

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 2

First Saturday Mass

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Poor Souls in Purgatory

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

5:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth

Thomas Prete, Sr.

SUNDAY, March 3

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

Johnny McDonough

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

People of the Parish

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

Intentions of Paul Fountain

Tuesday, March 5

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Mary D. Holden

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth

Jeff Litteral

9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth

Intentions of Sean Mclusk

7:00 p.m. St. Benedict

Pedro Garaitonandia

Thursday, March 7

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Charles Roger Vogt, Sr.

Friday, March 8

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

William Thomas Foster

SATURDAY, March 9

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Oblate Mass

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

5:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth

Mary V. Porter

SUNDAY, March 10

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

Elizabeth Moran

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

People of the Parish

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

James Francis Laddbush

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of February 23 & 24, 2019

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| Envelopes | \$ 2,473.00 |
| Loose | \$ 1,093.00 |
| Online Giving via WeShare | \$ 2,734.75 |
| TOTAL OFFERTORY | \$ 6,300.75 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ 5,100.00 |
| Surplus (Above Budget) | \$ 1,200.75 |
| Poor Box Collection | \$ 2,045.11 |

YEAR- TO-DATE

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| Actual Offertory | \$170,340.65 |
| Budgeted Offertory | \$174,796.43 |
| Shortfall | (\$ 4,455.78) |

All of today's readings remind us that our works reflect what is in our hearts. Do my words and actions reveal a heart that is grateful for – and generous in sharing – the abundance God has poured into my life?

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



We begin the Season of Lent this week. We gather together remembering what we are called to bear in the Cross of Christ. We, in our baptism, died with Christ and are given the promise of eternal life. Our Baptism is a baptism with Christ; He washes us from what injures our relationship with God and each other. Today we recall the wonders of our humanity and how we can be affected by the grace of God. God helps us in and through the grace He provides us in this time. You and I are given opportunities to respond to what is placed before us – situations of availing charity for the well being of others and even for ourselves.

I recall the wonderful works of charity and hospitality fellow parishioners have availed themselves to in our parishes within our most recent history. Just last week the Ladies' Sodality, with the help of several Knights of Columbus, provided us with a phenomenal Valentine dinner. Everyone who gathered enjoyed a delicious five-star restaurant experience in our Parish Hall. Thank you to all who participated in gathering in Love. The Ladies' Sodality is also currently sponsoring a parish retreat experience. This experience is based on St. Ignatius and his promotion of retreat for all seeking the path to Christ. Those who gathered to have the introduction to the retreat experience will continue to meet every Tuesday evening up until the retreat culminates on Divine Mercy Sunday – all look forward to the fruits of this retreat. Thank you to the Sodality for providing this opportunity during Lent.

This past Thursday, Bishop Malooly gathered with young men from around the diocese for the Pass the Word program. This vocational awareness program is offered annually for high school age young men to offer them some time to consider the vocation of priesthood. Over 70 young men from throughout the diocese, along with the Bishop and a number of diocesan priests, deacons & teachers, were welcomed to our facilities whereby again our Ladies' Sodality and Knights of Columbus were able to share in the work of hospitality, preparing and serving lunch to all who gathered. Everyone enjoyed their time at St. Benedict's which culminated with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction in our church. While Bishop Malooly visited, he was able to bless our newest image of Our Lady of Wilmington which was donated by the Ladies' Sodality. The frame was created by Mark Spiering; it enhances the presentation of the image to all who behold the giclee print.

This week we gather on Tuesday evening to enjoy our annual Pancake & Sausage dinner hosted by our Parish Council and co-sponsored by our St. Joan of Arc Council of Knights of Columbus. The meal is free and provides us a time to celebrate the sweetness of life before we begin the sacrificial season of Lent which begins the following day on Ash Wednesday. A free will offering is taken up and will be given to our Poor Box to assist those who seek help from us as Church.

Let us continue to be the sheep of the flock of Christ and allow Him to gather us as one into the opportunity to live the will of God on earth as it is in heaven.

Thank you to all who are able to give God attention through worship and through the work of charity offered by what you say and do.

