

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 12

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Benedictine Oblate Mass

Carol Russell

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth

Dominic Centofante

SUNDAY, January 13

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

William Ernest

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Intentions of Fr. Norm Carroll

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 15

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, January 16

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, January 17

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday, January 18

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

COMMUNION SERVICE

SATURDAY, January 19

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth

Henry Zoetemelk

SUNDAY, January 20

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Robert G. Gabage

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

Arcy Passwaters

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

JANUARY 5 – JANUARY 18

St. Benedict Church:

St. Elizabeth Church:

Intentions of Margie Palazzolo

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF
STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of January 5 & 6, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 6,608.00
Loose	\$ 714.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 7,322.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Surplus (Above Budget)	\$ 2,222.00
Poor Box	\$ 348.00

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 celebrate the dignity Christ has availed to each of us in ministry through baptism.

As we study the life of Christ, we recognize that at the moment he went to the Jordan he was recognized by our eternal Father as the one to follow. It is Jesus who has abided in the will of God throughout his private life. Now, it is evident what was acquired by Jesus during his private life is useful for his public life.

Each one of us is called to celebrate the wonders of ourselves in what we have learned as we mature in stature. We are able make application of what was learned previously in our development and even make use through adaptation and synthesis of previous learning in order to present ourselves as contributing citizens within the Kingdom of God – never losing sight of who and what our learning is truly intended for.

Let us see in the feast we celebrate today how Christ matured in his learning and was recognized by His Father and encouraged all to follow his example because Jesus would never steer anyone in the wrong direction.

Look today at what you have done for your relationship with God, and then look to how He is calling you into serving as Jesus did and continues to do through those who call themselves followers of the Son of God, those who call themselves Christian.

Let us truly acknowledge the wonder of our baptism into Christ's life, death and resurrection and how we can continue his legacy in the world today.

Pax Christi,

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

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Stories that could be true

Our place in the cosmic scheme of things is always a large question mark at the back of our minds. As poet William Stafford suggests in "A Story That Could Be True," we journey through the world like homeless souls, wondering if maybe there's a greater home where we might truly belong and be at peace. "Who are you really, wanderer?" Stafford asks. This question has many answers. John the Baptist accepts that he's not the Christ; he's just the messenger. Jesus embraces his identity as the beloved Son. Consider what could be true—of you.

Today's readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

"All were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ."

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

DAILY MASSES

If Caroline County Schools are delayed or closed, then DAILY MASS will be celebrated at the Family Life Center CHAPEL in Ridgely.

WEEKEND MASSES / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

If you have any question about whether weekend liturgies or religious education classes will be held due to inclement weather, call the Parish Office at 410-634-2253 and listen to the voice mail message or log onto the parish website (www.beparish.com) for information. If possible, we will send a global e-mail to all parishioners with pertinent information regarding the cancellation of liturgies or religious education classes.

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Decisions about parish meetings and events will be made on a case by case basis dependent on weather and road conditions. Again, if possible, we will send a global e-mail to all parishioners with pertinent information regarding the cancellation of parish meetings and events.

If you are unsure about whether a scheduled liturgy or event will be held, visit the parish website at www.beparish.com or call the parish office at 410.634.2253. We will do our best to post cancellation information in at least one of these places. OR, SIGN-UP FOR FLOCKNOTE and get alerts sent directly to your cell phone. Simply text the word BEPARISH to the phone number 84576 or go online to www.flocknote.com/beparish.

IF I MISS MASS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER DO I NEED TO GO TO CONFESSION?

No. Missing mass (not meeting your Sunday obligation) due to inclement weather is not a sin as the circumstances related to your missing mass are beyond your control. You are not deliberately choosing not to go to mass because you are too lazy or simply don't feel like it.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

YOU'RE INVITED! Join Adult Bible Study for a presentation by Deacon Jopp Deacon Hal Jopp will be presenting a talk to the Tuesday evening Bible Study Group and it is also open to the parish. The topic is "On Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with the Synoptic Gospels". The presentation will be in the Parish Hall at 7pm on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER COMING SOON!

Youth Ministry is hosting the annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 26th from 5:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. Join us for spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, desserts, and drinks. Tickets are \$8 each with a maximum price of \$35 per family. Please purchase your tickets after Masses through Sunday, January 20th. We are also seeking donations of Italian-themed items for our

giant Italian Basket raffle. Items such as sauces, noodles, cheeses, pasta serving utensils, colanders, olive oil, etc... and any other Italian-themed item will be appreciated. You may drop off donations at the Parish Office or at the ticket sales table after any mass. This event is always well attended and supported by our parish. Thanks to all of you for your past and future support!

