

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 22

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth
CONFESSIONS5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth
Jimmy Blades

SUNDAY, September 23

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME7:15 a.m. St. Benedict
Pearl Collier8:30 a.m. St. Benedict
People of the Parish11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth
Brianna Nicole Freeman

Tuesday, September 25

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Deceased Members of the
Charles L. Knott Family

Wednesday, September 26

9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth
Anne Mezzatesta Hearn

Thursday, September 27

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Leslie Anne Tyler-Johnson

Friday, September 28

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth
Thomas Davis, Sr.

SATURDAY, September 29

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

SUNDAY, September 30

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME7:15 a.m. St. Benedict
People of the Parish8:30 a.m. St. Benedict
Robert G. Gabage11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth
Joe Dixon

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 15 – SEPTEMBER 28

St. Benedict Church:

In Honor of Brett Schreyer

St. Elizabeth Church:

Intentions of Brett Carmean

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF
STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of September 15 & 16, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 3,981.00
Loose	\$ 665.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 4,646.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Deficit (Below Budget)	(\$ 454.00)
Parish Rel. Ed. Support	\$ 918.00
Poor Box	\$ 218.00

Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may place your contribution in next week's collection basket. For further information, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html.

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Passionate – what are you passionate about? Your work, your talent, your family, your cooking, your ability to fix things, your friends, Twitter, Facebook, Facetime or maybe something else?

A person who is passionate about something is a person who spends much time on that which is their passion; they seemingly are distracted by that passion and perhaps seem possessed by it as if nothing more can hold their attention. What holds your attention?

People who are passionate about something are also known for or named after that which is their: mechanic, photographer, chef, artist, reader, researcher, writer, actor, singer, investigator, problem solver...

Jesus asked last week, "Who do people say that I am?" People titled him after what seemed to be His passion – He was called prophet. His life's focus seems to be communicating what God desires His people to know. Peter, a close friend of Jesus, was able to see Jesus for who He truly is – He is the Christ. Jesus' passion is, as His name tells us, to save.

Now we know what Jesus is passionate about – to save humanity from being what it is not. What we must ask is this ... if a person is known by, or even named for, what they are passionate about and you are called Christian, can you say that you are as passionate about saving others as Christ was? How do others know of your passion?

If we put Satan behind us and think not as humans think but as God does, we will find ourselves inviting others to become virtuous as the Son of God is virtuous. We will participate in and with the grace God provides for His family so that they might become one.

Today we learn that there are members who seek to be called the greatest, but the measure most people use to determine greatness is on simple human terms that are not in keeping with the mind of God. Right your passions to be pleasing to the Lord and you will be greatest in the collective family of the Mystical Body of Christ, because you will not be solely great, but you will become great in and through Christ.

Pax Christi,
Rev. John B. Gabage

DIOCESAN ORDER OF MERIT AWARDS

This year's **Diocesan Order of Merit Awards Prayer Service** will be held on Sunday, September 23rd at 3:00p.m. at St. Joseph Church (371 E. Main St., Middletown, DE). Our parish recipients this year are **Linda & Dan Ruskin** and **Pete & Linda Schirmer**. We thank them for their witness and example in many areas of parish ministry and within the wider community. They are great representatives of all that happens at St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth Parish for the glory of God! All parishioners are invited to attend the prayer service in support of our parish recipients.

LITURGY

LIVING ROSARY ON OCTOBER 4 – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mark your calendar and join us in the Parish Hall on Thursday, October 4th as we celebrate the month of the Rosary by praying a Living Rosary. The Living Rosary will be created using luminary bags. Even if you have never prayed the rosary or do not pray the rosary regularly, please consider coming. Programs will be available which include the rosary prayers and free rosaries will also be available. The Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, one of the great evangelizers of modern times, said, "The Rosary is the best therapy ... because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal and the spiritual." It is one of the most powerful prayers of our Church and many of us have witnessed its ability to move hearts and change lives.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Race You to the Bottom

We're bred for competition. In the ongoing contest for limited resources, we don't want to be without a chair when the music stops. Pitted against siblings for the finite attention of parents, the competition grows larger as we do. Schools bid us compete for grades and rank. Sports, video games, the car we drive, the job we get, the promotion we achieve, the money in the bank, are contests won or lost on the ladder toward greatness. Jesus says don't compete; serve. True greatness is a race to the bottom. Count the ways you're winning.

