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The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6th, 2017

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear People of God,

I hope and pray that all is well with you and your loved ones!

The Acts of the Apostles recounts in Chapter 6 that the early community of faith had to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit re-creating the Church. The origination of Deacons was not established in the first structures of our hierarchy. Rather, this new paradigm arose as the early Church sought new possibilities of ministry to care for God's people.

Further, throughout history the Holy Spirit has continued to guide us to new life as it was needed. The Monastic system of the Middle Ages is a perfect example of this. Likewise, various religious orders each sprung up as needs arose. Accordingly councils, synods, and other types of visionary modes of development were never structured by Jesus with the Twelve. Instead, they are also examples of the grace of the Holy Spirit bringing the new life of the Paschal Mystery to us.

All such growth has been energizing to God's people. However, this new life of the Paschal Mystery also has necessarily entailed the components of suffering and death. Change always incorporates all three elements of Jesus' own Paschal Mystery. Resurrection cannot happen without suffering and death.

We have been given an invitation to share in this Paschal Mystery of rising to new life. The shortage of Priests in our Diocese has led the Holy Spirit to grace us with pioneering a new paradigm of parochial ministry. One Priest shepherding two distinctly separate parishes is a new concept to us. Therefore, we must think in new ways.

Once a wise Pastoral Associate of mine, shared that the diminishing numbers of Priests was

the Holy Spirit's way of ensuring that the vision of the Second Vatican Council in "Gaudium and Spes" (The Church in The Modern World) came to fruition. I believe this insight with all of my being. The laity must become more active in the mission of the Church if we are to survive. How blessed we are to be invited to become agents of the Holy Spirit!

May God bless us in helping to develop a new model of ministry in our Diocese!

Faternally,



Rev. James D. Hreha
Pastor

Important Notes: The Office will be closed on Tuesday, August 15th, in honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will still be Adoration as usual on the Assumption.

LITURGY



Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given for all service members who are stationed overseas.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in loving memory of our deceased pastors.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns in prayer for victory in the war on terrorism.

Let Us Pray ...

For Our Sick ~

Week I	Marie Nardone
Week II	Lorraine Macasevich, Jennifer Pohren, Joseph Lepera
Week III	Mariann Pierson, Rick Novak, Betty Campbell, Toni Beyer, Dawn Acton
Week IV	Henry Passarotti, Sophia Wilson, Bertha Hudson, Deirdre Moor, Joseph Wagner
Week V	Samantha Lane, Paul Spirovich, Joe Dugan, Jimmy Callahan, Mary Fullerton
Week VI	Michelle Collier, Brenda Staub Lust, Donald & Geraldine Hreha

For Our Deceased~

Reverend William B. Kauffman, a priest of the Diocese of Wilmington

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



Mon. August 7 *Saint Sixtus II & Companions,
& Saint Cajetan*

8:30 Vicente Lim - Joe & Merla Buensuceso

Tues. August 8 *Saint Dominic*

8:30 Deceased Banack Family Members
- John & Sue Pokoiski

9 am - 9 pm Adoration
10:30 am DHCI Communion Service

Wed. August 9 *Saint Teresa Benedicte of the Cross*

8:30 Mary J. Burke - Rev. Paul Mast

Thurs. August 10 *Saint Lawrence*

8:30 Elaine Sharp - Tom & Jeanne McElrone
7 pm Flame of Love Rosary

Fri. August 11 *Saint Clare*

8:30 Christine Harvat - Ed & Mary Taubert

1:00 pm Pinnacle Mass

3:00 pm Divine Mercy

Sat. August 12 *Saint Jane Frances de Chantal*

8:30 Albert Scott - Tom & Jeanne McElrone

3:30 pm Confession

5 pm Matthew Orlando
- Joyce & Dieter Raczowski

Sun. August 13 *Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

8:00 Parishioners

10:00 Frederick Laskowski - Patti Tigani

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, is on Tuesday, August 15th. On this day we celebrate the fact that Mary (the Mother of Jesus) was taken up body and soul to Heaven. Pope Pius XII declared this essential teaching a dogma of the Church in his apostolic constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus*, in 1950.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality would like to invite all Parishioner's to join us in praying the Rosary before the Masses.

