

## MASS SCHEDULE &amp; INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 1

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Robert G. Gabage

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth

Dominic Centofante

SUNDAY, December 2

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

Millie Nash

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Larry Kutlik

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 4

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Robert G. Gabage

Wednesday, December 5

9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth

Robert Finnerin

Thursday, December 6

9:00a.m. FLC Chapel

Muriel Fernald

Friday, December 7

9:00a.m. St. Elizabeth

Tom Davis

Vigil Mass for the Holy Day

7:00 p.m. – St. Elizabeth

John Sedegh

SATURDAY, December 8

FEAST OF THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00a.m. St. Benedict

Patrick Howell

4:30 – 5:10 p.m. St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:30p.m. St. Elizabeth

Regina E. Wood

SUNDAY, December 9

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:15 a.m. St. Benedict

People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. St. Benedict

Rose Wood

11:15 a.m. St. Elizabeth

June Talbot

## TABERNACLE LIGHT INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 7

St. Benedict Church:

St. Elizabeth Church:

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF STEWARDSHIP BACK TO THE LORD

Weekend of November 24 &amp; 25, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 2,887.00
Loose	\$ 666.10
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$ 3,553.10
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00
Deficit (Under Budget)	(\$ 1,546.90)
Poor Box Collection	\$ 1,472.58
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 351.00

## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Excitement abounds in the church of Jesus Christ! Jesus is alive and is calling us to himself through our worship and our daily observances of what is required of us to become members of the eternal Kingdom.



Advent, as we know, is a time of expectation for the second coming of Christ, it is a time where we as the people of God reawaken in ourselves the expectations of holiness, living as we ought with the mindset that the second coming is immanent. We are called as church – people who reside in many nations and cultures – to hold sacred our humanity that is God-given. Our various cultures we emerge from and the various socioeconomic differences we possess makes for diversity that often challenges the mind and heart of people.

The second coming of Christ is not to a select people, meaning – He is not coming just for Americans, or for Italians, etc... He is coming for all humanity! Because of this fact, we may find challenge in our lives when we are confronted by people of cultural and ethnic differences let alone those who speak a different language. Church, however, is magnificent in the realization that she is in almost all countries and provides experience within cultures for the worship of God and the finding of human similarity through Jesus Christ whom we call *Emmanuel – God-with-us*.

As we treat each human being as Christ, we see in each person the humanity that is God-given, and we are able to celebrate the creative genius of God.

I am excited to participate in our Patroness' Feast of the Americas under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe first declared by Pope Pius XII in 1945 which will celebrate on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Benedict Church at 5:30. That Mass, for the Third Sunday of Advent, will be celebrated in Spanish to enhance the linguistic origin of the first occurrence of Our Lady in the Americas which took place in 1531.

Immediately following the Mass, we will have the procession of and transfer of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the parish Hall where we will have a grand celebration which will include authentic Mexican food and music prepared by the Hispanic members of our community. If you intend to attend the celebration in the Hall, please sign up using the sign-up sheets at the entrances of our churches next weekend or call the office to let us know you will be attending by Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Your advance notice enables us to plan accordingly for food preparations. Thank you!

December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States. We Celebrate Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception. Because this celebration falls on Saturday, we have provided for your convenience a Vigil Mass on Friday evening at 7:00 PM at St. Elizabeth's along with a morning Mass on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at St. Benedict's to fulfill the obligation. This weekend is the First Sunday of Advent and all Mass times are in keeping with our usual schedule.

Let us celebrate Jesus who is alive in each one of us and let not differences regarding language and culture divide what Christ seeks to unite!

*Pax Christi,*  
Vy. Rev. John B. Gabage, V.F.

## EVANGELIZATION CORNER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Sober Reckoning

Happy Advent! Although this season shares Lent's purple color, it's not meant to evoke the penitential atmosphere of that other preparatory season. Yet Advent does invite us to a more contemplative mood. Apart from the dizzying holiday pace of December, we make room to ponder a mystery. God is with us: as a baby born to mortal limits, as the boundless Lord of the end-times, and as the Spirit that accompanies us right now, through all our days. Our times give us many reasons to be afraid. The perfect love of God-with-us casts out every fear.

