

**This weekend we celebrate moms universally.  
Please read the BITS completely and totally.**

### ***A Bit of a Mass Schedule!***

#### ***This Weekend***

**Saturday, May 11 – 5:30pm (4:30 p.m., Confession)**

**Sunday, May 12 – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

#### ***Week of May 13***

**Tuesday, May 14 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 15 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 16 – 5:30 p.m. (6:00-7:00 p.m., Confession)**

**Friday, May 17 – 8:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, May 18 – 5:30pm (4:30 p.m., Confession)**

**Sunday, May 19 – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

### ***May Crowning***

Like October, May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In addition to singing the traditional Easter antiphon in honor of Our Lady, the Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) at Mass, we will also have a May Crowning. This is the venerable custom whereby a crown of flowers is placed on a statue of the Blessed Mother. The May crowning will take place at all Masses this Mother's Day weekend (*May 11-12*).

### ***First Holy Communion***

The children of the parish will receive their First Holy Communion on **Sunday, May 19 at the 11:00am Mass**. Note: This Mass will run longer than normal. Please pray for the children who will receive Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. To quote Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI, “I would like to emphasize the importance of First Holy Communion. For many of the faithful, this day continues to be memorable as the moment when...they first came to understand the importance of a personal encounter with Jesus. Parish pastoral programs should make the most of this highly significant moment.”

### ***Memorial Day***

Mass on Memorial Day, **May 27 at 10:00 a.m.**, will be offered for the repose of the souls of members of the Armed Forces who have died in service to our country.

### ***Religious Education***

### ***Religious Education K-12 - Last Meeting!***

Religious Education for grades Kindergarten through 5th, Edge Middle School Youth Ministry, and The Rule High School Youth Ministry continue this **Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30pm**. K-5 Religious Education meets in St. Benedict Catholic School and ends at 7:30pm with aftercare provided for those with parents in choir or siblings in Edge or The Rule until 8:00pm. Edge meets in St. Anselm Hall of St. Benedict Catholic School and ends at 8:00pm. The Rule meets in the parish center and ends at 8:00pm.

This week will be the last meeting of the year. On this date, 5th grade students are welcome to start attending Edge and Edge outings over the summer. Both Edge and The Rule will also meet in St. Anselm Hall of St. Benedict Catholic School.

### ***First Holy Communion Classes***

Preparation Classes for First Holy Communion conclude on **Tuesday, May 14 from 6:30 to 7:30pm**. A concurrent session will take place that at least one Catholic parent is required to attend.

The First Holy Communion Retreat will take place on Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 to 11:30am at St. Benedict Church. Rehearsal is on Saturday May 18th from 10:00 to 11:30am. First Holy Communion itself will be during the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, May 19th.

### ***Vacation Bible School***

Save the date! Vacation Bible School will be taking place **July 29 through August 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**. A theme and registration will be coming later in Spring. Monday, May 6.

### ***RVAConnect (Young Adults)***

The Spring Calendar is now available on the parish website, side porch, or email [connectrva@gmail.com](mailto:connectrva@gmail.com). Each month RVAConnect takes part in the regional Theology on Tap on the First Monday of the Month, holds Tolle Lege Book Study on the second Thursday of the Month, and partakes in the Regional Young Adult Social in the second half of every month. Please see the calendar for more details.

### ***May Regional Young Adult Social***

This month's social will be attending a Flying Squirrels Baseball game on Fireworks and Faith Night on **Saturday, May 18 at 6:05pm**. Purchase your ticket online and join us in the general admission area above section 205. Come out for a night of fellowship at the old ball game.

### ***RCIA***

Do You Know Someone Who Wants to Become a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), the process for entering the Catholic Church, is ongoing. Sessions are held approximately every other Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Parish Center. RCIA is now open for adults of the parish to audit, with the focus of the class remaining on those in the RCIA process. The next class is on Sacraments of Healing: Penance and Anointing of the Sick on May 21. Please see the parish website for details on the materials and to find a schedule.

### ***Tuesday Night Book Study***

A book study group meets on approximately the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the St. Gregory room of the Parish Center. The current book is A Catholic Introduction to the Bible: The Old Testament by John Bergsma and Brant Pitre. All adults are welcome! Please purchase a book individually online or contact Kevin Corcoran to purchase. Contact Rebecca Hickman at [rehickman@comcast.net](mailto:rehickman@comcast.net) or at 804-212-4786 for more information.

### ***Contact***

For more information, please contact Kevin Corcoran, the Director of Evangelization and Catechesis([kcorcoran@saintbenedictparish.org](mailto:kcorcoran@saintbenedictparish.org)).

### ***Military Appreciation***

In order to recognize our troops, keep in touch with them, and let them know that they are not forgotten, the Lily of the Holy Trinity Women's Society would like to periodically send cards and packages of treats to them. If you have a family member or friend in our Armed Forces and would like for them to recognize them with these items submit their name and address to Rebecca Hickman at [rehickman@comcast.net](mailto:rehickman@comcast.net) so that packages can be sent off to them. Please let them know that the Lilies are praying for them.

### ***Safe Environment Requirements***

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