Mass Schedule for the Assumption

Monday, August 14th 5 pm Mass

Tuesday, August 15th 8:30 am, Noon, and 7:00 pm

Flame Of Love Rosary

Please join us in the Chapel on Thursday nights at 7 pm. We would like to share this lovely devotion to Our Lady, called the Flame Of Love Rosary. There will be copies to follow the rosary. Come with an open heart.

For additional information as well as to familiarize yourself to the movement, you can visit the website (Theflameoflove.org). Feel free to speak with

Roxanne Wharton (harpist). She can give you the Diary of Elizabeth Lindemann to read.

Novena to the Miraculous Medal

Beginning Saturday, September 2nd, we will pray the Novena to the Miraculous Medal following the 8:30 am Mass on the First Saturday of the Month. All are invited to pray this novena with us!

Help is needed at the Delaware Home for the Chronically Ill on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 12 pm. Mass is held at DHCI monthly and Communion Services on the other Tuesdays of the month. Extra helping hands are needed. Please contact Jack and Bridget O'Connell (302 - 653 - 0593) if you are interested. Thank you!

MISSION STATEMENTS

Ushers: Our mission is to provide general care of our worship space and to create an environment where all feel welcome. We will provide assistance to our fellow parishioners and visitors at St. Polycarp's by greeting all with a warm welcome, opening doors, assisting with seating, collecting the gifts of our community, coordinating special activities at liturgy, and providing any other assistance requested by the Pastor and Parish Staff.

The Mission Statement of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Our mission is to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful during Mass or to the homebound persons. Eucharistic ministers accept God's call to a significant responsibility as a representative to the presence of Christ and a challenge to grow more like Christ and be challenged by Him to live a more selfless life dedicated to service.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



The Food Pantry is asking for cereal, syrup, jelly, coffee, and small jars of mayo. Baskets/boxes are located at Church exits.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

A Reminder that PSR Begins Soon:

Grades P/K, 1-4 on Sunday, September 10th

Grades 5-8 on Tuesday, September 12th

VOCATIONS

One day, each of us will share the transfigured life of the Lord in the Kingdom of God. Until we get there, though, religious women, religious men, deacons and priests attempt to keep us focused on that new life through lives of holiness and service. Is God calling you to serve the Church in one of these vocations? If you think so, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, the Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302 - 573 - 3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations

*Please remember to keep
Seminarian Adam Bauer in your prayers.*

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

DEADLINE EXTENSION

As part of the **Diocese of Wilmington's 150th Anniversary Celebration**, a pilgrimage (with Bishop Malooly) to Annecy, Rome, and Assisi will take place April 16th - 26th, 2018. *Caravelle Tours has extended the deadline to Tuesday, August 15th.*

On this pilgrimage, you will have the opportunity to visit several important historical and religious locations: Annecy, Rome, and Assisi. **Annecy** is the birthplace of Saint Francis de Sales who is the patron saint of the Diocese of Wilmington, Delaware. **Rome** is home to Vatican City - the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, as well as the burial place of Blessed Pope Pius IX (the diocese's founder). **Assisi** is the birthplace of St. Francis, one of Italy's patron saints. *For more information about this affordable, once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage, including a day-to-day itinerary, exclusive features, and pricing, go to www.cdow.org/anniversary-pilgrimage.*

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM, and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, August 13th, Father John Solomon, Associate Pastor of Holy Cross Church in Dover and co-chairman of the Diocesan 150th Anniversary Pilgrimage Committee, will discuss the pilgrimage to Rome and Annecy that will take place in April 2018.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

The Academy

For information about our Academy (pre-school for ages 3 & 4) contact Nancy Koska at 653 - 1496.

Reserved Parking Spot It Could be Yours!



Have you ever noticed that there is a Reserved Parking Spot in our back lot? Annually, this spot goes to the top bidder at our Auction. Unfortunately, this spring we did not have an Auction since no one stepped forward to coordinate it. Therefore, we are continuing the tradition by putting the parking spot up to the highest bidder! You will have the reserved spot (with your name on it) for one year. Please submit your bid amount by **August 21st at 3pm** by emailing lisa.titus@saintpolycarp.org with the Subject Line: **"Parking Spot Bid"** or dropping it off at the office or in the collection basket labeled **"Parking Spot Bid"**. **All bids MUST be in writing. Get your bids in soon; we already have over 25 bids come in!** We will announce the winner at the end of August!