Today's readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

*"People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world."*

## LITURGY

MASSSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (a holy day of obligation) will be celebrated on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church and Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m. at St. Benedict Church.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE ~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Wednesday, December 12 ~ 7pm ~ St. Benedict Church

Make plans to attend our parish Advent Penance Service with all of the members of your family who are old enough to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to Fr. Gabage, there will be four priests on hand from area parishes to assist with confessions.



## PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

HELP REPRESENT OUR PARISH IN UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PARADES



Our parish will be participating in the Denton Christmas Parade and Lighting of the Green **THIS THURSDAY, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** We encourage parishioners of all ages to join us to represent our parish community. We have a banner that will lead the way and you are encouraged to dress festively as we walk the parade route, passing out candy canes and singing one or two Christmas carols. The more the merrier! Come give witness to the joy and fellowship that are alive in our parish! (Lineup for the Parade begins at 4:30p.m. at the HAPS Building).

JOIN IN TO SING AT LOCAL NURSING HOMES AND SPREAD SOME JOY!

All parishioners are invited to join in visiting our local nursing homes to carol for the residents. Carols will be well-known standards that can be sung by one and all. The residents will surely enjoy this festive holiday treat. **The caroling will take place on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the following times:**

- 11:00a.m. at Autumn Lakes Nursing Home, 420 Colonial Drive, Denton (Front building in Wesleyan complex)
- 12:30p.m. at Homestead Manor Nursing Home, 410 Colonial Drive, Denton (Back building in Wesleyan complex)
- 1:30p.m. at Caroline Nursing Home, 520 Kerr Avenue, Denton

You can come to one or to all. Please contact Carm Powell at 410-200-1346 or [carpowell@gmail.com](mailto:carpowell@gmail.com) to let her know if you plan to attend. Thank you.

## ST. JUAN DIEGO/OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Our parishioners of Hispanic heritage will be hosting a celebration honoring St. Juan Diego (Feast Day: December 9) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast Day: December 12) on **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. The 5:30p.m. Mass will be celebrated at **ST. BENEDICT CHURCH** that evening followed by a **GRANDE FIESTA in the Parish Hall**. The celebration will include delicious food, drinks, music and fun. Please sign up on the sheets posted at the entrance of either church if you plan to attend (or contact Lori at 410-634-2253 or [LParks@beparish.com](mailto:LParks@beparish.com)) by next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> so that we can be sure to prepare enough food.

## CHRISTMAS SCRIP CARD SALES

SCRIP Cards make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. We have SCRIP cards available from a large variety of retailers such as restaurants, retail stores, gas stations, etc... To print an order form, visit [www.beparish.com](http://www.beparish.com) and be sure to place your order soon. Completed Order Forms, along with payment, should be sent to Marie Freeman in the Parish Office via mail (P.O. Box 459, Ridgely MD 21660) or via the collection basket at any mass (please place in envelope marked "SCRIP ORDER").

## SODALITY NEWS



The Sodality will be preparing Cookie Tins for our local Catholic nursing home residents and homebound members of our parish. If you would like to donate cookies to assist them in this effort you may drop off your donations at the Parish Office on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 4:30pm or to the Parish Hall that evening at 7pm.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

WINTER COAT COLLECTION ~ As in year's past, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting new and gently used coats throughout the months of November and December for donation to the His Hope Haven Homeless Shelter and other area organizations who serve those in need. This year, they are also asking for new hats and gloves/mittens as well. Collection boxes for coats, hats/mittens/gloves can be found at the entrance of St. Elizabeth Church and the entrance of the Parish Hall. Please launder any used coats and be sure that they are in good condition. Thank you for your generous support of past efforts!

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

TUCKAHOE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Tuckahoe Habitat for Humanity, serving Queen Anne and Caroline Counties, has a new Volunteer Coordinator, Ms. Suzette Kelly. Suzette is seeking interested volunteers to assist with current Habitat projects and to encourage support of this ongoing mission of neighborhood revitalization in our community. Volunteers are needed in support of housing efforts centered in the town of Denton during the week as well as on Saturdays. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Suzette at (410) 479-9200 or [volunteer@tuckahoehabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@tuckahoehabitat.org) or visit the Habitat website at [www.tuckahoehabitat.org](http://www.tuckahoehabitat.org).

