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Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time September 17th, 2017

Sunday, September 17th FUN and FOOD at the Parish Picnic!

Our **Parish Picnic** is this Sunday, September 17th (TODAY), 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!

Sunday, September 24th

Following the 10:30 am Mass, all parishioners are invited to attend the **Parish Annual Forum** in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be available. The Annual Forum is a Parish gathering with speakers from the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, and Parish Staff who will inform the parish



community of the state of the parish and what they have been doing for the last year. An update on the "Hopes and Dreams" from last year's forum will be included. After listening to the speakers, the parishioners will be asked for their "Hopes and Dreams" for the parish in the future.

Please plan on joining in this important time for our family of faith. It is only together that we can build the Kingdom of God here at St. Polycarp.

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 7pm in the Church. It is important that everyone attends. If you, for any reason, will not be able to attend, notify Bob Fritzsche (653 - 8908; rfritzsche4301@verizon.net) or Joan O'Drain (659 - 5317; busylady39@comcast.net).

Mass Schedule

ST. POLYCARP

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

ST. DENNIS

Sunday: Mass 7:30 am & Mass 4:00 pm
Thursday and Friday
Mass 8:30 am

LITURGY



Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given for young couples preparing for marriage.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for members of our parish confined to their homes or institutions.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns in prayer for the intentions of our parish staff.



Mon. September 18

8:30 Ladies of the Parish

Tues. September 19

8:30 David Yeager - Jack & Carol Molyneaux

9 am - 9 pm Adoration

10:30 am DHCI Communion Service

Wed. September 20 *Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions*

8:30 Mildred Colton - Mary Ann Goodine

Thurs. September 21

8:30 35th Wedding Anniversary for Pete & Barbara Lazartic
- John & Sue Pokoiski

7 pm Flame of Love Rosary

Fri. September 22

8:30 Gloria Moglioni - Patricia Webb

1:00 Pinnacle Communion Service

3:00 pm Divine Mercy

Sat. September 23

8:30 Joseph Dugan Jr. - Patricia Freedman

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm Mike McCusker, Lorrie Siegel, and Deacon Michael Siegel - Helen McCusker

Sun. September 24

10:30 Parishioners *Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

Let Us Pray ...

For Our Sick ~

Week I Rick Novak, Marie Nardone, Cletus A. Boyd

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

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

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

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

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

For Our Deceased ~

Mary Kelley, mother of parishioner Bruce Kelley
Peter Bonsignore, Jr. - parishioner

Flame of Love Rosary

Our Lady once said *"If you knew the importance of the Rosary, you would never put it down!"* Our Lady gave us the Flame of Love Rosary to blind Satan and save souls. This devotion emanates from Mary's heart. The flame is Jesus...Jesus is love, wanting to leap out into our hearts. Please join us in the chapel on Thursday nights at 7 pm. Roxanne Wharton, the harpist, has The Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann for you.

LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

Our last meeting took place on Tuesday, August 8th. Several topics were discussed. We talked about Evangelization and Ecumenism. (The main question discussed was "What can we learn and adopt from other churches in our community without compromising our Catholic teachings and identity?"). Other topics discussed were the 50th Anniversary Celebration and the connection to UME Centennial Church in Smyrna; proposed Special Blessings (for Grandparents, etc.); Sub-Committee Mission Statements; and Lay Ministry *Ablutions* (which will be discussed in the Bulletin shortly).

SOCIAL CONCERNS



The **Food Pantry** is asking for cereal bars, water bottles, 16 oz. drink packets (Crystal Light), individual peanut butter (snack size), and Chef Boyardee pasta. The baskets/boxes are located at the Church exits.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

About Catechetical Sunday, September 17th

For 40 years, bishops have promoted the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and aided parishes in honoring those who serve as catechists. Catechetical Sunday reminds all baptized persons of their role in witnessing the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Why Celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

The US bishops have designated the third Sunday of September as *Catechetical Sunday*. This date coincides with the renewing of programs in many parishes as summer ends.

What Does "Catechetical" Mean?

Though we are most familiar with the word "catechism" being associated with a book of questions and answers, its root meaning is much broader. It means, *"to echo, to ring out, to resound."* It means to acknowledge, restate, and live out the gift of faith entrusted to us.

Why Is There a Special Sunday?

The celebration of this Sunday makes clear that the catechetical ministry is special, with a profound dignity and importance; a ministry, which carries a serious responsibility in sharing the faith with love, clarity, and compassion.

Who Is Recognized on Catechetical Sunday?