Today's readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37

"They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest."

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

OCTOBER SUPER SUNDAY

Our next Super Sunday will be held on Sunday, October 7th. The Knights of Columbus will offer their delicious buffet breakfast (\$6 per person with \$30 max per family). Religious Ed. classes will begin at 10:10a.m. that morning. Parents are encouraged to attend the Knights' breakfasts on Super Sundays along with their children. **If you are not going to attend breakfast, please do not drop your children off until 10:10 as the classrooms won't be open until that time.**

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER ♦ WE CELEBRATE ♦ WE BELIEVE
BAPTISMS

Leif Constantine Asbury, son of Travis & Faith Asbury on September 8

Twins **Avery Catherine Lee & Ethan James Lee**, children of Brian & Christine Lee on September 15

We celebrate the beginning of a life of faith for these newly baptized infants as they receive the gift of new life in God's spirit and become a part of the fellowship of the Church through the Rite of Baptism.

PLANNING FOR OUR 50TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR IS UNDERWAY

Our 50th Annual Parish Bazaar will be held on Friday, November 9th and Saturday, November 10th. This year's event will showcase several special features in celebration of the event's "Golden Anniversary". As always, many volunteers are needed to help make this parish and community event a great success. If you are willing to help at the bazaar in any way, please join our chairpersons for the next **Bazaar Planning Meeting on Thursday, September 27th at 6:30p.m. in the Parish Hall**. Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up and clean-up, in our White Elephant Flea Market area, selling raffle tickets, helping at the Friday Night dinner and much more. Please join us to learn more.



DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF BAZAAR'S IN YEAR'S PAST? We have lots of digital photos for the year's covering 2006-2017. But, we do not have many historical photos of bazaar's past. If you have any photos that you would be willing to allow us to scan (or if you can scan them yourself and e-mail them to us) we would be most appreciative. We are working on a Through the Years slideshow to be shown at the Bazaar. Thank you!

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

It's that time of year again! **Campus Ministry is in the process of preparing the 2018-19 mailing list.** If your son or daughter is in college, either away from home or locally, or if they are serving in a branch of the armed forces, we would like to have their address, so they can be included in our mailings. Campus Ministry sends out various packages and cards throughout the year to help our youth and young adults feel connected to their parish family. If you would like to have your son/daughter be a part of this, please forward their address to Beth McCullough as soon as possible by e-mail (beth@sustainable-science.com) or by phone (410.924.4441). This applies to those who have participated in previous years as well if there have been any changes to your child's college or military address.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Are you a young adult age 18-35 with an interest in learning more about your faith in a relaxed environment? If so, we'd love to have you join us for our next Theology on Tap gathering **THIS WEDNESDAY, September 26 at 6:30p.m.** This month we will gather in the PARISH HALL to eat, socialize and talk about FAITH IN THE WORKPLACE. We hope that you will consider joining us (and we encourage you to bring a friend). Pizza and sodas will be provided. BYOB (beer, that is).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

ANNUAL CAR RAFFLE

Would you like to be driving a brand new 2019 Ford Mustang by later this year? If so, be sure to buy a raffle ticket or two for the Knights of Columbus Annual Car Raffle. Knights will be on hand after all masses on the weekend of September 29/30 selling the tickets for a cost of \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. 1st Prize is the Mustang, 2nd Prize is an iPad Air and 3rd Prize is a \$200 gift card. The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 6th at the Knights of Columbus Ball.

