

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 24
4:30 – 5:10p.m. St. Elizabeth
CONFESSIONS
5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth
Intentions of Sidney Pinder

Sunday, August 25
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
7:15 a.m. St. Benedict
People of the Parish
8:30 a.m. St. Benedict
Intentions of Anne Dornic
10:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth
Intentions of Peter Schirmer V

Tuesday, August 27
9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Wednesday, August 28
9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth
Mary Keith

Thursday, August 29
9:00a.m. FLC Chapel
Tim Peters

Friday, August 30
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

Saturday, August 31
4:30 – 5:10p.m. St. Elizabeth
CONFESSIONS
5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth
Lee Anders

Sunday, September 1
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
7:15 a.m. St. Benedict
People of the Parish
8:30 a.m. St. Benedict
Tom Duggan
10:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth
Dorothy Bornhoeft

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of August 17 & 18, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 2,751.00
Loose	\$ 808.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 3,559.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Deficit (Below Budget)	(\$1,541.00)
2 nd Collection –	
Cathedral of St. Peter	\$ 1,336.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 782.00
Poor Box	\$ 197.00

YEAR- TO-DATE

Budgeted Offertory	\$ 40,800.00
Actual Offertory	\$ 36,268.57
Shortfall	(\$ 4,531.43)

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself – my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God – is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

A WORD FROM FR. LEWIS...

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JMJ

21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Joyful Greetings in Christ!



Of the 150 Psalms in Sacred Scripture, the one the Church sings today (Psalm 117) is the shortest. Comprising only four lines, the Psalm, nevertheless, is a powerhouse, for it is a Psalm of praise to God, encouraging not only God's Chosen People the Israelites but all peoples and all nations to praise Him. No one is to be left out of giving God the praise that is His due. All peoples, without exception, are to praise God.

Why? Simply because He is God and He alone. In this beautiful sung prayer—for we must remember that all the Psalms are prayers—the Psalmist reminds all that *God's love is steadfast, and He is faithful forever.* No mighty deed is mentioned; no miracle nor sign of wonder. Quite simply, God's love is enduringly true. Our praise of Him is, therefore, the only proper response to this perseveringly faithful love.

How do we praise God on a daily basis? Do we wake up with our first thought as a statement of praise? (Praise You, God! You created coffee!) Do we stop in awe and wonder and watch the butterflies float from flower to flower or the hummingbirds flutter backwards, the only bird able to do so? Do we, all of a sudden, become aware of all the good that God has given to us and then in grateful praise glorify Him for His goodness? Do we share with others the good God has done for us and, so, in a way, sing along with the Psalmist, inviting all peoples to praise the LORD?

So that no one be left out of praising God, we who praise Him here and now must by our own example to others continue to praise Him in our daily living. There are a million different ways to do so, and then, a million more. Saints-in-the-making, every day let us find a new way to praise God and someone new with whom to praise Him.

Praising the Lord for love of you,
Fr. Lewis

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRATION FOR 2019/2020

Religious Ed registration forms are now due. If you have not yet returned your child's forms/payment, please do so as soon as possible. Please contact Maureen Duggan-Cassidy at 410-634-2253 or mduggan@beparish.com with any questions.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PART OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

We invite you to come and see!

- † Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?
- † Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- † Are you baptized into another religion or into the Catholic Church, but never received any formal religious education?
- † Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful?
- † Are you yearning for something more in your life?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) may be the place for you. Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic Community through RCIA. It is a learning process through which conversion of the heart brings you to deeper faith and understanding. For more information about our RCIA program contact Maureen Duggan-Cassidy at 410-634-2253 or mduggan@beparish.com.

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TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS
for AUGUST 17 through AUGUST 30
St. Elizabeth Church: Intentions of Peter Schirmer V
St. Benedict Church: Intentions of Brett Carmean

BENEDICTINE OBLATE GROUP NOW MEETING AT ST. BENEDICT PARISH ~

The Benedictine Oblate group, which met at St. Gertrude's Monastery in Ridgely for many years, is now gathering once a month for Mass and learning at St. Benedict's. You are invited to join them. Come, deepen your personal spirituality, and as Abbot Primate Notker Wolf said at the 2017, 4th Oblate World Congress, "become not only witnesses to the values espoused in the Rule of St. Benedict, but be the active bearers of those values." Benedictine Oblates in Ridgely, MD, affiliated with the Benedictine Sisters at St. Gertrude Monastery in Newark, DE, promise to live the monastic values of listening, community, hospitality, humility and daily prayer in their secular lives. They welcome Christian men and women – Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, etc... -- to inquire. For more information, email Cynthia Ingram at ingram47c@gmail.com or call or text 410-924-0993; or contact Sr. Mary Lou Robino, O.S.B. at 302-416-0459 or marylourob_2009@hotmail.com.



PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS TO...

Jacqui & Travis Bailey on the birth of their fourth child, a son, **Dominick Arthur Bailey**. Dominick was born on August 12th at 8:08a.m. and was 6 lbs., 10 oz. and 19 ½" long. He joins siblings Ashlee, Steven & Allie.