The formal commissioning, which takes place on Catechetical Sunday in parishes around the country, honors catechists who serve in St. Polycarp's Parish School of Religions (PSR) as well as our RCIA team, baptismal preparation team, the Children's Liturgy of the Word team, and our Academy Director. While this day may focus on those who formally serve as catechists, at the same time – it highlights the special role of parents, grandparents, and others who make Catholic homes places where the young may grow in wisdom, age, and grace.

Thank you, Catechists!

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).



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.



The Academy
(our weekday pre-school program for 3 & 4 year old children) has a few openings. Call Nancy Koska at (302)653-1496 or (302)653-8279 for more information or to register!

VOCATIONS

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans (and us) that *"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord."* While that is true for all of the baptized, some are called to live lives consecrated for the service of the Church as priests, deacons, or religious. If you think God might be inviting you to some form of consecrated life, 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 In our DIOCESE

St. Dennis Church (154 North Main Street, Galena, MD, 21635) – the **Annual Pasta Dinner** is in the Hall on Saturday, October 7th from 4 – 7 pm. The dinner includes baked ziti with meatballs, sausage, and peppers; salad, bread, iced tea, and lemonade. BYOB. Gluten free pasta will be available. Baked goods will be available for sale. The cost is \$10 advance ticket, \$12 at door. The cost for tickets for children 7 – 12 years old will be \$6, free for children under 7 years of age. Contact Jim Bricker (717 – 575 – 1235) for tickets.

The **100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima ROSARY RALLY** is on Saturday, October 14th at 12:00pm on the front lawn of **St. Dennis Catholic Church** (Route 213, Galena, MD). All Kent, Queen Anne's, and Cecil County parishioners are encouraged to join this public prayer (bring a chair if preferred).

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.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

The **Walk + run 4 life** (a 5K walk or run) is on Saturday, September 23rd, at the Delaware Technical Community College in Dover. The fee is \$15 and supports the **Pregnancy Help Center of Kent County**. To register, visit kentcountyphc.com. For questions, call 302 – 264 – 9087 or email phckc@comcast.net.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

SEATS AVAILABLE: 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.

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!
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~ PARISH FAMILY ~

The **St. Polycarp 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.

St. Polycarp Church 2017 Census - It has been quite a few years since St. Polycarp Church has conducted a census. We have developed a new form which we believe is a great improvement over the old form. It will be much easier to complete. Even though you have registered in the past, information changes - people move, contact information changes, and children become adults. Copies of our new census form will be inserted in next week's bulletin. We ask all to fill it out and return it. You will also receive an email with a fillable attachment that you will be able to complete and return to us via email. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

These opportunities will help us be united as a parish family as we build the Kingdom of God together!

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 10	102	Katherine Kaczmarek	\$27.00

This Week in Our Parish

Sun. September 17

9 am PSR Grs. P-4 (Rms. 1-8 and Library)
 10:30am Mass – Catechetical Sunday
 Commissioning
 11:30am Parish Picnic

Mon. September 18

12:30 pm Academy 4's
 6 pm Knights 1st Degree (Hall)
 6:30 pm Columbiettes (Library)

Tues. September 19

12:30 pm Academy 4's
 6:30 pm Finance Council (Room 7)
 7 pm PSR Grs. 5-8 (Rms. 1-6, 8, and Library)

Wed. September 20

9 am Academy 3's
 9 am ORE/DRE (Hall)
 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting
 12:30 pm Academy 4's
 1:45 pm ORE/DRE Mass (Church)
 7 pm Extraordinary Minister Meeting (Church)
 7 pm Facilities Planning Committee (Library)

Thurs. September 21

9 am Academy 3's
 11 am Seasons of Hope (Library)
 12:30 pm Academy 4's
 6:30 pm Respect Life (Room 4)
 7 pm Knights of Columbus – Social (Hall)

Fri. September 22

9 am Academy 3's
 9:15 am Altar Guild IV
 12:30 pm Academy 4's

Sat. September 23

2:30 pm Confession
 4 pm Knights of Columbus Installation of Pastoral and Finance Council Members

STEWARDSHIP

The **second collection** this weekend (September 16th and 17th) benefits our **Parish School of Religion**.

September 10	Offertory	Poor Box
Collections	\$4,682	\$286
eGiving	\$3,730	\$60
Total	\$8,412	\$346
Budgeted	\$7,225	
Over (Under)	\$1,187	

September 3 and 10	Little Sisters of the Poor	Hurricane Harvey	Utilities
Collections	\$3,681	\$2,028	\$693
eGiving			\$145
Total			\$848

eGiving totals are reported twice a month.

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!