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Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time September 10th, 2017

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear People of God,

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

As we begin a new chapter in the history of our parish, things will not be the same as always. Unfortunately, change must happen as one Priest serves as shepherd for two flocks. Please be patient with me as I adjust to serving a third master. In an attempt to balance my responsibilities with my parents, our parish and St. Dennis, I will not be able to continue some of the routines that have become part of the life of the community.

One of these will be my weekly column in the bulletin. When I was first made Pastor twenty-five ago, a wise Priest told me how time consuming a Pastor's Pen really was. In the three Parishes that I have shepherded I have come to understand his perspective. Each week, this is the biggest gift of love that I have given to God's people. (Sometimes it takes an hour to blend activities, pastoral perspective and humor.)

This will mean that the rest of the bulletin and our website become more important than ever. Long ago as our Councils, committees and ministries, were being re-born I instructed them on the importance of placing information or what happened at their meetings in the bulletin. Now they hopefully understand the importance of my instruction! Further, I urge all of our various ministries to

not only continue this practice, but to enhance it.

This collaborative vision must be one that we embrace more fully as we move forward in this new paradigm of parish! No longer will I be capable of informing you about the totality of our parish life. This is one of the reasons why our Cantors now make the announcements instead of the Pastor. As we progress forward we will discover ever new ways of living as a family of faith that cares for one another.

Know that it breaks my Father's heart that I will not be writing to you each week. I will try to work with the Pastor's Pen as best I can, but – it probably cannot be a part of both of my Parishes simultaneously. Please keep me in your prayers as I embark on this new chapter of my Priesthood.

May God continue to bless us as we strive to build His Kingdom here in Smyrna!

Faternally,



Rev. James D. Hrehia
Pastor

Next Sunday - Parish Picnic!



Our **Parish Picnic** is next Sunday, September 17th, right after the 10:30 Mass. Please join us for hamburgers, hot dogs, a pig roast, drinks, desserts, and all the wonderful food our parish is famous for!

There will be a bounce house, face painting, and a balloon toss for the kids. There will also be a DJ to entertain all of us.

Come rain or shine, we will be looking for you!

LITURGY

Mass & Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday:

Confessions 2:30 – 3:30 pm
 Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday:

Mass 10:30 am

Monday thru Saturday

Mass 8:30 am



Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for the victims of 9-11.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns in prayer for Father Paul Mast.

Let Us Pray ...

For Our Sick ~

Week I Lorraine Macasevich, Maureen Robinson, Helen & Larry Armstrong

Week II Betty Campbell, Mariann Pierson, Kathy Bruno, Jim Friel, Violet McKenna, Florence Scotto

Week III Ralph Mullins, Sylvia Liddle, Sophia Wilson, Bertha Hudson, Deirdre Moor, John Houghton, Wayne Pajet, David DeVincentis, Henry Passarotti

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

Week V Michelle Collier, Brenda Staub Lust, Donald & Geraldine Hreha, Joseph & Dorothy Eliz, Gordon Hollander, Donald Watson

Week VI Marie Nardone

Eucharistic Ministers

Due to the change in the Mass schedule, a **special meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers** will take place on **Wednesday, September 20th**, at 7 PM in the Church. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. If you, for any reason, will not be able to attend, please notify either Bob Fritzsche (653 - 8908; rfritzsche4301@verizon.net) or Joan O'Drain (659 - 5317; busylady39@comcast.net).

Please remember to keep Seminarian Adam Bauer in your prayers.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Mon. September 11

8:30 Damien Vaccacio & Police Office Moira Reddy
 - The Sloven Family

Tues. September 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

8:30 Trudy Kasubinski - husband Walter

9 am – 9 pm Adoration

10:30 am DHCI Communion Service

Wed. September 13

St. John Chrysostom

8:30 Mildred Colton - Brother Vincent Columbiettes

Thurs. September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 Benjamin Hogan & Daniel Hogan III

-Tom and Mary Ann Hopper

7 pm Flame of Love Rosary

Fri. September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 Bill Ruff - Harman Family

3:00 pm Divine Mercy

Sat. September 16

Salnts Cornelius and Cyprian

8:30 Living Birthday - Mark Tigani - Patti Tigani

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm Parishioners

Sun. September 17

Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

10:30 Emilio Glen Evangelista

- Fatima Evangelista

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on Tuesdays in the St. Ann Chapel from 9 am – 9 pm.

On the **16th Anniversary of September 11**, remember to pray for all those who lost their life and for all whose lives were forever changed by the terrorist attacks in 2001.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



The **Food Pantry** is asking for canned chicken, Spam, mac N Cheese, cooking oil, and coffee. Don't forget to bring in your coupons (no need to clip). The baskets/boxes are located at the Church exits. (*Feeding the hungry is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy.*)

Reminder: When mailing to the church, the new address is 55 Ransom Lane, Smyrna DE 19977

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

PreK/K – Grade 4: Sunday, September 10th (TODAY), at 9:00 am. **Grades 5-8:** Tuesday, September 12th, at 7:00 pm. Students and at least one parent must attend.