SODALITY NEWS

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Beginning on February 26 and continuing for 9 consecutive Tuesdays, the BVM Ladies' Sodality is sponsoring a small group retreat focusing on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy. The retreat will be based on the book Consoling the Heart of Jesus: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat Inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Gain new insights into how you can console the heart of Jesus and learn to become a saint from spiritual masters such as St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Faustina, St. Louis de Montfort and Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The retreat is for both men and women. The Sodality will cover the cost of the book for all participants (\$15 value). If you are interested in attending, please contact Lori Parks in the Parish Office or watch next weekend's bulletin for a registration form. Deadline to register is February 1st.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

POSTER CONTEST ~ The Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate all children who made a poster for the "Keeping the Christ in Christmas" poster contest. They were all beautiful and did a good job in depicting the theme. It was a very hard decision to choose the top 3 posters to send to the State Council for judging. But we are very happy to announce that 5th grader **Emily Speas** won 2nd Place for her age group at the State level! She will receive a \$50 check from the Knights of Columbus State Council. Gift cards were presented by our Council to the 1st & 2nd Place Winners for the three age groups in our parish at Super Sunday. Again, congratulations to all! And its not too early to start thinking about your posters for next year.

~ Dan Tuel, Grand Knight, St. Joan of Arc Council Knights of Columbus

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

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CAR RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Take a chance to win a new vehicle and support Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School at the same time! For the cost of \$10/ ticket or \$50 for 6 tickets, you can take a chance to win a 2018 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Sport (vehicle donated by Dave & Peggy Wilson and the Preston Automotive Group). Contact Marie Freeman at the Parish Office to obtain tickets. The drawing will be held on June 7, 2019 at the Sabre Spirit Celebration. Need not be present to win.

ALSO NEEDED EMPTY GALLON SIZE MILK JUGS AND LOTS OF THEM ... to support the Sts. Peter & Paul High School Post-Prom Party. Milk jugs can be dropped off to Marie Freeman at the Parish Office.

PILGRIMAGE to Germany including the famous PASSION PLAY at OBERAMMERGAU with Fr. Gallagher, September 4-13, 2020. The Passion Play is performed every ten years. For details, go to www.gtrpilgrimage.com.

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, January 13

- 2nd Collection – Building Maintenance
- Hospitality offered by Ladies' Sodality- 9:30am – Parish Hall
- Rel. Ed./RCIA Classes – 9:45 -10:50 a.m.
- Confirmation Prep. – 10:45-11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, January 15

- Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – RR

Wednesday, January 16

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

Thursday, January 17

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Friday, January 18

- March for Life – Washington D.C.

Saturday, January 19

- Peterson Baptism – 11a.m. – SE Church

Sunday, January 20

- 2nd Collection – Catholic University & Catholic Communications
- Hospitality offered by Ladies' Sodality- 9:30am – Parish Hall
- Rel. Ed./RCIA Classes – 9:45 -10:50a.m.
- Adult Faith Formation – 9:45 a.m. - 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 ♦ Dot Bornhoeft ♦ Clark Johnson ♦ George Sinacourbe ♦ Ken & Carolyn Swain ♦ Janet Kibler ♦ Karen Coward ♦ Kelly Presnell ♦ John Vranich ♦ Ron Safchick ♦ Rita Miedl ♦ Nelson Owens ♦ Roy Dean ♦ Ed Centofante ♦ Heather Robuck ♦ Tobey McWilliams ♦ Rosemary Foracker ♦ Agnes Metzler ♦ Cynthia Makas ♦ Ernie Blazejak ♦ John Burbank ♦ Margie Palazzolo ♦ Mary Redgraves ♦ Alex Wood ♦ Donnie Riffle ♦ James Coleman ♦ Rick Schwab

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

In baptism, women and men are made part of the Body of Christ. God calls some of the baptized to serve the rest of His people as priests, sisters and brothers. Is He calling you? Think so? Unsure? 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 seminarians:

Gabe Weston	Kevin Lilly
James Gebhart	Mark Donohue
Brooks Jensen	James Holman
John Enemuo	Craig Kursinsky
Adam Bauer	Brennan Ferris
Michael Preston	

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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!