The **Parish Picnic** is Sunday, September 17th, following the 10:45 am Mass. Stay after Mass or come back to enjoy a meal and fun with your parish family!

The Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, and Sodality are supplying burgers, dogs, pulled pork, beverages, and cookies.

Can you bring a salad or side dish, ready to serve? Can you add to the dessert table? Sign-up sheets will be posted near the entrances with some suggested items on August 26th and 27th. You may also email busylady39@comcast.net or call 302 - 659 - 5317.

See you on September 17th!



Please remember to stop by the **Share the Harvest table** (under the Portico). All are welcome to share and receive.

9/11 Filled the bus! If you are interested in going, we do have a waiting list in the event that someone cancels. Contact Joan O'Drain (659 - 5317) or (busylady39@comcast.net) to have your name added to the list. **Our trip is on Thursday, September 28th.** Visit our website (under Bulletin Overflow) for more information.

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Marriage Moments: "And [Jesus] was transfigured before them, his face shone like the sun" (Mt 17:2). What is the most endearing physical feature of your beloved? Has it changed over the years?

Parenting Pointers: Read a book to (or with) your child that was a favorite when you were their age. Already did that? How about writing or telling a short story together.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

~ The **Building & Maintenance Committee** (BMC) really stays on top of their project list! Shimming the refrigerator in the Kitchen seems to have solved the problem of a non-closing door. The BMC has also attached a pedestal for the beautiful statue of Madonna and Child to the wall of the Chapel. (The statue was a gift from the BVM Sodality). The BMC affixed the large crucifix to the wall in the Library. In addition, there were seven other projects in process at the time of the last report.

~ The architect attended the last **Facilities Planning** meeting. He presented preliminary drawings for the new roof design, and the committee answered some questions that he had. The architect also proposed a few changes/revisions. The good news is that plans for the roof have started and we are making progress!

~ A third **Trivia Night** is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th. The profits are for the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Celebration in 2018.

STEWARDSHIP

	<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Poor Box</i>
Collections	\$5,247	\$514.19
eGiving	\$0	
Total	\$5,247	
Budgeted	\$6,955	
Over(Under)	(\$1,708)	

50/50 for July 30th, # 362 was drawn; there was no winner. Next week's prize is \$184.00.

eGiving Program

There has been a tremendous response in the first few months of kicking off our eGiving program. Thanks to everyone who has signed up! Please note, for those who have signed up, it will take at least a couple of months for your physical envelopes to be cancelled with the printing company but you will eventually stop receiving them in the mail.

St. Polycarp has partnered with Faith Direct to make it easier for you to be a good steward and to support our parish. Visit www.saintpolycarp.org, for a direct link to sign up or to print and fill out a paper enrollment form. Please consider supporting our parish electronically. May God continue to bless you and reward your generosity!

The **Cathedral of Saint Peter** is in need of our help. The weekend of **August 19th and 20th**, a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. For more information about the Cathedral, please visit the Cathedral's website at www.cathedralofstpeter.com. If you visit the diocesan website (www.cdown.org), you can view a video tour of the Cathedral, special video message from Father Klein the Cathedral's Administrator, and a tour of the Cathedral's 99 year-old organ.

This Week in Our Parish

- Sun. August 6 11am Agape (Hall)**
- Mon. August 7 1pm Sodality Meeting (Hall)
7pm CFC Meeting (Library)**
- Tues. August 8 7pm Liturgy Committee (Room 7)**
- Wed. August 9 9:30am Professional Staff Mtg.
7pm Pastoral Council Mtg. (Lib)**
- Thurs. August 10 11 am Seasons of Hope (Library)
1pm Columbiettes Office Mtg.
6:30pm Maintenance Comm. (Lib)
7 pm RCIA (Library)
7 pm Parish Leaders Mtg. (Hall)**
- Fri. August 11 9:15 am Altar Guild II
10 am Finance Council Executive
Committee (Pastor's Office)**
- Sat. August 12 3:30 pm Confession**

Are you in need of PEACE?

One recommendation is to go to Jesus' merciful heart. It is in His merciful loving heart that you will find peace. . . . **Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace** (*Diary*, 1074). The words in bold are Jesus' own words to Saint Faustina. Consider spending some time to draw near, in other words "**snuggle close**" to Jesus' heart during your visit to the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays in the St. Ann Chapel from 9 am to 9 pm.

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