

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 15

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. ST. BENEDICT
CONFESSIONS5:30p.m. ST. BENEDICT
People of the Parish

SUNDAY, December 16

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

All Souls in Purgatory

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Donny Gallagher

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

Virginia Blades

Tuesday, December 18

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Intentions of

Dorene Jablonowski

Wednesday, December 19

9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth

Joseph Ernest, Jr.

Thursday, December 20

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Deceased Members of the

Charles L. Knott Family

Friday, December 21

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

Robert G. Gabage

SATURDAY, December 22

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

5:30p.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

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 8 – DECEMBER 21

St. Benedict Church:

St. Elizabeth Church:

In Honor of

Deacon Hal & Margaret Jopp

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF
STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of December 8 & 9, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 3,664.00
Loose	\$ 915.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 4,579.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Deficit (Under Budget)	(\$ 521.00)
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,327.00
Diocesan Religious Retire.	\$ 951.60
Poor Box	\$ 118.50

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,



EJOICE ! AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE !

WE CELEBRATE THE WONDERFUL WORK OF GOD IN OUR LIVES. THAT HE FINDS US WORTHY OF HIMSELF, HE FINDS US WORTHY OF HIS FORGIVENESS. THAT WE MAY EXEMPLIFY HE WHO IS ETERNAL WITH THE FATHER – HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST.

AT THIS TIME OF ADVENT, WE AWAKEN TO THE REALITY OF OUR OWN HUMAN PARTICIPATION WITHIN OUR OWN LIVES AND HOW WE CAN ANSWER – LIKE MARY DID SO VERY LONG AGO AND AS WE DO EVERY TIME WE PRAY THE OUR FATHER – FIAT VOLUNTAS TUA (THY WILL BE DONE).

WE ARE TOTALLY HIS BECAUSE WE WERE CREATED BY GOD AND WE REMAIN HIS WHEN WE PARTICIPATE IN HIS WILL AT ALL TIMES. LET US REMEMBER THAT THE WORLD DOES NOT BELONG TO HUMANITY BUT RATHER IS UNDER OUR CARE TEMPORARILY, AND WE WILL HAVE TO GIVE AN ACCOUNTING OF OUR STEWARDSHIP TO THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE – THE CREATOR OF OUR HOME WE CALL EARTH.

LET US TOGETHER REJOICE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE TO CONTINUE IN THE HOLY PARTICIPATION OF MAKING THE WILL OF GOD KNOWN THROUGH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST – WHOM WE ARE WHEN WE ARE GATHERED AS ONE CHURCH.

CONTINUING IN OUR PARTICIPATION WITH OTHERS IN CULTURAL PRACTICES, ALL ARE INVITED TO LOS POSADAS ON FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 21ST AT 7:30 PM IN OUR PARISH HALL. WE ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE WITH MEMBERS OF OUR HISPANIC COMMUNITY IN THE JOURNEY OF MARY AND JOSEPH LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO REST AS THEY ENTER BETHLEHEM. THIS IS A WONDERFUL CUSTOM AND RELIGIOUS PRACTICE TO BE PART OF DURING THIS SEASON OF ANTICIPATION.

ALLOW THE HOLY FAMILY TO ENTER IN TO OUR DWELLING AND REMAIN WITH US A WHILE SO WE CAN ADORE THE CHRIST CHILD THAT DWELLS WITHIN EACH ONE OF US.

COME LET US WELCOME JESUS TOGETHER AS ONE COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

PAX CHRISTI,
VY. REV. JOHN B. GABAGE, V.F.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The forgotten wrong

In an affluent society, the sin rarely referred to is avarice. We redefine it as ambition, upward mobility, or simply "doing well." But the clutch of personal possessions is still the spiritual stranglehold it always was. The needle's eye isn't getting any bigger, and our modern camels still won't pass through. John the Baptist offers several key remedies. First, share what you have with those who don't have. Second, don't cheat, ever. Third, don't keep striving for more. Finally, be humble. These remedies for avarice are countercultural. They also prepare the way of the One who is coming.

Today's readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

"The crowds asked John the Baptist: 'What should we do?'"

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.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER ♦ WE CELEBRATE ♦ WE BELIEVE
CONGRATULATIONS to the following couples who celebrate 25 years or more of marriage during the month of December: **Jack & Eileen Smithmyer (52 years), Deacon Hal & Margaret Jopp (51 years), Mark & Janet Simmons (45 years), Bob & Pat Brown (40 years)** May God Bless You with many more happy years together!



CHRISTMAS SCRIP CARD SALES

SCRIP Cards make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. We have SCRIP cards available from a large variety of retailers such as restaurants, retail stores, gas stations, etc... To print an order form, visit www.beparish.com and be sure to place your order soon. Completed Order Forms, along with payment, should be sent to Marie Freeman in the Parish Office via mail (P.O. Box 459, Ridgely MD 21660) or via the collection basket at any mass (please place in envelope marked "SCRIP ORDER").

SODALITY NEWS

The Sodality would like to extend a grateful heart to all who contributed cookies for the preparation of cookie tins. With all your generosity they were able to distribute over 30 tins to our elderly and shut-in parishioners including those in our local nursing homes as well as to our local fire and police departments. They offer their warmest thanks and as that God Bless You throughout this Christmas season and the New Year.



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

"Behold the Gift" – A Live Nativity Pageant

The 14th Annual Live Nativity Pageant, "Behold the Gift", sponsored by the Ridgely-area churches, will be held on Saturday, December 22nd at 7:30pm next to the Ridgely Town Hall. The pageant includes the proclamation of the story of our Lord's birth accompanied by live re-enactment by costumed actors and animals. Christmas carols, led by the Pageant Choir and musicians, are dispersed throughout the reading of scripture. The audience is encouraged to sing along. **While there are no speaking parts, adults and children are needed to fill the various roles (angels, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, Jesus, etc...)** Guitarists and singers are also needed. Practice dates will be on Monday, December 10th & Tuesday, December 18th at 7pm in our Parish Hall. If you and/or your children are interested in taking part or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Toby Gearhart, at 410-739-7337.

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

Next week, look for 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.

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.

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, December 16

- 2nd Collection – Building Maintenance
- Bambinelli Sunday – Blessing of Baby Jesus figurines from home nativities at all Masses
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- Hospitality provided by Knights - 9:30a.m. – Hall
- Becoming Dynamic Catholics Adult Faith Formation – 9:45a.m. – Hall
- Rel. Ed./RCIA classes – 9:45-10:50 a.m.
- Confirmation Prep. – 10:45-11:15 a.m.

Monday, December 17

- Youth Ministry Self Defense Class – 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Hall

Tuesday, December 18

- Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – RR
- Ecumenical Living Nativity Rehearsal – 7p.m. - Hall

Wednesday, December 19

- Knights of Columbus Christmas Party – 6:00 p.m. - Hall

Thursday, December 20

- Adult Bible Study – 9:30a.m. – RR

Friday, December 21

- Los Posadas – 7:30p.m. – Hall

Saturday, December 22

- Ecumenical Living Nativity – 7:30 p.m. – on the green next to the Ridgely Town Hall

Sunday, December 23

- 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

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.

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.