

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 16

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

5:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth

Edward Centofante, Sr.

SUNDAY, February 17

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

J. Michael Mann

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Donald Barkman

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 19

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Larry Haynes

Wednesday, February 20

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

Dolores Fountain

Thursday, February 21

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Intentions of Olga Hernandez

Friday, February 22

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

James & Shirley Lombardo

SATURDAY, February 23

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

5:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth

Virginia & Jimmy Blades

SUNDAY, February 24

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

Larry Kutlik

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Deceased Members of the

Charles L. Knott Family

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

People of the Parish

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF
STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of February 9 & 10, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 4,042.00
Loose	\$ 765.85
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 4,807.85
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Deficit (Under Budget)	(\$ 292.15)
Black & Ind/Home Missions	\$ 683.09
Poor Box	\$ 241.00

YEAR- TO-DATE

Actual Offertory	\$160,189.14
Budgeted Offertory	\$164,171.43
Shortfall	(\$ 3,982.29)

The words of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings: "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season – assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

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, As we listen to the Gospel this week, do you not wonder – what is the Kingdom of God for a poor person verses a rich person?

Through much of our human experience we journey through life making comparisons about what others have or do not have – mostly we look at possessions, brand name items verse knock-offs. What we pay determines the "Value" of the item and perhaps the value of the one bearing the item.

Did you hear what the Gospel presented today? Did you notice the juxtaposition placed upon the latter verses as compared to those addressed in the former?

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

Are we getting a glimpse into heaven here on earth by what we have and do not have, or is there something more to these words than meets the eye?

Let us think about who God is and what He does. God is Love and he loves what he made. God wants what he made to recognize from whence Love originates. Looking back at Christmas we notice Love was in a feeding trough, a manger, resting in absolute poverty. This poverty is not a poverty of not having but rather a poverty that enables others to provide for the one who ought to be the object of our affection – the God-man, Jesus. After all, is it not said, love God with your entire being and your neighbor as yourself – is this not an extension of the God-man being addressed?

You see, the manger is a place where animals come to satisfy their hunger. The manger, then, is a place where you can view those who approach in hunger, those who desire to have their fill. There is another juxtaposition occurring in the manger with Jesus' presence. Jesus is an infant who needs other's love – he needs to be caressed, nursed, bathed, held, and sung to. You see, he becomes the object of our attention, and at the same time, He lets us know we are able to love. We are able to give from what we have to the point that what we have becomes nothing... we become poor, we become the object of the former Scripture lines – Oh the Lord is clever!

Satisfaction and contentment are only realized when the seeker is aware of his or her own need and approaches Love for its genuine purpose – to become poor on earth that he may be rich in heaven.

The opposites that are dealt with in this week's Gospel passage help us become aware that the poor are the people who are the object of God's affection and of His Son's Love. Know your need! And what you need is not an object, but rather, it is a who – GOD.

Pax Christi,

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

LITURGY

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

for FEBRUARY 2 – FEBRUARY 15

St. Elizabeth Church: In Memory of Jennie Norrine Alt

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Good News in Bad Times

Forget the headlines for a blessed minute. Stop attending to pop-up dramas of breaking stories and avert your eyes from news flashes that dazzle with the world's misery and villainy. We know human nature like the back of our hands, because we know the contents of our own hearts: how petty we can be, how self-serving and critical. The difference between the evil geniuses of the globe and us is often a matter of reach and opportunity, or one too many grievances that finally topple our humanity and make the descent to darkness all the more compelling. Resist self-righteousness!

Today's readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

"Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh."



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Maureen Duggan-Cassidy, Coordinator of Religious Ed.

410-634-2253, ext. 4 mduggan@beparish.com

Religious Ed Classes (Grades 1-10) – Sundays from 9:45-10:50a.m.

MID-YEAR REPORTS ~ In the next few weeks, parents of our religious education students should be on the look-out for the annual Mid-Year Reports to be coming home with your child(ren). Please review, comment and return the following Sunday to your child's catechist or enclose in an envelope addressed to Maureen Duggan-Cassidy and place in the collection basket at any Mass. Thank you!

