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Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time August 27th, 2017

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear People of God,

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

The parishioners of both St. Polycarp and St. Dennis are to be commended for their participation in the process of discerning a new Sacramental schedule for their Churches. Both town hall meetings were a blessing in this journey of allowing the Holy Spirit to forge a new model of ministry in our present age. My gratitude goes out to all who not only provided input, but were also prayerfully present to the proceedings.

After the town hall meetings, the Pastoral Staffs of both parishes gathered for final discernment of what schedule would best serve the needs of each community. This meeting was also a blessing where the grace of God was clearly evident.

Starting the weekend of September 9th and 10th, the new Sacramental schedule will be:

At St. Polycarp Church:

Saturday: Confessions 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday: Mass 10:30 am
Monday thru Saturday Mass 8:30 am

At St. Dennis Church:

Sunday: Mass 7:30 am
Confessions 8:45 am – 9:15 am
Spanish Mass 4:00 pm
Thursday and Friday Mass 8:30 am

This schedule is possible thru the assistance of Fr. Paul Mast, who is a retired Priest of our Diocese and lives in our locale. He will be celebrating the Sacraments at both

Parishes, as will I. Fr. Mast brings a rich diversity with his 45 years of Priestly service. Please keep him in your prayers, (--- and be nice to him!) for without his ministry, further adaptations will be necessary.

While this new Sacramental schedule has been developed with the utmost care for both Parishes, not all will be happy with it. Change is never easy for us human beings. Therefore, to transcend beyond our human feelings, the faith is, as always, necessary. We usually see the Passion and Death of the Pascal Mystery first-up. Only then can we experience the new life of the Resurrection. None the less, all these are part of the same reality.

May the grace of God keep us focused on the promise of His love in the Pascal Mystery.

Fraternally,



Rev. James D. Hreha
Pastor

Mass Schedule for the First Weekend in September

Saturday, September 2nd, at 5:00 pm
Sunday, September 3rd, at 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

LITURGY



Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given for return to the sacraments by Catholics who have grown distant from the church.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for children who are suffering from violence in the Middle East.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns in prayer for parishioners who have heart disease.

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Let Us Pray ...

For Our Sick ~

Week I	Ralph Mullins, Sylvia Liddle, Sophia Wilson, Bertha Hudson, Deirdre Moor, John Houghton, Wayne Pajet, David Devincentis
Week II	Samantha Lane, Paul Spirovich, Joe Dugan, Jimmy Callahan, Mary Fullerton
Week III	Michelle Collier, Brenda Staub Lust, Donald & Geraldine Hreha, Joseph & Dorothy Elitz, Gordon Hollander, Donald Watson
Week IV	Marie Nardone
Week V	Lorraine Macasevich, Jennifer Pohren, Joseph Lepera
Week VI	Mariann Pierson, Rick Novak, Betty Campbell, Toni Beyer, Dawn Acton

Please Pray For Our Deceased ~

George Priestly, father of Carol Molyneaux
 Karen McKenna, daughter of John & Mary Ann Olenik

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on Tuesdays in the St. Ann Chapel from 9 am – 9 pm. Perhaps, you could offer prayers for all individuals suffering from the recent terrorist attacks.

What is the Flame of Love Devotion?

This all started during a time when Hungary had been facing persecution for many years. Elizabeth Kindelmann received messages from Jesus and Mary between 1961 – 1982. Together, they taught her the Flame of Love devotion. This devotion is church approved. EWTN and Catholic.org have a write up about the devotion. Please join us on **Thursday nights at 7pm** in the chapel. Roxanne Wharton (harpist) has the diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann to give you.

First Friday Mass is on Friday, September 1st. Following Mass there will Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Devotions to the Sacred Heart

The Novena to the Miraculous Medal begins on Saturday, September 2nd. The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality invites you to pray the Perpetual Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal every First Saturday following the 8:30 am Mass. Come share in our prayers and experience the tremendous grace of the Blessed Mother in her role as intercessor.



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Mon. August 28	Saint Augustine
8:30 Vicente Lim	- Fatima, Tin-Tin, and Ivy
Tues. August 29	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
8:30 Benjamin Hogan	- LaVerne Dykes
9 am – 9 pm Adoration	
10:30 am DHCI Communion Service	
Wed. August 30	
8:30 Catherine, William, Jack & Rosann Wallace	- Terri Dunn
Thurs. August 31	
8:30 Karen Catanzaro	- Connie Kenny
7 pm Flame of Love Rosary	
Fri. September 1	First Friday
8:30 Purgatorial Society	
9:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart Devotions	
3:00 pm Divine Mercy	
Sat. September 2	
8:30 Bud Kiefer	- Pat Malone
9:00 Novena to the Miraculous Medal	
3:30 pm Confession	
5 pm Parishioners	
Sun. September 3	Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00 Wilbert R. Petrilla	- Diane & Mike Dellinger
10:00 Sodality	

CORRECTION - The 8:30 am Mass on Wednesday, August 16th was for the intention of Joe & Lorraine Jackson on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. The Mass was requested by Joe & Sue Pokoiski.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



The Food Pantry is asking for cereal, juice boxes, mashed potato mixes, mayonnaise, and cooking oil. Baskets/boxes are located at Church exits.

