

Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time October 22nd, 2017

CONGRATULATIONS

Parishioner Ben Walters was presented with the Diocesan Medal of Merit Award by Bishop Malooly at a ceremony at St. Joseph's in Middletown, for his tireless work here at St. Polycarp. Ben and his family have been registered parishioners since 1995. He has served on various committees throughout the years and currently serves on the Facilities Planning Committee. Ben is also a Eucharistic Minister for the Liturgy and for the Homebound. He is a devoted member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (St. Polycarp Chapter). Sir Knight Ben Walters is an honorary life member of the Brother Vincent Council Knights of Columbus & charter member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly.

As a parish, we thank you for all you do!

LET US PRAY



Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given in prayer for young women contemplating abortion.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for the conversion of all who advocate abortion or participate in the destruction of unborn babies.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns in prayer for victims of racial hatred.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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| Mon. October 23 | Saint John of Capistrano |
| 8:30 Mark Cartwright | - Bob & Janet Alexander |
| Tues. October 24 | Saint Anthony Mary Claret |
| 8:30 Benjamin Hogan | - BVM Sodality |
| 9 am – 9 pm Adoration | |
| 10:30 DHCI Communion Service | |
| Wed. October 25 | |
| 8:30 Ronald Lee Eskridge | - Bob & Janet Alexander |
| Thurs. October 26 | |
| 8:30 David & Robert Abernathy | - Frances Abernathy |
| 7 pm Flame of Love Rosary | |
| Fri. October 27 | |
| 8:30 Ruth Williams | - Mary Ann Goodine |
| 3:00 pm Divine Mercy | |
| Sat. October 28 | Saints Simon & Jude |
| 8:30 Theresa Carney | - Lori & Andrew Ostrowski |
| 2:30 pm Confession | |
| 4 pm Margaret & Kenneth Burke | - Roy & Janice Arrighi |
| Sun. October 29 | Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time |
| 10:30 am Matthew Orlando | - Andres & Phyllis Ortiz |

...For our Sick & Deceased

Our Sick ~

- Week I** Lorraine Macasevich, Maureen Robinson, Helen & Larry Armstrong, Brad Ganson, David DeVincentis
- Week II** Betty Campbell, Mariann Pierson, Kathy Bruno, Jim Friel, Violet McKenna, Florence Scotto, Wayne Paret, Benjamin Mark Wilson III.
- Week III** Sophia Wilson, Bertha Hudson, Deirdre Moor, Kenneth Bullins, Bobby Bullins, T.J. Woolwine, Susan Skaggs, Annie Jones, Toni Schiavoni, James Dean
- Week IV** Samantha Lane, Paul Spirovich, Joe Dugan, Jimmy Callahan, Mary Fullerton, Pat Gibson
- Week V** Donald & Geraldine Hreha, Michelle Collier, Joseph & Dorothy Eliz, Gordon Hollander, Donald Watson
- Week VI** Rick Novak, Marie Nardone, Cletus A. Boyd

Our Deceased ~

Parishioner Irene Willey-Bryk
Rev. Anthony F. Greco, retired priest of the Diocese.

LITURGY



LOOKING TO THE LIGHT

Article 6 / Window 5:

Article 6: "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Christ's ascension into heaven marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain (Acts 1:11).

Symbols:

Standard and Cross of Resurrection – The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his Ascension into heaven to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Paschal Lamb – The lamb represents Jesus' sacrifice for all of us.

Flames of the Holy Spirit remaining with us – Jesus Christ, having entered into heaven once and for all, intercedes for us as the mediator who assures us of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (#667- Catechism of the Catholic Church).

Spring Flower of New Life – Jesus precedes us into the Father's kingdom, so that we may live in the hope of one day being with Him.



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLoW) is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for children in Grades Pre-K through Grade 4 at the 10:30am Mass.

No pre-registration is necessary!

Just before the Liturgy of the Word begins for the assembly, these children are invited to go with the prayer leaders to the hall or library where they will hear the Sunday readings in words they can understand. They will return to the congregation after the Creed.

Looking ahead -

November 1, Feast of All Saints, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is:
 Tuesday, October 31st (Vigil Mass) at 4:00 pm
 Wednesday, November 1st at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm
November 2nd, All Souls Day, Mass at 8:30 am.