## LIFE IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, December 2

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Christmas Flowers
- Super Sunday Breakfast – 9:30 a.m.
- Rel. Ed./RCIA Classes – 10:10-10:50 a.m.
- Confirmation Prep. – 10:45-11:15 a.m.
- Youth Ministry Gathering – 6-8p.m. - Hall

Tuesday, December 4

- Senior Mass – 9am – SB Church followed by Christmas Morning Memories Breakfast - Hall
- Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – RR

Wednesday, December 5

- Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:30 p.m. - Hall

Thursday, December 6

- Adult Bible Study – 9:30a.m. – RR
- Denton Christmas Parade – 6:00 p.m. (Lineup at 4:30 p.m. @ HAPS Bldg.)

Friday, December 7

- First Friday Benediction – 9:30 a.m. – SE Church
- Homeschool Group Gathering – 10:30 a.m. – Hall

- Mass for Holy Day – 7pm – SE Church

Saturday, December 8

- Mass for Holy Day – 9am – SB Church
- Benedictine Oblate Gathering – 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Hall

Sunday, December 9

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Religious Retirement
- Hospitality provided by Knights - 9:30a.m. - Hall
- Rel. Ed./RCIA classes – 9:45-10:50 a.m.

## REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Patricia Brady ♦ Peggy Brittingham ♦ Jane Cade ♦ Joan Mollick ♦ Terry Franz ♦ Kathleen Green ♦ Patricia McWilliams ♦ Julia Seiler ♦ Helen Dill ♦ Cheryl Harris ♦ Judy Edmonston ♦ Edie Crank ♦ Patricia Freedman ♦ Sandy Keating ♦ Michael Alt ♦ Michael Keating ♦ Christina Jewell ♦ Debbye Jackson ♦ Kenny Winn ♦ Jessica Haddaway ♦ The Clegg Family ♦ Dot Bornhoeft ♦ Clark Johnson ♦ George Sinacourbe ♦ Fr. Bill Graney ♦ Ken & Carolyn Swain ♦ Janet Kibler ♦ Karen Coward ♦ Kelly Presnell ♦ John Vranich ♦ Ron Safchick ♦ Rita Miedl ♦ Nelson Owens ♦ Roy Dean ♦ Ed Centofante ♦ Fr. Mike Gallagher ♦ Heather Robuck ♦ Tobey McWilliams ♦ Rosemary Foracker ♦ Agnes Metzler ♦ Cynthia Makas ♦ Joan Dent

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS ~ In compliance with church and civil law, the election of parish trustees is to take place on the first Sunday of each year. Therefore, elections for trustees will take place on the weekend of January 6 & 7 in the sacristy after all masses. Current trustees are:

**St. Elizabeth:** Paul Fountain and Kris Nelson  
**and St. Benedict:** Steve Fleegle and Kenny Wood. If you would like to nominate someone to fulfill the responsibility of parish Trustee other than those listed above, you will also have the opportunity to write-in your choice on the prepared ballot.

10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 5K RUN & WALK FOR THE "WELL" OF IT

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at Hunter's Oak Golf Course, Queenstown MD  
See today's bulletin or visit [www.beparish.com](http://www.beparish.com) for a registration form.

**“Behold the Gift” – A Live Nativity Pageant**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Live Nativity Pageant, “*Behold the Gift*”, sponsored by the Ridgely-area churches, will be held on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm next to the Ridgely Town Hall. The pageant includes the proclamation of the story of our Lord’s birth accompanied by live re-enactment by costumed actors and animals. Christmas carols, led by the Pageant Choir and musicians, are dispersed throughout the reading of scripture. The audience is encouraged to sing along. **While there are no speaking parts, adults and children are needed to fill the various roles (angels, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, Jesus, etc...)** **Guitarists and singers are also needed.** Practice dates will be on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in our Parish Hall. If you and/or your children are interested in taking part or if you have any questions, please contact Pageant organizer, Mr. Toby Gearhart, at 410-739-7337.