YOU'RE INVITED! ~ SACRED Adult Religious Education Day

Saturday, February 23, 2019 ~ 8 AM until 3 PM at Salesianum School

1801 N Broom St, Wilmington, DE 19802

Celebrate our Catholic Faith with a day of spiritual renewal. The price includes coffee, a light breakfast, a hot Italian lunch and all-day beverages with over 15 courses in adult religious education. Reconciliation is offered at 8 AM and 3 PM Optional Sunday Mass at 4 PM. Cost: \$45. Only \$40 if paid by Tuesday, January 31st online at <http://sacred.salesianum.org>. The parish will cover the cost of registration for any Catechist or Catechist Assistant that wishes to attend this event. Don't miss out on a fun-filled and informative way to celebrate our Catholic Faith and to enter the season of Lent as Salesianum offers SACRED for the 19th time.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER ♦ WE CELEBRATE ♦ WE BELIEVE

St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth extends a warm welcome to new parishioners:

Miss Casey Jones of Denton



We pray for the repose of the soul of **Mrs. Dorothy Bornhoeft**, mother of Jeanne Rowe, who died on February 9th. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Love is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, but rejoices with the truth..." (1 Cor. 13: 6) Which of these qualities of love best describes your beloved.

PARENTING POINTERS

"Blessed are you who are poor...hungry...weeping...when people hate you." (Luke 6:20-22) Can you as a family identify with being poor, hungry, crying, or hated? Certainly, as a parent, you've at least had times when your child complained about you. Dig deep and ponder how to recognize this as a blessing...in time.

SODALITY NEWS

VALENTINE'S DINNER FOR MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES

When: Saturday, February 23rd @ 7:00p.m.

Where: Parish Hall

What: Appetizers, Dinner, Desserts, Drinks, Fun!!!

Cost: \$40/couple

Tickets will be on sale after all masses for the next several weekends or you may contact the Parish Office to reserve a ticket.



SOCIAL MINISTRIES



Registration is now open for the Maryland Catholic Conference's annual event, Catholics in Annapolis, which will be held on February 21 starting at 3 p.m. Each year, the Maryland Catholic Conference welcomes hundreds of Catholics from across Maryland to the capital to

meet face-to-face with legislators and share the Church's position on important issues. For the first time, this year's event will kick off with the prayer of the Rosary for our elected leaders, led by Maryland's bishops. Also new this year, inspiring speakers will address attendees to ignite passion for the issues Among the key issues Catholics will be asked to advocate on this session are a proposed abortion rights constitutional amendment, securing scholarships for low-income students, stopping the legalization of assisted suicide, and protecting human rights. The Conference is encouraging Catholics to join them in Annapolis on February 21 and stand up for life, justice and human rights. **To reserve your spot today, visit www.catholicsinannapolis.org or call 410-269-1155.** A full agenda for the day and more info is available online. **If you would like information about carpooling with other parishioners, contact Lori in the Parish Office.**

RACHELS VINEYARD CATHOLIC RETREAT ~ The next retreat is May 3-5, 2019 at the Malvern Retreat House. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more information, contact Nan Freeman at 302-333-1904 or visit rachelvineyard.org.

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, February 17

• 2nd Collection – Poor Box Offering

• Keychain Sunday – Blessing of Young Drivers @ all Masses

• Hospitality offered by Knights of Columbus – 9:30a.m. – Hall

• Becoming Dynamic Catholic Adult Faith Formation – 9:45 a.m. – Hall

• Rel. Ed./RCIA Classes – 9:45 -10:50 a.m.

