

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, June 30
4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth
 CONFESSIONS
5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth
 Ann Satterfield

SUNDAY, July 1
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
7:15 a.m. St. Benedict
 Gerry Podlesny
8:30 a.m. St. Benedict
 People of the Parish
10:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth
 Thomas Cook

Tuesday, July 3
9:00a.m. FLC Chapel
 Bob Sherman

Wednesday, July 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth
 Francis X. Gibbons

Thursday, July 5
9:00a.m. FLC Chapel
 NO MASS

Friday, July 6
9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth
 Robert G. Gabage

SATURDAY, July 7
FIRST SATURDAY MASS
9:00a.m. FLC Chapel
 Alexander Paige

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth
 CONFESSIONS
5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth
 Robert G. Gabage

SUNDAY, July 8
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
7:15 a.m. St. Benedict
 Albert Hartlove, Jr.
8:30 a.m. St. Benedict
 People of the Parish
10:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth
 Victoria Humphries

TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

JUNE 23 – JULY 6
St. Benedict Church:
 In Honor of Madison Beatty

St. Benedict Church:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of June 23 & 24, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 2,093.00
Loose	\$ 574.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 2,667.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Deficit (Below Budget)	(\$ 2,433.00)
2 nd Collection – Peter's Pence	\$ 621.00
Poor Box	\$ 232.00

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Two hundred forty - two years ago the founding fathers drafted a document that established a new nation, creating the United States of America which consisted of the original thirteen colonies. Two hundred twenty-nine years ago the constitution was created.

Today this nation consists of fifty states, a federal district, five self-governing territories and several possessions. 69 % of this nation's population is Christian. The government was established to serve the people... "We the people..." So, if the values of the majority of the people governed is Christian, why then is much of the law and cultural practice contrary to Christian values?

Since I have been alive, I have witnessed prayer being removed from public schools, the laws affording life thwarted, euthanasia entertained to be adopted and made legal, marijuana made legal for financial gain, the definition of marriage changed, the nuclear family devalued and underappreciated, etc... Are these rights and responsibilities the values of Christians or of a secular society that has forgotten God? This nation was founded on the progress of people with God as the "silent partner." Remember people, silent does not mean absent! God dwells in unapproachable light and this light has been shared by His Son, Jesus Christ... to be kept burning brightly – far brighter than any human made fireworks and longer lasting, too... an eternal light not able to be extinguished.

The New Evangelization in the Church began just before I was born. Today, Pope Francis has caused us to refocus on what this Evangelization means to the people of all nations. It means to have life with God. And, how important it is for those of us who believe to share this Good News with our brothers and sisters who may have impediments to knowing God in the ways that we know Him in Christ.

I often say, Independence Day is a day that separated us from being under a human king's rule. Being independent does not mean being independent from God, but rather truly dependent on Him and His supplying us with those who take seriously the role of servant. A public servant ought not be interested in self-promotion but rather in the promotion of what our second reading this weekend espouses:

2 COR 8:7, 9, 13-15
Brothers and sisters: As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also.

For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality.

As it is written: Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less.

Let us celebrate the ability to act in accord with the Law of God and work for the good of all in this land and world. Happy 4th of July, Independence Day – dependent, however, on the Love and Grace of God!

Pax Christi,
Rev. John B. Gabage

99+ EFFECTIVE WAYS TO EVANGELIZE

- #116 – Work hard. Take pride in doing work well.
- #117 – Teach your children to evangelize by taking them to a nursing home, assisting neighbors, etc...
- #118 – Tell your spouse or a friend you appreciate him or her.

DO YOU HAVE AN EVANGELIZATION STORY TO TELL?

Has someone ever been an evangelizer to you? Have you been an evangelizer to someone else? Do you have a suggestion for an effective way to evangelize? If you have an evangelization story or suggestion that you'd like to share, send us an e-mail (LParks@beparish.com) with a brief paragraph about it and we may re-print it in the bulletin as space allows.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SAVE THE DATES – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!

Vacation Bible School will be held this summer - July 16th through July 20th from 5:30pm to 8pm each evening. Our theme is "It's a Mystery – The Secret Garden", a children's retreat about Mary. All families should have received an e-mail containing VBS Registration Form during the past week. If your children, grandchildren or a child you know will be attending, please feel out a form for each child and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible.