**JOB OPENING AT ST. MARTIN’S HOUSE** ~ Saint Martin’s House in Ridgely is seeking an overnight Resident Program Assistant. This is a part-time position that could become a full-time position. If you are interested in finding out more, please call Melanie at 410-634-2537, Ext. 104.

**PAINT NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR SAINTS PETER & PAUL POST PROM**

You are invited to attend a Paint Night Fundraiser at SS Peter & Paul School, 900 High Street, Easton, on Friday, December 7, 2018 from 6:00-9:00p.m. The artist-led session includes all the supplies needed to paint a Christmas Cookie Tray. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$20 for students if paid by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost goes up to \$40 per adult and \$25 per student at the door. If you plan to attend, please register by contacting Amy Schisler at 410-725-1693 or [amyschisler@me.com](mailto:amyschisler@me.com).

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018****Diocesan 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Held at IHM**

**What is it?** “Everyday Holiness” an original play commissioned for the celebration of the sesquicentennial.

**Why should I come?** Enrich your Catholic life with the story of the gentle saint, St. Francis De Sales, and the amazing widow, mother, and religious, St. Jane De Chantal. These were exceptional people for their time, and they inspire us today! It is also Advent! What a great way to begin the spiritual aspects of your journey.

**When is it?** Sunday, December 2, 2018, 3:00 pm

**Where is it?** In the church building; easy access for wheelchairs.

**Who should come?** Recommended for anyone 12 years old through adult.

An RSVP is helpful in planning the refreshments.

Mrs. Terry Di Fonzo 764-4693 or [tdifonzo@ihm.org](mailto:tdifonzo@ihm.org)

**Video tour of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church and Tubman Chapel in Dorchester County now available.**

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington has released a new video tour of the original St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, now called the Tubman Chapel; and the current St. Mary Star of the Sea, located across Hoopers Island Road from the original church, in Golden Hill, Dorchester County, Maryland. The video is the fifth in a series featuring historic churches of the Diocese of Wilmington and is available free to the public on the Diocese of Wilmington’s YouTube channel – [www.youtube.com/DiocesefofWilm](http://www.youtube.com/DiocesefofWilm).

**Old-Fashioned Carol Sing**

Enjoy songs of the season on Sunday, December 9 at 3 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia) with an Old-Fashioned Carol Sing featuring religious and secular music. Audience participation will be encouraged as the music ministers from St. Joseph Parish, Middletown perform a collection of beloved Christmas carols. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Tours of the historic facility, which is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places, will be available one hour prior to the concert. There is no charge for the performance and refreshments, however, a free-will offering to the Old Bohemia Historical Society will be collected to help with the upkeep of the property. The shrine is considered the mother church of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington and is located at 1699 Bohemia Church Road, Warwick, MD 21912. For additional information, call Marji at 302.328.4803.

**Listen to the Catholic Forum podcast every week.** A new program debuts every Sunday morning at [www.cdown.org/Catholic-Forum](http://www.cdown.org/Catholic-Forum), or search “Catholic Forum” on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, tune in to hear part two of Fr. Rich Jasper’s four-part Advent series. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, “Like” Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum).

**BOY SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARDS**

Any scout who is interested in earning their Catholic religious award should contact the Diocese of Wilmington’s Catholic Committee on Scouting. Our committee can help get the process started and will supply the award, once earned. Each year the Bishop will present the awards to the scouts of our Diocese at our annual Scout Mass. For further information please contact either Bob Murray, Committee Chair at (302) 993-6290 or Deacon Tommy Watts, Boy Scout Chaplain (302) 218-1415.

**2020 CENSUS JOBS**

The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking qualified office staff for 2020 Census operations in the local area. Excellent Pay, Flexible Hours, Paid Training, Temporary Positions  
Apply Online Today ... [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs) or 855-JOB-2020 (855-562-2020)

**2019 CALENDARS are now available at the entrances of both churches.** Choose from two designs - Religious Art or Lighthearted. We thank Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home, Greensboro and Moore Funeral Home, Denton, for their generous sponsorship of these calendars. Be sure to take a calendar or two in preparation for the New Year.