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**Nineteenth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**PASTOR'S PEN**

*Dear People of God,*

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

*Last Friday we held a town hall meeting to discuss some of the changes that necessarily have to take place now that I have been entrusted with the care of a second parish. The biggest of these, of course, is the logistics of office hours, meeting times, and Mass schedules.*

*Going into a meeting such as this is tedious! No one will ever be totally happy with the changes. Each parish faces the temptation of anger over how life, both personal and communal, will be disrupted. The devil may have presented the temptation, but our parishioner choose the path of faith. Instead of thinking selfishly, they chose to let the Holy Spirit act in their hearts and minds.*

*Because of this choice, God was able to present me with several facts and possibilities that I had not previously considered. These have been resonating in my prayer filled discernment of the next stage of our parish' development. Once I finish this reflection and consultation process, I will promulgate a new Sacramental schedule at both Churches to be effective on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.*

*While all of the input was a blessing of the Holy Spirit in re-creating our Parish, there was an ever greater gift that I was given. There was an overwhelming concern by the flock for its Shepherd. This was totally unexpected and truly humbling! Folks*

*advised, knowing workaholic tendencies, not to create a schedule that would injure me - - - because then I would diminish both Churches.*

*Know that I am extremely grateful for this loving concern of those that I serve. It is evidence that you are a true community of faith who acts thinking of others before yourself. This fact exemplifies that the Gospel is not just idol words, but a way of life here. It is also great proof of how you are allowing God to re-create our Parish in the midst of this challenge.*

*May we continue to be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance as we continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Smyrna!*

*Fraternally,*



*Rev. James D. Hreha  
Pastor*



**HOLY DAY OF  
OBLIGATION  
THIS TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 15**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
On this day we celebrate the fact that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was taken up body and soul to Heaven.

**Mass Schedule for the Assumption**

**Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 5 pm Mass**  
**Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am, Noon, and 7:00 pm**

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

The Office will be closed on Tuesday, August 15th, in honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## LITURGY



Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given for those researching cures for cancer.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for all afflicted with multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, rheumatoid arthritis, and other crippling diseases.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns in prayer for the people who founded our parish in 1883.



**Mon. August 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe**  
**8:30** Christopher Ruff - Diane Bethard  
**5 pm** Joseph Orlando - Sue Orlando

**Tues. August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**8:30** Frances Shetzler - Dieter & Joyce Raczowski  
**9 am – 9 pm** Adoration  
**10:30 am** DHCI Communion Service  
**12 noon** Praxedes & Vincente Lim Sr.  
- Vincent & Dee Lim  
**7 pm** For healing- Reese Miller - Gibson Family

**Wed. August 16 Saint Stephen of Hungary**  
**8:30** 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - Joe & Lorraine Pokoiski

**Thurs. August 17**  
**8:30** Edward Saber - Rita Brown  
**7 pm** Flame of Love Rosary

**Fri. August 18**  
**8:30** James P. Zaccaria - Jack & Carol Molyneaux  
**3:00 pm** Divine Mercy

**Sat. August 19 Saint John Eudes**  
**8:30** Vincent Lim - Jill Mercer  
**3:30 pm** Confession  
**5 pm**

**Sun. August 20 Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**8:00** Nicholas Catanzaro - Connie Kenney  
**10:00** Parishioners

## Let Us Pray ...

### For Our Sick ~

**Week I** Michelle Collier, Brenda Staub Lust, Donald & Geraldine Hreha, Joseph & Dorothy Elitz, Gordon Hollander, Donald Watson

**Week II** Marie Nardone

**Week III** Lorraine Macasevich, Jennifer Pohren, Joseph Lepera

**Week IV** Mariann Pierson, Rick Novak, Betty Campbell, Toni Beyer, Dawn Acton

**Week V** Henry Passarotti, Sophia Wilson, Bertha Hudson, Deirdre Moor, Joseph Wagner

**Week VI** Samantha Lane, Paul Spirovich, Joe Dugan, Jimmy Callahan, Mary Fullerton

### Novena to the Miraculous Medal

Beginning Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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!

Mass Schedule for the First Weekend in September  
Saturday, September 2 at 5:00 pm  
Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Polycarp helps parishioners and anyone else in need of assistance in the Smyrna-Clayton-Townsend area. Our funds have recently run low and we are concerned about our ability to provide help to our neighbors in need. Will you please consider donating to the Poor Box today? The Poor Box is our primary source of funds. We are also in need of Food Gift cards (Acme or Food Lion). Checks should be made out to St. Vincent de Paul.

We are asking for your financial help to this critical ministry, but we would also greatly appreciate your time as a volunteer. For more information about becoming a Vincentian, please contact Lil Falmbach at 653 - 7086 or gracygirl47@comcast.net.

Thank you and God Bless  
Lillian Fambach, President

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The Food Pantry is asking for stuffing, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, and syrup. Baskets/boxes are located at Church exits.

### RESPECT LIFE

Are you considering joining the **40 Days for Life Campaign** starting Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>? Recently . . .