Let Lent be a time for us to transform our lives into what God wants us to be – holy.

Pax Christi,

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

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

SHROVE TUESDAY ~ Tuesday, March 5th

Pancake & Sausage Supper ~ Feast before the Fast!

Hosted by Parish Council & Knights of Columbus

5:00-7:00pm—Hall

No tickets needed - Free will offering for Poor Box



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Join us this Sunday, March 3rd 6-8pm for Easter egg icing prep and a spring/Lenten activity. Dinner will be provided.

This month is our annual chocolate Easter egg making! We make 1200 eggs and sell them as our biggest fundraiser of the year. It is always a fun time. We will be making butter cream, coconut, and peanut butter middles on Thursday, March 14th from 4-8pm. On Saturday, March 16th from 9am-3pm we will be dipping them in chocolate. Dinner is provided on Thursday and lunch is provided on Saturday.

Save the date for our April gathering on Sunday, April 7th from 6-8pm. We will be practicing for our Shadow Stations of the Cross which was a big success last year!

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 ~ 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!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION DURING LENT

BECOMING DYNAMIC CATHOLICS ~ Do you take any time out during your busy week to devote to your own personal faith enrichment? Do you want to learn more about our Catholic faith in a relaxed atmosphere? During the upcoming Lenten season, we invite you to come to the Parish Hall on Sundays, March 17 and April 14 to re-energize your own faith life. Buy a cup of coffee and a donut or sandwich prepared by our Knights of Columbus/Ladies' Sodality and get some faith-boosting words of wisdom. These sessions are open to all parishioners – from parents waiting for their children to be dismissed from Religious Ed. classes to young adults to grandparents and everyone in between.

THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS ~ On Thursdays, March 21st and April 4th, Deacon Hal Jopp will facilitate Lenten Adult Faith Formation sessions utilizing Bishop Robert Barron's Pivotal Players series. At the March session, we will explore the life of St. Benedict and at the April session, the life of St. Augustine. Come to the sessions to view the videos and for some lively conversation based on the lives of these two "Pivotal Players" of our Church.

LITURGY

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

for MARCH 2 through MARCH 15

St. Benedict Church: In Memory of Gary & Elizabeth Lilly

St. Elizabeth Church: In Honor of William Carson

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Make peace with making mistakes

The single biggest obstacle to reforming our lives is the difficulty of admitting we're wrong. About anything. Finding ourselves on the wrong side of truth is so intimidating, we grow angry, defensive, and increasingly absurd rather than capitulate our position. Studies indicate the best eyewitnesses get 25 percent of the facts wrong. The worst eyewitnesses are 80 percent wrong! These statistics indicate what the gospel plainly says: that humility and repentance are key to finding our way to the right side of truth. The goal is not to be always right, but to be ever ready to turn around.

Today's readings: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

"Remove the beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye."



UPCOMING LENTEN OFFERINGS

ASH WEDNESDAY is on March 6th. Masses will be celebrated at 6:30a.m. and 9:00a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church and 7:00p.m. at St. Benedict Church. The Blessed Virgin Mother Ladies' Sodality will offer a Soup & Bread Dinner featuring meatless soups and a variety of breads & crackers from 5:00-7:00p.m. in the Parish Hall that evening.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

Make a special sacrifice this Lent. Rice Bowls can be picked up at church beginning on Ash Wednesday. Donations through these boxes will benefit the work of Catholic Relief Services. CRS is the U.S. Bishops response to the needs of the world. It educates people and societies to be self-sufficient through food/education exchange programs. Rice Bowl offerings are collected on Palm Sunday.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS ~ Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Friday, MARCH 29 5-7pm Parish Hall

\$7/per person \$35/max per family

Prepared by our St. Joan of Arc Council Knights of Columbus.

Menu includes baked fish, potato wedges, coleslaw, rolls, desserts, beverages, & coffee.