RESPECT LIFE

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is on Saturday, September 9th. This prayer service is at the graves of aborted children at Cathedral Cemetery (2400 Lancaster Avenue in Wilmington, Delaware) at 10:00 am. On **September 3rd**, Mark Christian from Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Wilmington and Eric Scheidler from the www.saintpolycarp.org **PAGE TWO - 301**

Pro-Life Action League will discuss the upcoming Day of Remembrance for the victims of abortion on Catholic Forum at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM, and www.wdel.com.

40 Days for Life and Rachel's Vineyard will be sponsoring a day of reflection and growth for pro-life leaders and for all who are committed to the cause on Saturday, September 16th, at St. Helena's Church on Philadelphia Pike in North Wilmington. This year's speaker is Terry Beatley, head of the Hosea Institute. Contact Pat Radell at [302-723- 9254](tel:302-723-9254) or patradell@reagan.com for more information.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

We look forward to seeing our returning families and to meeting new families.

Our full calendar can be viewed on www.saintpolycarp.org. Click on Religious Education. Below is a list of our first classes. Students and at least one parent must attend.

Confirmation Class: Sunday, August 27 at 5:30 pm (Universal Summer Family Road Trip is due at this first class.)

PreK/K – Grade 4: Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 am

Grades 5-8: Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm

PSR Parent Organization

Patricia Freedman (Director of Religious Education) and Kristen Watts (Christian Formation Committee) are seeking parents interested in becoming more involved with their child's PSR education in order to form a PSR Parent Organization.

For more information, please reach out to Patricia Freedman (dre@saintpolycarp.org) or Judy Lamborn (assistdre@saintpolycarp.org).

Do you Feel Called to Serve as a PSR Classroom Catechist? Would you like your faith to grow? Contact our DRE, Patricia Freedman, by calling the parish office at 302-653-4101 or by email: dre@saintpolycarp.org.



The Gospel message this week is most often referenced to show the authority of the Church. This is a valuable truth to take from this

passage but there is also another truth that can be gleaned. Jesus asks his disciples, "But who do you say that I am?" During our life we may also be questioned about Christ's nature and who we claim Him to be. How will you respond to this challenge and to their questions? Have you prepared yourself to answer in a loving and truthful fashion? Remember you may be the only representation of Christ that these individuals will experience.

Vocations

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that Jesus has given to Peter and his successors the power to bind and to loose. One of the ways priests exercise that ministry is through the sacrament of Reconciliation, in which the faithful are freed from the binding effects of sin. God is calling men in our Diocese to serve as priests even now. Are you one of them? If you think so, please email or call Father Norm Carroll, the Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (vocations@cdow.org or 302 – 573 – 3113). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!



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

Reconciliation = Sacrament of Mercy and Healing

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

The **Saint Thomas More New Student Orientation** is on Wednesday, August 30th, at 5:30 – 7:30 pm. It's not too late to apply! Contact the admissions office today (www.saintmore.org).

11th Annual 5K NunRun/Walk!

The Delaware Knights of Columbus invite you to support the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor at the Jeanne Jugan residence by running in the **11th Annual NunRun 5K** on Saturday, September 16th, at 9 am in Newark, Delaware. Additional race information and registration forms are available online (www.NunRun5K.org). If you have questions or concerns, contact Jack Gordon by email (Jackgordon@temple.edu).

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On Saturday, September 30th, 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) for more information.

The **Parish Picnic** is Sunday, September 17th. 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 busylady39@comcast.net or call 302 - 659 - 5317.

STEWARDSHIP

August 20	Offertory	Poor Box	Feast of the Assumption
Collections	\$4,664	\$230.20	\$1,991
eGiving	\$1,752		\$65
Total	\$6,416.00		\$2,056
Budgeted	\$6,955.00		
Over (Under)	(\$539.00)		

	Cathedral of St. Peter	Parish Maintenance
Collections	\$809	
eGiving	\$50	\$100
Total	\$859	

Note: eGiving figures are reported twice a month.

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!

50/50 - Proceeds benefit PSR			
Date	Number Drawn	Winner	Next Week's Prize
August 20	1038	Robert Laigale	\$27.00

This Week in Our Parish	
Sun. August 27	5:30 pm Confirmation Class with Parents (Hall)
Mon. August 28	
Tues. August 29	
Wed. August 30	
Thurs. August 31	9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting
Fri. September 1	9:15 am Altar Guild I
Sat. August 26	Little Sisters of the Poor at all weekend Masses 3:30 pm Confession

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

Deadline for Bids Extended!

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. You will have the reserved



spot (with your name on it) for one year. In light of

the situation with the Mass schedule, the deadline is being extended. Please submit your bid amount by Monday, **September 25th, 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. We will announce the winner at the end of September!



Brother Vincent Columbiettes Holiday Craft Fair

Vendors of crafts are wanted for a HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, hosted by Brother Vincent Columbiettes at the Delaware State Troopers Association Route 13 (Messina Hill Road, Dover), on Saturday, November 4th, from 9 am to 2 pm. Any vendor interested should call Jill Mercer (302 - 653 - 3836 or 518 - 795 - 7579).

MARRIAGE MOMENTS - How wise, knowledgeable and beyond human understanding are the ways of God (Romans 11:33-36). What intellectual trait is your beloved strongest in? What about yourself?

PARENTING POINTERS - Have a memory party. Pull out old photographs or songs from your youth. Enjoy. Maybe even organize those loose photos or digital files.