SOCIAL MINISTRIES

**"For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress..." ~ Isaiah 25:4**

HIS HOPE HAVEN SHELTER TO OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 2ND

His Hope Haven Homeless Shelter will open for the season on Monday, September 2nd. Last year, the shelter served 175 clients, providing food and shelter for them during the winter months. His Hope Ministries reduces homelessness and enables families to live in safe, secure, and healthy stable housing environments by connecting everyone entering any of their programs with a Housing and Family Support Specialist. The Specialist helps identify and acquire the right mix of resources to assist in aligning goals and promoting a robust pathway to move beyond the client's crisis situation into self-sufficiency and family success. **The shelter needs meals as they open.** You can visit www.mealtrain.com/e7g62o (lowercase o, not zero) to sign up to provide a dinner for one night or more. **In addition, the shelter is looking for volunteers to assist with Sunday coverage from 9am-3pm.** Only 2 volunteers are needed per Sunday and they would just need to be on-site to visit with guests and watch TV, eat lunch with the guests, etc... Several area churches have offered to help and the shelter is hoping to get a few more so that they can rotate Sunday coverage throughout December, January and February. Please contact Lori in the Parish Office (410-634-2253 or LParks@beparish.com) if you are interested in volunteering, in the name of our parish, to help at the shelter on a few Sundays during this 3-month period. Thank you.



AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

ATTENTION ACTIVE DUTY AND RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, EMT, AND MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES...

Bishop Malooly invites you to the 2019 Diocese of Wilmington "Blue Mass" on Friday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South Broom Street, Wilmington, Delaware. The "Blue Mass" honors the local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and military personnel who live and work in Delaware and on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Those currently serving, the retired, and their families are invited to attend.

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, August 31st, Sonja Corbitt will discuss her book, "How to Pray Like Mary." After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Catholicforum.

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Saturday, August 24 & Sunday, August 25

- 2nd Collection – A/C Offset
- Tuesday, August 27**
- BVM Sodality Summer Gathering- 6:00 p.m. - home of Ann Haywood
- Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – RR
- Wednesday, August 28**
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Rosary – 8:30a.m. – SE Church
- Staff Calendar Planning Day – 10:30 a.m. - RR
- Thursday, August 29**
- Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – RR
- Friday, August 30
- Rosary – 8:30a.m. – SE Church

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Patricia Brady ♦ Peggy Brittingham ♦ Joan Mollick ♦ Terry Franz ♦ Kathleen Green ♦ Patricia McWilliams ♦ Helen Dill ♦ Cheryl Harris ♦ Judy Edmonston ♦ Edie Crank ♦ Patricia Freedman ♦ Michael Alt ♦ Michael Keating ♦ Christina Jewell ♦ Debbye Jackson ♦ Kenny Winn ♦ Clark Johnson ♦ Ken Swain ♦ Janet Kibler ♦ Karen Coward ♦ Kelly Presnell ♦ Ron Safchick ♦ Rita Miedl ♦ Nelson Owens ♦ Roy Dean ♦ Tobey McWilliams ♦ Agnes Metzler ♦ Cynthia Makas ♦ Ernie Blazejak ♦ Alex Wood ♦ Donnie Riffle ♦ James Coleman ♦ Rick Schwab ♦ George Simacourbe ♦ Delaney Tull ♦ Su Lappin ♦ Al Buccalo ♦ Rich Lewis ♦ Maria Poptanich ♦ Judy Klug ♦ Michael Shay ♦ Paula Amalfitano ♦ Mark Sellman ♦ Ben Shirley ♦ Georgia Smithmyer ♦ Kelsey Rowe

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

"Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD." Is God calling you to the priesthood? Call Fr. Norm Carroll 302-573-3113 vocations@cdow.org.

Please pray for the seminarians from our diocese & our parish:

Kevin Lilly	Brooks Jensen
James Gebhart	Mark Donohue
John Enemuo	Craig Kursinsky
Adam Bauer	Brennan Ferris
Michael Preston	Peter Schirmer V
Brett Carmean	



On September 8th, the 177 Project will be visiting St. Christopher Parish (1861 Harbor Dr., Chester MD). The 177 Project is a nationwide tour designed to help bring more people into Eucharistic Adoration. The night will begin with an acoustic concert with Lee Roessler before moving into a Holy Hour. Confession will be available. The doors open at 6:15 pm. The evening begins at 6:45 pm, and no tickets are necessary. The event is free to attend. A love offering will be taken. Lee Roessler will be the artist traveling for this event. For more information, you can visit the177project.com. Questions? Contact Maryalice at mcdavis@stchristopherski.org



We are blessed to have a musician parishioner, Eileen Smithmyer, who is interested in training any young people who would be interested in cantoring at Sunday Masses. If you, or a young person of yours, might be interested, please call Eileen at 410-739-6407 and leave a message, and she will set something up with you.

NEW A.E.D. INSTALLED IN PARISH HALL

Thanks to generous donations from the St. Joan of Arc Council Knights of Columbus and the American Legion Caroline Post 29 of Denton, a new A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator) was recently installed in the Garden Room Hallway of the Parish Hall. This device provides potentially life-saving assistance to those having cardiac emergencies. It is our goal to install a similar device at St. Elizabeth Church if additional donations can be obtained. Parishioner and Grand Knight of the St. Joan of Arc Council, Dan Tuel, will offer a training session for CPR, as well as the use of the A.E.D. device, which will be open to any interested parishioner. We will share Information about that session when it is scheduled.