When Our Lord gave St. Gertrude the following prayer, she was told it would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen

As Catholics, we believe that, when these souls reach Heaven, in gratitude they will pray for the living. Please fill out our All Souls Novena envelopes to have Masses offered on behalf of these precious souls.

Flame of Love

The Flame of Love devotion has four parts:

- ~ Go to confession.
- ~ Receive Holy Communion.
- ~ Say a five decade Rosary.
- ~ Meditate on one mystery for 15 minutes.

All four parts must be done with the intention of reparation for sins against Mary's Immaculate Heart. Flame of Love believes that this is a very important request. Come join us to pray this devotion on Thursday nights, in the chapel at 7 pm. See Roxanne Wharton, our harpist for more information.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



The **Food Pantry** is asking for juice, jelly, dry soup, mac and cheese, pancake mix (water only) and syrup. Do not forget to bring in your coupons (no need to clip). Please, no expired food. Baskets can be found at the doors.

BABY BOTTLES CAMPAIGN



Remember to fill the baby bottles with your change. Return all bottles on the weekend of October 28th and 29th. These funds will be donated to the Dover Pregnancy Help Center to address the needs of pregnant women in our area. This is an easy opportunity to help save mothers and their babies from the alternative of abortion.

Puerto Rico Aid Relief

Gov. John Carney, the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), Delaware State Police, and the Delaware Citizen Corps have launched a campaign to gather donated supplies to aid relief efforts in Puerto Rico. See "Bulletin Overflow" on www.saintpolycarp.org for more information.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Interested in Becoming Catholic ?



If I am interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and possibly becoming a Catholic, what should I do? Contact Deacon Mike at Deacon.Mike.Boyd@gmail.com.

More information is available on our parish website (www.saintpolycarp.org) under the "Become Catholic" heading. RCIA meets Thursdays in the hall at 7pm.

St. Jude Children's Hospital Bike-a-thon

Thirty-nine children participated in our annual Bike-a-thon last Sunday. Thank you to all our riders, stroller pushers, walkers, volunteers and donors!



Vocations

Come And Seek! Are you being called to the Priesthood? You are invited to socialize, talk, and hang out with priests, and men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest. Find out about the amazing life of the Priesthood. You will meet young men like yourself who are asking the same question: *Is Jesus calling ME to be a Priest?*

CAS - South will meet at 6:30 pm at St. John the Apostle Church (506 Seabury Drive, Milford, DE) on October 23rd. Contact Father John Solomon (302 - 674 -5787 or fatherjohnsolomon@gmail.com).

Thank a Priest on Priesthood Sunday – October 29.

Priesthood Sunday is a time to show appreciation to our parish priests for all that they do for us. Is there a better way to say “thank-you” than to remember Father in prayer? The Diocesan Vocations Guild (DVG) of the Diocese of Wilmington invites you to commit to praying for our parish priests, seminarians, or our Bishop. There is a free downloadable spiritual bouquet certificate available online (www.cdown.org/DVG). You have the ability to print the certificate out and to fill in the necessary information, and then present it to your priest on Priesthood Sunday, or any time of year!

HAPPENING In our DIOCESE

The **San Marcos Guatemala Sister Diocese** visits St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (Bear, DE) on Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 pm. Our Diocese has enjoyed a sister relationship with the diocese for the past 15 years. All are invited to attend. For more information or questions, call 302 – 559 – 7766 or email maryjofrohlich@gmail.com.

"Were you in the 1962 Class of St. Thomas the Apostle Grade School in Wilmington, Delaware?"

We are having a happy hour reunion on Friday, October 27th from 4 pm – 6 pm at Big Fish Grill on the Riverfront (720 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE). Spouses and significant others are welcome! To RSVP or get more information, the POC is Jay Fresconi at jfresconi@comcast.net. Please spread the word and we look forward to seeing you soon!"

The **Annual Christmas Bazaar at St. Dennis Church** (154 N. Main St. Galena, MD) will feature a craft fair, silent auction, raffle drawing, home-baked goods, and a white elephant sale on November 4th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be served all day. A table costs \$20 or two tables for \$35.

Saint Thomas More Academy (STMA) Placement Test will take place on Saturday, December 2nd, at 8:00 am and Sunday, December 3rd, at 12:00 pm. Register online at <http://wilmingtonn.stsusers.com>. Merit Scholarships are based on the December 2nd and 3rd HSPT results.

