

## MASS SCHEDULE &amp; INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 8

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth  
CONFESSIONS5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth  
Dominic Centofante

SUNDAY, September 9

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME7:15 a.m. St. Benedict  
Joseph Whalen8:30 a.m. St. Benedict  
Deceased Members of the  
Charles L. Knott Family11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth  
People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 11

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel  
George H. Walls, Sr.

Wednesday, September 12

9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth  
Intentions of Gene Ingram

Thursday, September 13

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel  
Jim Bradley

Friday, September 14

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth  
Robert G. Gabage

SATURDAY, September 15

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth  
CONFESSIONS5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth  
Roger Banko

SUNDAY, September 16

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME7:15 a.m. St. Benedict  
People of the Parish8:30 a.m. St. Benedict  
Bart Sherman11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth  
Millie Nash

## TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 1 – SEPTEMBER 14

St. Benedict Church:

In Honor of Caitlyn Lane

St. Elizabeth Church:

Intentions of Beth Towers &amp; Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF  
STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of September 1 &amp; 2, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 3,427.00
Loose	\$ 914.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 4,341.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Deficit (Below Budget)	(\$ 759.00)
Poor Box	\$ 50.10

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.

## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Oh, how long will your ears be closed off and your mouths be made silent? How long will your disposition to the Lord be one of keeping distance? How long will you only listen to human chatter and not hear the Word of God?

When will you sing to the Lord for what He has accomplished through you? When will you acknowledge truth is in God Alone and in Him we are set free – no longer bound by worldly things, no longer limited to the restrictions placed by others' words that confine your success that is truly derived from God.

You have been called, my brothers and sisters, to live in a reality that draws us into the Divine Relationship – a People Made for Him Alone. You are encouraged by what you have endured for centuries because God has endured likewise – His Love endures all things; His Love never fails – You too are able to endure the trials set before you because you and I have the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Savior exemplified what it means to suffer for others and in humility He endured such things for the benefit of the greater cause – the Cause of God's Will and for that Will to be effective in a world that seems to have forgotten who created it.

Today, we celebrate the installation of our Parish Council Officers and the gifts each person brings with them to guide my attention as your local pastor for the sake of the Kingdom of God which He presents to us through His Son Jesus Christ and through the Grace of the Holy Spirit in His Church. Let us together Thank the Lord for these individuals who collectively unite themselves in the Council for seeking your benefits and interests in the Church. Let us thank the Lord!

I thank all who participate in the Life of Christ in His Church and who continue to be attentive to the voice of God and who see with eyes of faith. Certainly, God has not abandoned His People.

Let us continue to be the instruments we are called to be for Christ so that the building up of the Kingdom here on earth will never be forsaken. Let us Live for Jesus as Jesus Lives for Us!

*Pax Christi,*  
*Rev. John B. Gabage*

## EVANGELIZATION CORNER

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Put on your Kingdom Glasses

It's hard to see past appearances. Some creatures are just better looking, whether it's a specimen of tree or flower, fish or bird, or human being. And the lovelier the view, the more it attracts us. The trouble with such distinctions is not in the eye of the beholder, of course, but rather in the heart. Do we value children according to a scale of cuteness or cleverness? Do we choose friends based on zip codes or celebrity? Do we give our attention to the person wearing trendier labels? Put on your kingdom glasses and reverse your instinctive attraction today.

*Today's readings: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37 (128).*

**"Have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?"**

## PARISH COUNCIL/LEADERSHIP

The Installation of our Parish Council for 2018-2019 will take place at the 8:30a.m. Mass this weekend. Under the leadership of Fr. Gabage and Executive Officer, Mike Redgraves, 10 representatives of our community take upon themselves the responsibility to ensure our good ministry and offer new challenges. In addition, we offer gratitude for the ongoing work of our Finance Council who, under the leadership of Executive Officer, Ed Centofante, exercises fiscal responsibility and the faithful stewardship of your gifts.

Our **first Parish Leadership Night** for this year will be this Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:45pm in the Parish Hall

**Parish Council**  
Heather Amador  
Mike Cirillo  
Philomena Cirillo  
Donald King  
Julie King  
Bernie Liswell  
Tom Lough  
Mike Redgraves  
Peter Schirmer V  
Donna Shay  
John Walton, Jr.

