

## ST. BENEDICT/ST. ELIZABETH PARISH INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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In the case of inclement weather we wanted to clarify our parish's inclement weather cancellation policies for all parishioners:

### DAILY MASSES

If Caroline County Schools are delayed or closed **due to sleet, ice or snow**, then DAILY MASS will be celebrated at the Family Life Center CHAPEL in Ridgely. **(Fog delays WILL NOT result in a change of location for daily Masses.)**

### 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](http://www.beparish.com)) for information. If possible, we will send a global e-mail/FLOCKNOTE text 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/FLOCKNOTE to all parishioners with pertinent information regarding the cancellation of parish meetings and events.

#### **IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT WHETHER A SCHEDULED PARISH LITURGY OR EVENT WILL BE HELD**

visit the Parish Website ([www.beparish.com](http://www.beparish.com)) or call the Parish Office (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](http://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.

**NOTE:** According to diocesan rules, the Pastor/Parish Administrator has the authority to cancel weekend Masses due to inclement weather if he feels that conditions would make travel dangerous for parishioners.

