Larry Kutlik

8:00 p.m. St. Benedict

Robert G. Gabage

Tuesday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

Linda Ernest

Wednesday, December 26

NO MASS/

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, December 27

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Teresa Wood

Friday, December 28

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

Ruby Thorn

SATURDAY, December 29

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth
CONFESSIONS5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth
Carol Russell

SUNDAY, December 30

THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

Brianna Nicole Freeman

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

People of the Parish

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

Carol Russell

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 4

St. Benedict Church:

In Memory of Robert G. Gabage

St. Elizabeth Church:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF
STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of December 15 & 16, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 3,352.00
Loose	\$ 690.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 4,042.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Deficit (Under Budget)	(\$1,058.00)
Building & Maintenance	\$ 978.75
Poor Box	\$ 169.99

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



I've been the proverbial student – possibilities presenting themselves all of the time – lessons that confront a change in my daily life.

Whatever the possibility Hmmm. Ask again, “what are my possibilities?”

Did you ever consider the possibilities your parents had suggested? Maybe you thought, “what do they know?” and years later you embraced their recommendation and then finally discovered yourself. Hmmm, what possibilities?

I have a friend who many thought would never amount to much. He would ponder what life might bring. He eventually decided perhaps his father was right and he let go of himself and let his destiny of possibilities become actualities. He became a philosopher, then a professor, and then he tried his hand at medicine and became a doctor. He even became a lawyer, presenting cases to the wise and learned judges. Eventually he became a leader within a government. He became an engineer beyond measure – calculating the electrical impulse not of turbines but of human hearts – critically sophisticated, something beyond my comprehension.

My friend perplexed me when in the end he left me for someone else. Prior to his departure, though, he told me this: Open the gift of possibilities that resides in you, and know they do not open all at once, they reveal themselves over time. Be patient with yourself and with others. You will make a difference as I have but only if you listen to your Father. Like my Father, who made a difference in my life, so too will your Father make a difference in yours. Listen to the possibilities that present themselves over time and know what you become is all you can be.

I pondered my friend's words and thought about the gift he was giving me, a gift that caused me to see the world differently because I was seeing myself differently.

What possibilities are you pondering? What gift do you treasure most?

Might I suggest a possibility for you to consider...

By the way, my friend did not attend any prestigious university, nor did he receive any honors or awards for the remarkable achievement he accomplished. He was never much of an athlete but was the strongest person I ever knew. You might say, how did he do all he did in his life? Well, I believe, I believe, it was simply that he accepted the possibilities. My friend left me one precious gift that I would like to share with you now, a piece of himself, if you will... he left me what I ought to incorporate into my own being... himself. I became a teacher because he was a teacher, I became a healer because he was a doctor, I became a leader because he led where people dare not go. I became the possibilities that were possessed by my friend because I let his possibilities become my own.

I'll let you in on one secret. My friend's name is... or maybe you can guess?

Well, his birthday is on December 25th and he asks that you bring only one gift to celebrate him – your possibilities.

Merry Christmas and blessings to all whether home or away!

Pax Christi,

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

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Cherish the future

The future is a land to which we're all headed, and sooner than we imagine. You'd think we'd treat the future a little better, considering how much time we hope to spend there. One way to be kinder to our future is to invest very, very heavily in our children. Certainly, our actual, literal offspring deserve every benefit we can provide, including especially our love and protection. The world's children could use the same advantages: homes that are stable and secure, proper nutrition, health care and education, safety from violence. What are you investing in the future?

Today's readings: Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

“Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Have you been pondering the possibilities?

The world has been presenting so many for centuries, these possibilities.

Become a king or a queen, a president, a senator or congressman, a member of parliament, or some other governmental figure. How about the possibility of becoming a doctor or lawyer, or perhaps a teacher or professor, maybe even a philosopher or engineer... maybe a musician, an actor or artist, or how about becoming an architect...

