

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 29

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

5:30p.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

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00a.m. St. Benedict

Intentions of Bryn Francis Humphries

7:00p.m. St. Benedict

Intentions of Ed & Pat Centofante

Wednesday, January 2

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

Scott Holmes

Thursday, January 3

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Intentions of Peggy Finnerin

Friday, January 4

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

Intentions of Philomena Cirillo

SATURDAY, January 5

First Saturday Mass

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Poor Souls in Purgatory

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth

Thomas Prete, Sr.

SUNDAY, January 6

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

Anita Montgomery

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Fred Butrim

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

People of the Parish

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 22 & 23, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 3,779.00
Loose	\$ 636.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 4,415.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Deficit (Under Budget)	(\$ 685.00)
Christmas	\$ 7,724.00
Poor Box	\$ 948.35

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.

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Today we reflect on the possibility of what it means to be like the Holy Family. Yes, Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the example for each one of us as to how to live as family. Sometimes we think on a small scale of what it would be like to live as this dynamic trio of persons; however, we as a Church family are called to live likewise. How do we as many individuals live as the family of God?

Ponder anew and think not as humans think but as God thinks and the possibilities will present themselves all the more. Make today a true celebration of the Holy Family by beginning with your personal holiness and finding within yourself the time

to pause and pray in silence and let God into your thoughts. Let His Son's example be for you inspiration to carry on beyond the fears and anxieties that may be raised through your human nature, and God's divinity may transcend from the heavens and let us be as one.

Perhaps today you might look to your immediate family and not judge the individuals but rather look to the challenges each one faces and pray for their ability to cooperate with and in the Will of God this day. Then, put that into practice from this day forward and see how the support of prayer will make the difference as it did for the First Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Let us together allow God's grace to foster us as truly His children and His Son's brothers and sisters.

Pax Christi,

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

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.

Qualifications for a Trustee

- A trustee must be a parish member, a practicing Catholic, and at least 25 years of age.
- Priests, deacons, and religious assigned to the parish are not eligible to serve as a trustee.
- State law requires that trustees be elected every year. Trustees serve until their successors are elected.
- Trustees may not hold office on the Parish Council or Finance Council nor should they serve as chairpersons of parish committees.

Generally, the trustees do not have regular meetings but are convened by the pastor as circumstances require.

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NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

January 1, 2019 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and a Holy Day of Obligation. On this holy feast day, we take a moment as we start our new year to honor our Blessed Mother, who in her "yes" to God brought our Savior into the world to redeem us. Jesus says on the cross, "Behold your Mother." As we all jump into the frenzy of the new year and start attempting to bring our resolutions to fruition, let us call on the aid of our Mother Mary to give us the strength to draw closer to her Son every day this year. **Masses for the Holy Day will be celebrated on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1 at 9:00a.m. and 7:00p.m. at St. Benedict Church.**

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Resume the Conversation

It happens all the time: The younger generation departs from traditional ways, while the older one wrings its hands and predicts the end of the world. The kids are abandoning our values, mistrusting our institutions, taking terrible risks, and setting out in a dark direction! Without a doubt, the turnover of each generation is the end of "a" world—that is, the one the rest of us knew, built, and got comfortable in. Each family has to keep the lines of communications open, so that wisdom gets passed on and change becomes less scary. Holy families keep the conversation going.

Today's readings:

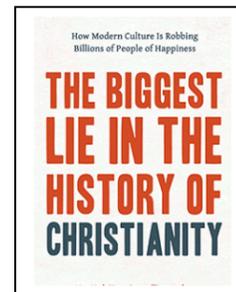
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Religious Education Office of St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth Parish wishes all our students, catechists, classroom assistants, hall monitors and all 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.

DID YOU GET YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE PARISH?



Do you believe it's possible to be happier than you have ever been before? Not for fleeting moments, but consistently? Bestselling author Matthew Kelly believes it is possible—and in his latest book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*, he explains how. We all want to be happy and live life to the fullest, but the answer isn't found in the world's definition of happiness. Modern culture is constantly feeding us lies, and these lies affect you more than you know. The lies that affect you the most, however, are the ones you tell yourself. These lies steal your joy, sap your energy, and cause you to lose hope. They prevent you from discovering the kind of vibrant faith the first Christians experienced. But as Matthew Kelly shows, we've arrived at a crucial moment in history. People are disillusioned with what the world offers. The world is in desperate need of change, and no one is in a better position to affect that change than Christians. We have an incredible opportunity to dispel the lies and cut through the confusion and false promises around us.

This book provides the practical tools necessary to help you regain your fervor and leave your mark on the world—and experience more happiness than you thought possible. Together we can change the course of history—with humility, generosity, kindness, and joy, one Holy Moment at a time. **If you attended any of our Christmas Eve or Christmas Day masses, you should have received a gift-wrapped book. If you did not receive a book, or you were not here to attend Mass on Christmas Eve/Day, please be sure to pick up a copy after mass this weekend or stop by the Parish Office to get your copy. If you are interested in additional copies, please contact the Parish Office.**

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.

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!

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, December 30

• NO Rel. Ed./RCIA classes

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

• Parish Office Closed

• Masses: 9am & 7pm at St. Benedict Church

• 5K Run & Walk for the "Well" of It – 9am – Hunter's Oak Golf Course, Queenstown MD

Wednesday, January 2

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

Thursday, January 3

• NO Adult Bible Study

Friday, January 4

• First Friday Benediction – after 9:30a.m. Mass – SE Church

Saturday, January 5

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

• First Saturday Mass – 9am – FLC Chapel

• 5pm – Rosary – SE Church

• Trustee Elections – after Mass in Sacristy

Sunday, January 6

• Trustee Elections – after all Masses in Sacristy

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

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

• Youth Ministry Gathering – 6:00-8:00p.m. – Parish 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 ♦ 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

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

We have so much to learn from the Holy Family: Mary allows God's will to change her life; Joseph pays close attention to and follows the prompting of the angel; Jesus says to the Father "not my will, but Thine be done." What is the Father's will for you? Are you taking steps to find out? If you think God might be calling you to live out a religious vocation, call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). And check out our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

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.

