

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 5
First Saturday Mass
9:00a.m. FLC Chapel
 Intentions of Pam McElwee
4:30 – 5:10 p.m. ST. Elizabeth
CONFESSIONS
5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth
 People of the Parish

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 6
7:15 a.m. St. Benedict
 Rosalie M. Kutlik
8:30 a.m. St. Benedict
 Charles Jacobini
11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth
 Gary Fox

Tuesday, May 8
9:00a.m. FLC Chapel
 COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, May 9
9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth
 Intentions of Noreen Flohr

Thursday, May 10
9:00a.m. FLC Chapel
 Deceased Members of
 the Charles L. Knott Family

Friday, May 11
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth
 Francis X. Gibbons

SATURDAY, May 12
4:30 – 5:10 p.m. ST. Elizabeth
CONFESSIONS
5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth
 Mother's Day Intentions

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Sunday, May 13
7:15 a.m. St. Benedict
 Mother's Day Intentions
8:30 a.m. St. Benedict
 Mother's Day Intentions
11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth
 Mother's Day Intentions

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

APRIL 28 – MAY 11
St. Benedict Church:
 In Memory of Ann Councill

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of April 28/29, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 2,885.00
Loose	\$ 778.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 3,663.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Deficit (Below Budget)	(\$ 1,437.00)
2nd Collection ~ Mother's Day	\$ 996.00
Poor Box	\$ 81.00

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available at the entrance of either church and can be placed in the offertory basket.

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Today we celebrate the love of God and the friendship we have in his Son, Jesus Christ. We are called to be love as the Father and the Son are love. We are in the circle of their friendship along with the Holy Spirit. This dynamic relationship, which includes particular behaviors as commanded by the commandments given by Christ, allows us to be included in the humanity of Christ here on earth.

Today we look to see what love the Father has for us and we see the invitation to those receiving for the very first time the precious gift of life in Christ through the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. We are nourished not by bread and wine but rather by what has been transfigured by the Word and made into what we can consume, a new reality of perceived bread and wine but now the Body and Blood of Christ.

We, as believing people, can trust that when Christ says something that it is undeniably true. The Scriptures tell us that Jesus spoke the words of consecration and turned bread and wine into his Body and Blood. We are grateful for this gift of nourishment – for what we eat we may become. Jesus, in loving us, loves the Father in heaven, for what the Father created is not taken for granted and the human person is the pinnacle of creation, the greatest form that can relate to God in His Son.

We are a people called to imitate what love the Son has for the Father. We are to respect the human form as it was truly intended – to be worthy of holiness, to be worthy as a throne for God Himself.

Those receiving their First Eucharist today exemplify the beauty of what Christ says when he tells his disciples, "Let the children come to me". Children come to receive what they need most in their lives – the bread that will sustain them in their journey to heaven. They give thanks to God for their ability to humbly take part in the Lord's Supper and the meal that takes place in heaven, the supper of the Lamb.

Revelation speaks to us of our liturgy that is eternal and our need to be present to such a spectacle and to be fed at such a meal. We are truly grateful for the weekly opportunity to be fed by Word and Sacrament, to be challenged to love more perfectly as we grow in stature and virtue. Our gratitude turns into the generosity to avail ourselves to God on His day, to make Him our priority as we honor His Son and become another Christ to our neighbor.

Let us live as Eucharistic people, thankful for what Christ has done for us, remembering to Love as Christ Loved us.

Pax Christi,
Rev. John B. Gabage

BE PROUD

We celebrate the recent achievements of our parishioners:

- Recently, parishioner and Knights of Columbus member, **Steve Fleegle**, received the **Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from the Lions Club, of which he is also a member.** The award is named after the founder of Lions International, Melvin Jones. It recognizes exceptional service to the Lions organization and to the community as a whole and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The recipient of this award becomes a model of exemplary service to his club and the community which it serves. The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award is a nationwide award.
- On Wednesday, May 2, parishioner Kristen Towers received the St. Francis de Sales Award at Holy Angels Parish in Wilmington.** The award, presented by the Bishop, recognizes students for excellence in faith development, scholarship, service, leadership and citizenship. Kristen is a senior at Sts. Peter & Paul School in Easton and is the daughter of Jane & Chris Towers.

Congratulations to both Steve and Kristen!