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Religious Education Office of St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth Parish wishes all of our students, catechists, classroom assistants, hall monitors and all of our fellow parishioners a Happy Holy Christmas and New Year! Thank you to all of our parishioners for your loving support of this ministry throughout the year! Religious Ed classes will resume on Sunday January 6th after our Super Sunday Knights' Breakfast.

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve ~ Monday, December 24th

4:00p.m. - St. Benedict Church, Ridgely
(Children's Mass)

6:00p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church, Denton

8:00p.m. - St. Benedict Church, Ridgely

Christmas Day ~ Tuesday, December 25th

10:00a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church, Denton



REGARDING CHRISTMAS EVE PARKING AT ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH:

If you will be attending the 6:00p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Church on Christmas Eve, we request that you park in the Caroline County Public Library parking lot if the church parking lot is full. Please refrain from using the Bargain Beverage parking lot that evening as it is one of their busiest evenings of the year and they will need their parking spaces. We thank Bargain Beverage for their kindness and generosity throughout the year in allowing our parishioners to use their parking lot on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

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!

AROUND THE DIOCESE & COMMUNITY

Transportation Assistance Needed at St. Martin's House, Ridgely

St. Martin's House in Ridgely needs a person or persons to assist with various transportation needs:

- On weekdays from 7:30-8:30a.m. for transportation down the lane to buses
- On Tuesdays & Thursdays for a high school student who attends North Caroline HS who needs a ride to school in the morning at 7:30a.m. and from school back to St. Martin's at 3:30p.m.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Lori Parks at 410-634-2253.

CHRISTMAS EDITIONS OF THE DIALOG

As you exit the church, please pick up a copy of the Christmas Edition of The Dialog. In it you will find Bishop Malooly's annual Christmas message to the people of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, plus a special 150th anniversary tribute to priests in service to our diocese and parishes.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be March 1-3, 2019 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For information, visit our website at www.me-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833. Don't Delay! Your marriage deserves this gift!



*God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.*

*Lord,
bless all who look upon the manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.*

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, December 23

- NO Rel. Ed./RCIA classes

Monday, December 24

- Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25

- Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

- Parish Office Closed

- NO Morning Mass/NO Communion Service

Thursday, December 27

- NO Adult Bible Study

Sunday, December 30

- NO Rel. Ed./RCIA classes

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 ♦ Janet Kibler ♦ Karen Coward ♦ Kelly Presnell ♦ John Vranich ♦ Ron Safchick ♦ Rita Miedl ♦ Nelson Owens ♦ Roy Dean ♦ Ed Centofante ♦ Fr. Mike Gallagher ♦ Heather Robuck ♦ Tobey McWilliams ♦ Rosemary Foracker ♦ Agnes Metzler ♦ Cynthia Makas ♦ Ernie Blazejak ♦ John Burbank ♦ Margie Palazzolo ♦ Mary Redgraves

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS ~ In compliance with church and civil law, the election of parish trustees is to take place on the first Sunday of each year. Therefore, elections for trustees will take place on the weekend of January 6 & 7 in the sacristy after all masses. Current trustees are: **St. Elizabeth: Paul Fountain and Kris Nelson and St. Benedict: Steve Fleegle and Kenny Wood.** If you would like to nominate someone to fulfill the responsibility of parish Trustee other than those listed above, you will also have the opportunity to write-in your choice on the prepared ballot.

A PAIR OF READING GLASSES IN A PURPLE CLOTH CASE WERE RECENTLY FOUND IN THE BARGAIN BEVERAGE PARKING LOT AFTER THE 11:15a.m. MASS. If they are yours, please contact the Parish Office.

2019 CALENDARS are now available at the entrances of both churches. Choose from two designs - Religious Art or Lighthearted. We thank Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home, Greensboro and Moore Funeral Home, Denton, for their generous sponsorship of these calendars. Be sure to take a calendar or two in preparation for the New Year.

10th ANNUAL 5K RUN & WALK FOR THE "WELL" OF IT
Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at Hunter's Oak Golf Course, Queenstown MD
See today's bulletin or visit www.beparish.com for a registration form.