SODALITY NEWS

SODALITY OPEN HOUSE ~ The Blessed Virgin Mary Ladies' Sodality will host an Open House on Tuesday, October 9th. The evening will begin with the recitation of the Rosary at 6:30p.m. in St. Benedict Church followed by Mass. The Open House, with refreshments and information about the Sodality and its mission and projects, will follow Mass in the Parish Hall. All parish women over the age of 18 are encouraged to join us!

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, September 23

- 2nd Collection – Share in the Spirit
- Sodality Hospitality
- Rel. Ed./RCIA classes – 9:45-10:50 a.m.
- Diocesan Order of Merit Ceremony – 3:00 p.m. – St. Joseph, Middletown

Tuesday, September 25

- Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – RR

Wednesday, September 26

- Theology on Tap – 6:30 p.m. - Hall

Thursday, September 27

- Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – RR
- Bazaar Planning Meeting – 6:30 p.m. - Hall

Friday, September 28

- Deacon Meeting – 1:00 p.m. – Rectory

Saturday, September 29

- Knights Car Raffle Tickets Sales after Mass
- Social Ministries Collection for St. Martin's House

Sunday, September 30

- 2nd Collection – Campus Ministry
- Social Ministries Collection for St. Martin's House
- Hospitality provided by Ladies' Sodality – Parish Hall – 9:30a.m.
- Rel. Ed./RCIA classes – 9:45-10:50 a.m.
- Knights Car Raffle Tickets Sales after Mass
- King Baptism – 1:00 p.m. – SB Church
- Coursey Baptism – 2:30 p.m. – SB Church

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Patricia Brady ♦ Peggy Brittingham ♦ Jane Cade ♦ Joan Mollick ♦ Terry Franz ♦ Kathleen Green ♦ Charmaine Sullivan ♦ 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 ♦ The Clegg Family ♦ Dot Bornhoeft ♦ Clark Johnson ♦ George Sinacourbe ♦ Sarah Trice ♦ Mary Bennett ♦ Fr. Bill Graney ♦ Marlinda Tuel ♦ Ken & Carolyn Swain ♦ Linda Nickum ♦ Bob Rouse ♦ Janet Kibler ♦ Karen Coward ♦ Kelly Presnell ♦ John Vranich ♦ Ron Safchick ♦ Anne Henderson

VOCATIONS NEWS

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Jesus calls servant-leaders to minister to his Body, the Church, but so many distractions in contemporary life make it difficult to hear that call. Could He be calling you to the priesthood? 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!

Please pray for our diocesan seminarians:

Michael Preston Craig Kursinsky
Brennan Ferris Adam Bauer
John Enemuo James Gebhart

DIOCESAN MARIAN PILGRIMAGE 2018



This year's diocesan-sponsored Marian Pilgrimage will be held on Saturday, October 6th in conjunction with the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of our diocese. The pilgrimage will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace on the campus of Holy Spirit Parish in New Castle DE and is one of the official Diocesan Anniversary events. Festivities will begin at 9am and continue throughout the day culminating with mass celebrated by Bishop Malooly at 4pm. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is "Mary, Cause of Our Joy" which coincides with the Sesquicentennial theme of "Rejoicing in the Lord since 1868". Highlights of the pilgrimage include panels of priests from the Diocese who will each speak on how Mary is the Cause of the Joy of their priesthood and the presentation of the commissioned painting of "Our Lady of Wilmington" painted by well-known local artist Neilson Carlin. See the insert in today's bulletin for a schedule of events for the day. If you are interested in attending the

Pilgrimage and you would like to carpool with other interested parishioners, please e-mail Lori Parks in the parish office (LParks@beparish.com) to let her know so that arrangements can be made.

BLOOD MOBILE COMING TO DENTON

Give the gift of life by donating blood! The Blood Bank of Delmarva Blood Mobile will be coming to St. Luke's Church in Denton on Thursday, September 20th from 1:00-6:00p.m. If you are able to donate blood, log onto <https://donate.bbd.org/> to schedule an appointment for September 20th (or November 15th which is the next time the blood mobile will come to Denton.)