We are still looking for few volunteers to assist with the various committees: food for evening meals, snacks for later in the evening, games, crafts, skits, music, and of course, teachers for the Faith station. If you would like to volunteer, please email Maureen Duggan-Cassidy at mduggan@beparish.com or call the office 410-634-2253. **There is a donation board in the back of the church. If you would be so kind, please take one of the post-it notes and donate that item for VBS. Thank you for your support!**

ARE YOU THE PARENT OF AN UPCOMING KINDERGARTENER?

If your child is eligible for Kindergarten this fall and you wish to register them for religious education Kindergarten class, please contact Mrs. Duggan-Cassidy at the Parish Office. (mduggan@beparish.com or 410-634-2253).

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

WE REMEMBER + WE CELEBRATE + WE BELIEVE
CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY SOON: Luke Ruffo (7-23), Audrey Dent (7-26), Susan Gorleski (7-28), Victoria DeSimone (7-30), Richard Duld (7-30), Linda Gallagher (7-30)



We pray for the repose of the soul of **Larry Kutlik**, father of Marie Freeman, who died last Sunday, June 24th. Please keep Mr. Kutlik, as well as Marie, Dan, Ryan and their family, in your prayers.
Receive his soul and present him to God most high.

BRICK PRAYER GARDEN – HONOR OR REMEMBER A LOVED ONE

Looking for a lasting way to honor or remember a family member, a graduate or another special person in your life? Consider purchasing an honorary or memorial brick in our Brick Prayer Garden outside St. Benedict Church. Cost for the bricks is \$100/each. Bricks can be purchased to honor a living or deceased relative, a newly married couple, a graduate or for many other occasions. Upon request, we can prepare a beautiful certificate documenting your brick donation and send it to the recipient of your choice. If you are interested in more information, visit the parish website (www.beparish.com) or contact the Parish Office.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/COMMUNITY

The Diocese of Wilmington's new website makes it easier to find a church or school and features news headlines from The Dialog, quick links, a video feature, and more. Check it out today at www.cdow.org.

Let us Rejoice in the Lord! Our Diocese is 150 years old! For videos, a calendar of coming events, information about our Historic Churches Pilgrimage Program, *Convocation 150* coming on November 3rd, links, photos, and more, go to www.cdow.org/150th. Also, follow all the action on social media at www.facebook.com/cdow150th, and @CDOW150th on Twitter and Instagram and www.TheDialog.org.

QUO VADIS RETREAT ~

Where are you going?
Thursday, July 26, 5:00pm to
Sunday, July 29th at 8:00a.m.

Quo Vadis is a 3-day event for high school and college age men to learn more about the priesthood, deepen their Catholic faith, and to have fun. The retreat will be held at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. Registration is free. Register online and find more information at www.cdow.org/vocations

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LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

- Tuesday, July 3**
- Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – RR
- Wednesday, July 4**
- PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
 - Knights of Columbus 4th of July Picnic and Open House – 10am-5pm - Mar
- Thursday, July 5**
- PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
 - Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – RR
- Friday, July 6**
- First Friday Benediction – after 9am Mass – SE Church
- Saturday, July 7**
- Confessions – 8:00-8:45a.m. – Pastor's Office in Family Life Center
 - First Saturday Mass – 9am – FLC Chapel
 - Rosary – 5pm – SE Church

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Patricia Brady	Peggy Brittingham
Jane Cade	Ralph Downs, Sr.
Joan Mollick	Terry Franz
Kathleen Green	Charmaine Sullivan
Arcy Passwaters	Patricia McWilliams
Julia Seiler	Helen Dill
Cheryl Harris	Judy Edmonston
Edie Crank	Patricia Freedman
Sandy Keating	Michael Alt
Michael Keating	Nial Straley
Christina Jewell	Debbye Jackson
Kenny Winn	Jessica Haddaway
The Clegg Family	Dot Bornhoeft
Carol Russell	Pearl Collier
Clark Johnson	George Sinacourbe

VOCATIONS NEWS

In today's gospel reading, Jesus heals a long-suffering woman and raises a little girl from the dead. Every day priests, deacons and religious bring life and healing into a world fractured by sin and death. Do you think God is calling you to serve through one of these vocations? Please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). **Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.
Psalms 33: 12.



Eternal God, stir our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism on this Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of your holy name and the good of our Nation and of all mankind. Amen.

Prayer offered in Congress by Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D. Wednesday 1974