Monday, February 18

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

Tuesday, February 19

• Adult Bible Study – 7pm – RR

Wednesday, February 20

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

Thursday, February 21

• Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – RR

• Hall Setup for the Valentines Dinner

Friday, February 22

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Saturday, February 23

• Valentine's Dinner for Married & Engaged Couples – 7:00 p.m. - Hall

Sunday, February 24

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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 ♦ Ken & Carolyn Swain ♦ Janet Kibler ♦ Karen Coward ♦ Kelly Presnell ♦ John Vranich ♦ Ron Safchick ♦ Rita Miedl ♦ Nelson Owens ♦ Roy Dean ♦ Ed Centofante ♦ Tobey McWilliams ♦ Rosemary Foracker ♦ Agnes Metzler ♦ Cynthia Makas ♦ Ernie Blazejak ♦ Margie Palazzolo ♦ Mary Redgraves ♦ Alex Wood ♦ Donnie Riffle ♦ James Coleman ♦ Rick Schwab ♦ George Simacourbe ♦ Delaney Tull

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

Can you take it? Jesus warns us in today's gospel that some will hate us and persecute us because of our relationship with the Son of Man. Have you been taking stock of *your* relationship with the Lord? How is *your* life fitting in with *His* goals? Is He calling you to serve His people in a particular way – maybe as a priest, a deacon, a sister or a brother? If you think God might be calling you to the priesthood or to religious life, call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations/!

Please pray for our seminarians:

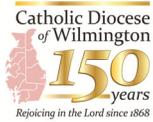
Gabe Weston	Kevin Lilly
James Gebhart	Mark Donohue
Brooks Jensen	James Holman
John Enemuo	Craig Kursinsky
Adam Bauer	Brennan Ferris
Michael Preston	

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~ Two Masses to close 150th Anniversary Year

Join parishioners and fellow pilgrims to celebrate Mass with Bishop W. Francis Malooly as the Diocese closes its year-long 150th Anniversary celebration. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at St. Joseph Mission Church, 13209 Church Lane, Cordova MD. A tour of the church will take place at 10:30a.m. followed by Mass at Noon.

You are cordially invited to join Bishop Malooly at the Diocese of Wilmington's Sesquicentennial Closing Mass on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South Broom Street in Wilmington. Gather with Catholics from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore to celebrate the conclusion of our year-long anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington by Blessed Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1868.



ANNULMENT INFORMATION SESSION ~ Father Mark Mealey, O.S.F.S., Judicial Vicar, will offer an annulment information night on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at Saint Christopher Church, 1861 Harbor Drive, Chester, Maryland, in the parish hall at 7 PM. Among the issues discussed will be Pope Francis' new norms on the marriage nullity process and implementation of those norms in our Tribunal. The nullity process and the various canonical grounds for marriage will be presented. If interested, please call the Tribunal Office, 302-295-0630, and leave a voicemail and the number of reservations. Reservations will be welcome to ensure enough materials are available.

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.



BOYS2MEN SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, April 28th, Choices Pregnancy Center will sponsor a sporting clay tournament at Schrader's Outdoors, 16090 Oakland Rd., Henderson, MD. Registration begins at 9am and the day includes 75 targets and lunch catered by Mission BBQ. 1st Prize includes a gun for each class – Men's, Ladies' and Junior's. There will also be side games, raffles and a Live Auction. All proceeds benefit the Joseph Project's Boys2Men Bootcamp, a ministry of Choices Pregnancy Center that provides an opportunity for middle and high school ages males without a male role model in their lives to spend the weekend with moral counselors and mentors. Tournament registration is \$100 per shooter and \$75 for Junior Shooters (age 16 and under). To pre-register for the Tournament, visit Eventbrite.com. For more information or to sponsor the event, contact Choices at 410-822-1869

TRICKY TRAY AUCTION

WHEN: Saturday, March 9th Doors open at 4pm, Auction begins at 6:30p.m.

WHERE: St. Bernadette Church Hall, 109 Dixon Street, Harrington DE

WHAT: Buy tickets and place them in containers next to auction items to win that item. Auction items include donations from local businesses and a large variety of theme baskets from our Religious Education classes.

COST: \$5 Donation or 5 non-perishable food items (not canned goods) to enter

Sponsored by the St. Bernadette Religious Education Program. All proceeds benefit youth programs.