**Finance Council**  
Ed Centofante  
Tolbert Rowe  
Tracy Stafford  
Kenny Wood



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY!

Next Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> is Catechetical Sunday! The theme for this year is "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ". There will be a Super Sunday/Knights of Columbus breakfast in the hall following the 8:30 Mass. The cost is \$6 per person and \$35 max per family. During breakfast, there will be an open house in the classrooms for parents to accompany their children and meet the catechists. This will be followed by a shortened class which will end at 10:45a.m. Kindergarten parents will need to sign their children in and out of class. (Kindergarten class ends at 10:40). May our good God make possible within us and for us what only He can do!!

**We need catechists and classroom assistants for September.** Please contact Maureen Duggan-Cassidy at 410-634-2253 if you are willing to serve in this capacity and want to learn more.

## DIOCESAN ORDER OF MERIT AWARDS

This year's **Diocesan Order of Merit Awards Prayer Service** will be held on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm at St. Joseph Church (371 E. Main St., Middletown, DE). Our parish recipients this year are **Linda & Dan Ruskin** and **Pete & Linda Schirmer**. We thank them for their witness and example in many areas of parish ministry and within the wider community. They are great representatives of all that happens at St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth Parish for the glory of God! All parishioners are invited to attend the prayer service in support of our parish recipients.

## PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

## CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

It's that time of year again! **Campus Ministry is in the process of preparing the 2018-19 mailing list.** If your son or daughter is in college, either away from home or locally, or if they are serving in a branch of the armed forces, we would like to have their address, so they can be included in our mailings. Campus Ministry sends out various packages and cards throughout the year to help our youth and young adults feel connected to their parish family. If you would like to have your son/daughter be a part of this, please forward their address to Beth McCullough as soon as possible by e-mail ([beth@sustainable-science.com](mailto:beth@sustainable-science.com)) or by phone (410.924.4441). This applies to those who have participated in previous years as well if there have been any changes to your child's college or military address.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

On Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, an Installation Mass was celebrated for the St. Joan of Arc Council Knights of Columbus followed by a wonderful dinner and a great social time in the parish hall. I would like to personally thank all the Knights and Sodality members for their contributions to the success of this event. I would also like to say a special thank you to Dan & Kris Nelson for the sharing of their time and talents in support of the dinner. During dinner, several awards were given. **John Walton** was awarded Knight of the Year; **the King Family** was awarded Family of the Year and **Fr. Gabage** was awarded Good Shepherd of the Year. We are looking forward to a fruitful year of activity in support of our parish.  
~ **Dan Tuel, Grand Knight**

## AROUND THE DIOCESE &amp; COMMUNITY

## DIOCESAN MARIAN PILGRIMAGE 2018

This year's diocesan-sponsored Marian Pilgrimage will be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our diocese. The pilgrimage will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace on the campus of Holy Spirit Parish in New Castle DE and is one of the official Diocesan Anniversary events. Festivities will begin at 9am and continue throughout the day culminating with mass celebrated by Bishop Malooly at 4pm. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is "Mary, Cause of Our Joy" which coincides with the Sesquicentennial theme of "Rejoicing in the Lord since 1868". Highlights of the pilgrimage include panels of priests from the Diocese who will each speak on how Mary is the Cause of the Joy of their priesthood and the presentation of the commissioned painting of "Our Lady of Wilmington" painted by well known local artist Neilson Carlin. See the insert in today's bulletin for a schedule of events for the day. If you are interested in attending the Pilgrimage and you would like to carpool with other interested parishioners, please e-mail Lori Parks in the parish office ([LParks@beparish.com](mailto:LParks@beparish.com)) to let her know so that arrangements can be made.



## BLOOD MOBILE COMING TO DENTON

Give the gift of life by donating blood! The Blood Bank of Delmarva Blood Mobile will be coming to St. Luke's Church in Denton on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-6:00p.m. If you are able to donate blood, log onto <https://donate.bbd.org/> to schedule an appointment for September 20<sup>th</sup> (or November 15<sup>th</sup> which is the next time the blood mobile will come to Denton.)



## LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, September 9

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Building Maintenance
- Installation of Parish Council during 8:30 a.m. Mass – SB Church

Monday, September 10

- Catechist and Classroom Prep. – 8:00 a.m. – Noon
- Knights of Columbus 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification – 7:30 p.m. – Hall

Tuesday, September 11

- Catechist Classroom Prep. – 8:00 a.m. – Noon
- Hispanic Ministry Meeting – 5:00 p.m. - RR
- Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – RR
- Sodality Meeting – 7:00 p.m. - Hall

Wednesday, September 12

- Communion Service - 10:00 a.m.- Britton Woods
- Finance Council Meeting – 1:00 p.m. - RR
- Parish Council Exec. Comm. Mtg, - 6:00 p.m. – Pastor's FLC Office
- YM Team Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Hall
- PLN begins with Pizza Dinner – 6:45 p.m. - Hall

Thursday, September 13

- Catechist Classroom Prep. – 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
- Adult Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. – RR
- Mass at Homestead Manor NH – 3:00 p.m.
- K of C 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification – 6-9p.m. – SB Church & Hall
- Catechist Classroom Prep. – 7-9p.m.

Friday, September 14

- Catechist Classroom Prep – 8am - Noon

Saturday, September 15

- Benedictine Oblate Day of Reflection 9a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Hall
  - Lee Baptisms – 1p.m. – St. Benedict Church
- Sunday, September 16**
- CATECHETICAL SUNDAY/SUPER SUNDAY**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Parish Religious Ed. Support
  - Super Sunday Breakfast/Classroom Open House – 9:30 a.m.
  - Religious Education Classes – 10:10 a.m.
  - Commissioning of Catechists during 8:30 a.m. Mass

## REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Patricia Brady ♦ Peggy Brittingham ♦ Jane Cade ♦ Joan Mollick ♦ Terry Franz ♦ Kathleen Green ♦ Charmaine Sullivan ♦ 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 ♦ Clark Johnson ♦ George Sinacourbe ♦ Sarah Trice ♦ Mary Bennett ♦ Fr. Bill Graney ♦ Marlinda Tuel ♦ Ken & Carolyn Swain ♦ Linda Nickum ♦ Bob Rouse

## VOCATIONS NEWS

Through Isaiah the prophet, the Lord says "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God; he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you!" Could God be calling you to proclaim that same message as a priest in our diocese? Call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations at [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org) or 302-573-3113). Visit [www.cdow.org/vocations](http://www.cdow.org/vocations).

**SENIOR CALL CHECK PILOT PROGRAM**

Maryland is the first state in the country to start a free, opt-in, telephonic service to check on Maryland's older residents across the state. Every day a telephone call will be placed to a participant at a regularly scheduled time. These calls will take place between 8am and 4pm. If the participant does not answer after three calls, additional calls will be made to notify a designated person. Any Maryland resident aged 65 or older who has a land line or cell phone is eligible to participate. To apply, please call 1-800-243-3425 or visit [www.aging.maryland.gov](http://www.aging.maryland.gov). You will be informed if your application is accepted for the Pilot Program.

**Upcoming Events at Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center**

**Day of Reflection: Finding Tranquility in a Hectic Day. with Fr. Nicholas Amato, Wednesday, September 5, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm:** There are ways to experience tranquility that are longer lasting, ways that can transform our deepest sense of self. Join us for a day of deepening our spirits and reclaiming a joy that has been lost. Learn ways to maintain the inner peace that has been gained. Give yourself the treat of a day away to center and ground yourself and to find the tranquility you seek. Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

**Presentation: What is Spiritual Direction? Tuesday, September 18 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm or Wednesday, September 19, 10:00 am - 11:00 am.** Have you heard of Spiritual Direction but wonder what it is? Come to Jesus House and learn about this ancient ministry of the Christian community.

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858. Please visit the Jesus House website ([jesushousecenter.org](http://jesushousecenter.org)) or call the office at 302-995-6585 for more information about any of the above offerings or to register.

**ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHTS**

Father Mark Mealey, judicial vicar for the Diocese of Wilmington, will offer annulment information nights at two locations in September. The first will be Sept. 20, 7 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear-Christina Road, Bear, Del. Another will be Sept. 26, 7 p.m., at St. John-Holy Angels Church, 82 Possum Park Road, Newark, Del. Among the issues discussed will be the new norms of Pope Francis on the marriage nullity process and implementation of those norms in the diocese Tribunal. The nullity process and the various canonical grounds for marriage will be presented. Anyone interested should call the Tribunal office, 302-295-0630, and leave a voicemail. Reservations are encouraged to ensure enough materials are available.