If you have information about the achievement or milestone of a fellow parishioner, please submit it to Lori Parks at LParks@beparish.com for inclusion in the BE Proud section of the parish bulletin.

99+ EFFECTIVE WAYS TO EVANGELIZE

- #94 – Make beautiful Christian art – poetry, photography, music, sculpture. Give glory to God and draw hearts to him.**
- #95– Remember that you can't know the state of anyone's soul.**
- #96 – Give your godchildren (and nieces/nephews/young friends) good Christian books.**

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Congratulations to our First Communicants who will receive for the first time this weekend:

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| <i>Abby Spiering</i> | <i>Natalie Foster</i> | <i>Erick Larios</i> |
| <i>Alexander Larios</i> | <i>Ariana Alvarez</i> | <i>Kansas Frazier</i> |
| <i>Raylan Fulton</i> | <i>Abigail Radtke</i> | <i>Katia DeSimone</i> |
| <i>Hadley Miller</i> | <i>Miles Beyer</i> | <i>John (Tripp) Dent</i> |
| <i>Jackson Wissman</i> | <i>Lila Amador</i> | <i>Mary Powell</i> |
| <i>Riley Christopher</i> | <i>Benjamin Daly</i> | <i>Natalie Ferris</i> |
| <i>Olivia Davis</i> | | |

Thank you, once again, to all of our catechists, assistant catechists, substitute catechists, and room/hall monitors for your dedication to our parish children this past religious school year of 2017-2018. Faith is not "taught", it is "caught".

Thank you for being these:



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MASS TIME CHANGES

On Sunday, May 27th, the mass time will change to 10:15a.m. at St. Elizabeth for the summer months.

BLESSING FOR GRADUATES

Next weekend, May 12/13, Fr. Gabage will offer a blessing for all young people who are graduating from high school or college. We encourage our youth to participate in this blessing at whichever mass they attend.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD THE ROSARY

In March, we began offering the praying of the Rosary on the first Saturday of each month at 5pm at St. Elizabeth Church prior to the start of the 5:30p.m. Mass. We would like to continue the Rosary on the first Saturday of each month going forward. If you are willing to lead the praying of the Rosary, please contact Lori in the Parish Office. We hope to get enough volunteers so that we could have a different leader for each month.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER + WE CELEBRATE + WE BELIEVE

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY SOON: Tanna Blazejak ((5-21), Steve Hovland (5-21), Haley Miesse (5-21), Miletus Miesse, Jr. (5-21), Jeremy Wurtz (5-21), William Blankenship, Jr. (5-22), Cyndy Ingram (5-22), Peter Schirmer (5-22), Brendan Sullivan (5-22), Denise Williams (5-22), Ainsley Bodani (5-23), Stephanie Frankhouser (5-23), Mary Moxley (5-23), Charles Roller (5-23), Jessica Ruskin (5-24), Belinda Velasquez (5-24), Matthew Bach (5-25), Kayla Kitts (5-25), Dink Scurto (5-25), Rick Breeding (5-26), Dick Fernald (5-26), Brenda Leaf (5-26), Bernie Liswell (5-26), Colleen Motter (5-26), Michael Ogle (5-26), Paula Amalfitano (5-27), Marcie DiMeglio (5-27), Dan Finnerin (5-27), John Cleary (5-28)



Jamison Leigh Fulton, daughter of William & Mary Fulton, was baptized on Saturday, May 5th at St. Benedict Church. We celebrate the beginning of a life of faith for her as she receives the gift of new life in God's spirit and becomes a part of the fellowship of the Church through the Rite of Baptism.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

All parishioners who volunteer in any capacity at the parish are invited to attend a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, June 13th at 6:30p.m. in the Parish Hall. In the past, we have typically held this dinner in December. The main course for the dinner will be provided by the parish and all who attend are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Hope to see you there!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

There are two upcoming opportunities for our youth. This Sunday, May 6, Youth Ministry is having a paint night from 6-8pm at the Hall. Please come ready to paint a canvas. RSVPs to <mailto:kathryn.belmonte@gmail.com> are appreciated as we have to ensure we have enough supplies. Then, on Thursday, May 17th, the Youth Self Defense Class, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held in the Parish Hall from 6 until 7:30p.m.

LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

- Sunday, May 6 – FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND**
- 2nd Collection – Building Maintenance
 - May Crowning after 8:30 & 11:15 a.m. Masses
 - Youth Ministry Gathering – 6-8p.m. - Hall
- Tuesday, May 8**
- Adult Bible Study – 7p.m. – RR
 - BVM Sodality Meeting – 7pm – Hall
- Wednesday, May 9**
- PC Executive Committee Meeting – 6pm – Hall
 - YM Team Meeting – 6:30pm – Hall
 - Parish Leadership Night – 7pm – Hall
- Thursday, May 10**
- Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – RR
 - Mass @ Homestead Manor NH – 3pm
- Friday, May 11**
- Deacons Meeting – 1:00pm – Rectory
- Saturday, May 12**
- Blessing of Graduates
- Sunday, May 13**
- 2nd Collection – Ascension
 - Blessing of Graduates

SAVE THE DATE ~ BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018 ~
5:30-9:30p.m. ~ PARISH HALL
GOOD MUSIC, GOOD FOOD,
GOOD TUNES

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

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| Patricia Brady | Peggy Brittingham |
| Jane Cade | Ralph Downs, Sr. |
| Joan Mollick | Terry Franz |
| Kathleen Green | Charmaine Sullivan |
| John Bornhoeft | Carol Russell |
| Arcy Passwaters | Patricia McWilliams |
| Julia Seiler | Helen Dill |
| Keith Poptanich | Clark Johnson |
| Cheryl Harris | Judy Edmonston |
| Edie Crank | Patricia Freedman |
| Sandy Keating | Noreen & Michael Alt |
| Michael Keating | Nial Straley |
| Christina Jewell | Cathy Alder |
| Kenny Winn | |

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells His disciples "You are my friends if you do what I command you." Each disciple – every person called to new life through the waters of baptism – has a special role to play in the Kingdom of God. What is Jesus' plan for you? Is He inviting you to priesthood? to the diaconate? to the religious life? What steps are you taking to sort it all out? Call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org.

Be sure to visit our website:
www.cdow.org/vocations!

Please pray for our diocesan seminarians:

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| Michael Preston | Craig Kursinsky |
| Brennan Ferris | Adam Bauer |
| John Enemuo | James Gebhart |

Thank
you 

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great pleasure that I, as your pastor, commend the wonderful work that has been accomplished in our parish.

Last Sunday was our last Religious Education Class for the Program Year. The Catechists work with passion for the Lord and His Church in disseminating the truths of the Faith to our young people. Let us pray for and Thank our Catechists for all their personal sacrifices in order to make this endeavor possible for our children. THANK YOU!

I wish to also acknowledge all the work it takes to make our annual Christmas Bazaar and Springfest events what they are... a huge success. It is because of our chairpersons and diligent assistants that the transformation can take place in our facilities. For the many individuals who donate time, talent and or treasure to these events, we say Thank you! The BVM Ladies' Sodality and the Knights of Columbus are always in support of our parish efforts as well and the many volunteers who step up in these moments of endeavoring for success are all truly appreciated. In the name of the Parish, I thank all who made these events the success that they were - know that your efforts will always go before you in glorifying God. THANK YOU.

One of our parish youth received a diocesan award this week. We congratulate Kristen Towers for all she has accomplished in her work as a steward of Christian virtue. She received recognition from Bishop Malooly as he bestowed upon her the Saint Francis de Sales Award on Wednesday, May 3, 2018. Congratulations, Kristen!

I would like to formally acknowledge the gift of the credence table made by Mark Spiering that now resides in St. Benedict Church. His gift is truly appreciated, and this addition has continued to cause our sanctuary to be a place of beauty. Thank you, Mark!

Thank you to all who have participated in contributing to the Ordinary Collection here at St. Benedict and St Elizabeth and for those who made contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your donation is truly a gift that affords the Church a means to forward her mission. Thank you for your support and prayers!

I must also acknowledge that we as a parish are considered small but mighty. We have been accomplishing much here on the Eastern Shore and have been able to demonstrate to all who encounter us individually and collectively that Christ is Alive in this community of Faith. Let us continue in presenting Christ and encouraging others to acknowledge the Christ who dwells within them to be alive in our world today!

Pax Christi,

Rev. John B. Gabage