No tickets required—simply pay at the door. Carry outs available.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE ~

Wednesday, April 10 – 7pm – St. Benedict Church

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, March 3

• 2nd Collection – Catholic Relief Services & Latin American Church

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

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

• RCIA Rite of Sending

• Humphries Baptism – 12:30p.m. – SE Church

• Diocesan 150th Anniversary Closing Mass – 3:00 p.m.– St. Elizabeth Church, Wilmington, DE

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

Tuesday, March 5

• Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper – 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Hall

• Divine Mercy Retreat –7:00 p.m. – Parish Hall

• Adult Bible Study –7:00p.m. – RR

Wednesday, March 6

• Masses – 6:30am & 9:00am – SE Church & 7pm – SB Church

• Soup & Bread Dinner – 5:00-7:00 p.m. -Hall

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

Thursday, March 7

• Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – RR

Friday, March 8

• Stations of the Cross – 7p.m. – St. Elizabeth

Saturday, March 9

• Benedictine Oblate Gathering–9:30-12:30 p.m. – Hall (Mass at 9:00 a.m. in Chapel)

• RCIA Rite of Election – Holy Cross, Dover DE

Sunday, March 10 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

• 2nd Collection – Building Maintenance

• Sodality Hospitality

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

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 ♦ Clark Johnson ♦ Ken & Carolyn Swain ♦ Janet Kibler ♦ Karen Coward ♦ Kelly Presnell ♦ John Vranich ♦ Ron Safchick ♦ Rita Miedl ♦ Nelson Owens ♦ Roy Dean ♦ Pat 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 ♦ Theresa Cochrane ♦ Charles Roller

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

Dare to be different! Be a startling presence in the world! The Gospel challenges us today to live as disciples and not as people who react to the world around us. When we reach we are short, brief, to the point and anything to make whatever it is go away. Jesus challenges the disciples and us to respond. Responding takes time. It takes compassion. It requires a love that is countercultural. Can you live a different message in our world? 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/

Live with holy boldness

The Diocese of Wilmington is presenting a multimedia Lenten series titled, "Holy Boldness: A Journey through Lent with Four American Saints," that will be distributed via digital video, radio broadcasts, and podcasts. Written and hosted by Fr. Rich Jasper, Associate Pastor of Saint Ann Church in Wilmington, the four-part series uses the lives and examples of four holy Americans to help individuals and families get the most out of the Season of Lent and prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. Each 15 minute presentations will debut on Saturday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. during the first four weeks of Lent on the diocesan YouTube channel, YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm. The next morning, the presentation will be included on Catholic Forum on WDEL and available via podcast at cdow.org/CatholicForum or by searching Catholic Forum on Apple, Spotify or iHeartRadio podcasts. The videos, podcasts, and additional Lenten resources are also available at cdow.org/lent.



FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE BEGINS ON MARCH 6TH
 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. It draws attention to the evil of abortion

through the use of a three-point program:

- Prayer and fasting
- Constant vigil
- Community outreach

The 40-day campaign tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities ... and the entire world. From Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ's resurrection, it is clear that God sees the transformative value of His people accepting and meeting a 40-day challenge. **The next campaign will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6th.** From March 6th through April 14th, those interested are asked to come to the Public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood in Dover, DE (805 South Governors Avenue, Dover, Delaware) to pray and keep vigil. You can sign up for specific Vigil hours at the 40 Days for Life website: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/dover/>. If you cannot come, please offer prayers for life during this 40-day period.

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 rachelsvineyard.org.

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

Prayer for Life

From St. John Paul II

O Mary,
 bright dawn of the new world,
 Mother of the living,
 to you do we entrust the cause of life
 Look down, O Mother,
 upon the vast numbers
 of babies not allowed to be born,
 of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
 of men and women
 who are victims of brutal violence,
 of the elderly and the sick killed
 by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son
 may proclaim the Gospel of life
 with honesty and love
 to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace
 to accept that Gospel
 as a gift ever new,
 the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
 throughout their lives
 and the courage to bear witness to it
 resolutely, in order to build,
 together with all people of good will,
 the civilization of truth and love,
 to the praise and glory of God,
 the Creator and lover of life.

Evangelium Vitae, The Gospel of Life, 105