Confirmation Class: Sunday, September 10th (TODAY), at 5:30 pm in the Library

Our full calendar can be viewed on www.saintpolycarp.org. Click on Religious Education.

Do you Feel Called to Serve?

We are still in need of catechists. Contact our DRE, Patricia Freedman, by calling the parish office (302 - 653 - 4101) or by email (dre@saintpolycarp.org).

Catechetical Sunday will take place next Sunday, September 17th, at the 10:30 am Mass. This formal commissioning, takes place in parishes around the country. Catechists who serve in our parish will be recognized.



How does our parish attract inquirers each year who consider becoming Catholic?

The short answer is **you!!** When any parish has inquirers year after year, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit as parish members open their hearts to welcome others. It happens in parish families, in the workspace, in gatherings with friends and neighbors, and in daily contacts. Give thanks to God as he continuously strengthens each one of us who seek to do his will in offering a gentle, humble, and clear welcome to the Catholic faith. "Go out to all the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process will begin Thursday, October 5th, from 6:45 – 8:45 pm.

RCIA is for persons in need of Baptism, or for those Baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic, or for those Baptized Catholic's in need of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

Deacon Mike will be leading this process. You can contact him at Deacon.Mike.Boyd@gmail.com or through the parish office.

Deacon Mike Boyd Sr., OFS

VOCATIONS

If you think God might be calling you to serve the Church as a priest, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573 - 3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

HAPPENING In our DIOCESE

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. www.NunRun5K.org

Founded in 1704 by Jesuit priests, **St. Francis Xavier (Old Bohemia)** is one of the oldest permanent Catholic establishments in the English Colonies and is considered the mother church of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington.

All are invited to join in the celebration of Mass next Sunday, September 17th, at 4:00 pm (1640 Church Road, Warwick, MD). For more information 302 - 328 - 4803.

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. Contact Lorraine Marshalewski (302 - 653 -2278 or marshalewski@live.com) for more information.

Job Posting

The Diocese of Wilmington/Catholic Charities seeks a full time **Billing Coordinator** (35 hours a week) at the Wilmington Office. For more information or to apply, see the posting on www.CareerBuilder.com. Visit our website at www.cdow.org

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

A few seats for the **9/11 Museum Bus Trip** have become available. The date is Thursday, September 28th. For additional information or to sign up for the trip contact Joan O'Drain: 659-5317 odrain709@comcast.net, busylady39@comcast.net www.saintpolycarp.org PAGE THREE- 301



St. Polycarp Parish Directory:

This parish directory will be a treasured collection of memories and our history – reflective of this parish community. This directory will allow all of us to put names with faces enabling us to build a stronger parish community. See inserts for more information!

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. 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!

Our Annual Forum takes place on Sunday, September 24 following the 10:30 am Mass.

STEWARDSHIP

Our **second collection this weekend** is to aid victims of **Hurricane Harvey**. Bishop Malooly has asked all Catholic parishes in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore to participate in this collection.

The **September 16th – 17th second collection** benefits our **Parish School of Religion**. Our PSR could not sustain itself solely on the support of enrolled families. Please be as generous as possible. Your contribution to our PSR today reflects not only your commitment to the Spiritual Works of Mercy but will also help strengthen the foundation of our Church of tomorrow.

September 3	Offertory	Poor Box
Collections	6,039.25	182.00
eGiving	-	
Total	6,039.25	
Budgeted		
Over (Under)		

September 3	Little Sisters of the Poor
Collections	See next week's Bulletin

A Note about Collection Envelopes.....

In light of the mass schedule changes, the Pastor at St. Polycarp & Pastor at St. Dennis have agreed that if you attend mass at St. Dennis, your St. Polycarp envelopes will be returned to St. Polycarp (and vice versa). Or sign up for eGiving!

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.

50/50 – Proceeds benefit PSR			
Date	Number Drawn	Winner	Next Week's Prize
September 3	312	None	\$54.00

This Week In Our Parish	
Sun. September 10	
9 am PSR Grs. P-4 First Class (Rms. 1-8, Library, Hall, and Church)	
10:30am BVM Sodality Corporate Communion	
5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Library)	
Mon. September 11	
11:30 am Sodality (Hall and Church)	
12:30 pm Academy 4's	
7 pm RCIA (Library)	
Tues. September 12	
12:30 pm Academy 4's	
7 pm Liturgy Committee (Rm. 7)	
7 pm PSR Grs. 5-8 First Class (Rms. 1-6, 8, Library, Hall, and Church)	
Wed. September 13	
9 am Academy 3's	
9:30 am Professional Staff Meeting (Library)	
12:30 pm Academy 4's	
7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)	
Thurs. September 14	
9 am Academy 3's	
12:30 pm Academy 4's	
1 pm Columbiettes Officer Meeting	
6 pm Girls Scouts #547 (Rm. 6)	
6:30 pm Maintenance Committee (Room 4)	
Fri. September 15	
9 am Academy 3's	
9:15 am Altar Guild III	
12:30 pm Academy 4's	
Sat. September 16	
2:30 pm Confession	