~ Mothers of two unborn babies told Life volunteers that they are keeping their babies due to the peaceful prayer and witnessing they saw in front of Planned Parenthood. *Two little lives saved!!*

~ Traffic passing us in front of Planned Parenthood are giving verbal encouragement/signs of support at a ratio of about 10 to 1! Great positive change from past years.

~ The City of Dover Police already has granted us an official written permit for our presence in front of Planned Parenthood.

Please consider joining us for the 40 Days Campaign. The little babies need you there for them. Contact Marcinda Haedge at 302 -697 -7065.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### Confirmation Class - Reminders

**First Class: Sunday, 8/27/17 at 5:30pm.**  
Student and at least one parent must attend.

**Universal Summer Family Road Trip: Due on first day of class.**

**FOR BRING IT HOME, MARRIAGE MOMENTS and PARENTING POINTERS visit our website - click on Bulletin Overflow.**

### VOCATIONS

In today's first reading, God uses a "tiny whispering sound" to call the prophet Elijah in the midst of wind, earthquakes and fire. He does the same today: in the midst of hundreds of cable and satellite channels and millions of internet websites, God still speaks gently. It takes discipline and desire to try to listen for His voice. How are you doing with that? If you would like to learn more, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, the Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302 - 573 - 3113 or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations/](http://www.cdow.org/vocations/)

## HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

### DEADLINE EXTENSION

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

Visit several important historical and religious locations: Anney, Rome, and Assisi. *For more information about this affordable pilgrimage, including a day-to-day itinerary, exclusive features, and pricing, go to [www.cdow.org/anniversary-pilgrimage](http://www.cdow.org/anniversary-pilgrimage).*

### JOB POSTINGS

The Diocese of Wilmington Catholic Charities' is seeking a

1. **Secretary I/Receptionist** to work in the Dover office of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities directs and coordinates the charitable and social service programs of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington.
2. **Fulltime Community Interventionist** to serve Kent and Sussex Counties to provide positive behavior interventions; training, support and group work to the children, youth and their families.

For more information [www.CareerBuilder.com](http://www.CareerBuilder.com) or visit the Diocesan website [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org).

On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese of Wilmington is hosting its **Annual Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage** at the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., from 10 am to 4 pm. All parishioners and priests are invited to join Bishop Malooly for this Diocesan Pilgrimage in the nation's spiritual capital and Shrine. contact Lorraine Marshalewski (302 - 653 -2278 or [marshalewski@live.com](mailto:marshalewski@live.com)) for more information.

## PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

The **Parish Picnic** is Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Come to enjoy a meal and fun with your parish family! Time to be announced! Visit our website for more information! You may also email [bustylady39@comcast.net](mailto:bustylady39@comcast.net) or call 302 - 659 - 5317.

## Running Late for Mass?

Fewer masses will also mean less parking spaces available. Get your bids in now for the Reserved



Parking Spot for your family. We are continuing the annual tradition from the Auction of 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 **Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at 3pm** by emailing [lisa.titus@saintpolycarp.org](mailto: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. We will announce the winner at the end of August!



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

*Did you notice the color in our Bulletin? Our contract with John Patrick Publishing Company has recently been renegotiated. We will now have the addition of color in our weekly Bulletin. This addition of color is at no expense to our parish! Our Bulletins are published at no cost to our parish. The advertisements on the back page cover the cost of publishing. Please check out the advertisements, and thank our local businesses! We hope you patronized their business!*

## STEWARDSHIP

	Offertory	Poor Box
Collections	\$6,946	\$285.93
eGiving	\$3,550	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,496</b>	
Budgeted	\$6,955	
Over (Under)	\$3,541	

	Maintenance	Cathedral of St. Peter	Feast of the Assumption
Collecti ons	\$1,245		
eGiving	\$155	\$105	\$85

Note: eGiving figures are reported twice a month.

**50/50** for August 6<sup>th</sup>, # 693 was drawn; there was no winner. Next week's prize is \$213.00.

## eGiving Program

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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**, 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 generous.

## This Week In Our Parish

**Sun. August 13 11:30am Music Rehearsal - Church**

**Mon. August 14 5pm Assumption Vigil Mass**

**Tues. August 15 OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses:**  
 8:30am, noon, 7pm  
 6:30 pm Finance Council - Library

**Wed. August 16 8am CPR Training - Library**  
 7pm Facilities Planning Comm - Library

**Thurs. August 17 9:30am Pastoral Staff Meeting**  
 11 am Seasons of Hope - Library  
 6:30pm Respect Life - Room 4  
 7 pm Flame of Love (Chapel)  
 7 pm Knights of Columbus Social - Hall

**Fri. August 18 9:15 am Altar Guild III**  
 5:30 pm Altar Server Training - Church

**Sat. August 19 3:30 pm Confession**

## What is the Flame of Love?

The Flame of Love is Jesus Himself! The urgency of this devotion is to pass on the Flame of Love to devout souls. As this happens, Satan will be blinded and the souls will find themselves able to respond to God's actual graces. An addition to the Hail Mary is as follows... *Spread the effect of Grace of the Flame of Love over all humanity.*

Please join us in the chapel at 7 pm every Thursday. Feel free to approach Roxanne Wharton (harpist) at any time, for some reading material.

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