St. Polycarp will be participating in the **Town of Smyrna Trick or Trick Safe Zone** on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 6-8 pm at the corner of Market St Plaza and the area of the John Bassett Moore Intermediate School. The Smyrna Police Dept. is partnering with local business, churches and organizations to provide this safe zone. Several of our ministries will be passing out candy. This event will include a DJ, bouncy house and other family friendly activities. The event is free to the public. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and keep our children safe. So bring all those kiddies and make sure you stop by the St. Polycarp table. Happy Halloween!!

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

The **Parish Office** will be closed on Wednesday, November 1st, in honor of the Feast of All Saints.

"CRAFT FAIR, Come One...Come All to the Annual Holiday Craft Fair sponsored by Brother Vincent Columbiettes, at the **STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION**, Messina Hill Road, Rt. 13, Dover, DE. Shopping is open to the general public from 9:00AM to 2:00PM, **Saturday November 4, 2017**. Gifts and beautiful items will be available to purchase from the many vendor booths. For information contact Jill Mercer (302-653-3836 or 518-795-7579).



The **St Polycarp Parish Annual Fall Cleanup** is on Saturday, November 4th, from 9am – 2 pm. Please bring a rake, blowers, gloves,

and your friends. We appreciate any amount of time you are able to give. We need as many hands as possible. Please text or call Michael Pyle (302 – 423 – 9732), or email him (mjpyle58@msn.com) so we can know how many folks to expect. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.



Come join Richard Schauer, Trivia Master, and your friends for a night of **TRIVIA FUN** on Saturday, November 4th. Round up your own team of up to eight players or come alone and join a team. Proceeds will go toward our parish 50th Anniversary celebration. After the 4:00 pm Mass, the Knights of Columbus will sell light fare, beverages, and snacks. Trivia will start at 6:30 pm. No reservations necessary! For information, call Eleanor Schauer (302 – 229 – 6728).



Please join the **St. Polycarp team** for the **2nd Annual Bishop's 5K Run/Walk** on Saturday, November 18th, at Bellevue State Park in Wilmington to benefit Catholic Charities. Last year was a great time! Our team placed in various categories. Sign up at <https://runsingup.com/RaceGroups/35468/Groups/404607> or go to <https://www.ccwilm.org/events/10/the-bishops-5k-runwalk/> for more information about the event. Hope you can join us!

In May 2018, **St. Polycarp will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary**. The Commemorative Committee is providing several items for sale to mark this special year. A color picture of the t-shirt can be seen on our webpage – go to “Bulletin” and use the drop down menu for “Commemorative Items”. These two items (shirt and Cat’s Meow Village keepsake of our church) will be available in time for Christmas gift giving. You are able to print out the order form from the same web page or stop by the office to pick up one.

“Writing a Spiritual Will Workshop”

Have you written your Last Will & Testament? It is a legally binding document outlining how you wish your tangible wealth to be distributed among the family you leave behind. The focus is on the wealth of your life as it pertains to what you earned. How about a *Spiritual Will*? It is a non-legal letter written for your loved ones. Its purpose is to pass on values, wisdom, faith, stories, wishes, advice or other important information. A legal will addresses: *What do I want my loved ones to have?* A spiritual will addresses: *“What do I want my loved ones to know?”* A *Spiritual Will* upholds the truth that what you learned in life is as valuable as what you earned. A *Spiritual Will* invites people to reflect on your life journeys, and share some of what you have seen and learned with those you love. It may be a way of bringing to closure estrangement from a family member, an unresolved hurt, as well as freedom from an inner burden, sadness, an unshared joy, etc.

Fr. Paul Mast will conduct a five-step workshop on how to create your *Spiritual Will* on Saturday, November 11th, from 9 am to 12 noon. It is limited to thirty people. A \$10 registration fee will pay for workshop materials. **Please call the office and register by Friday, November 3rd.**

PASTORAL COUNCIL

St. Polycarp Parish Directory

Lifetouch Photography has already started photographing our parish community for our upcoming Parish Directory. Please check your calendar for scheduled dates and times. If you did not get a chance to schedule yet, do not worry! Extra photography dates have been added: November 8th and 9th. This is your last chance to be a part of the directory and update those family memories. Please contact Cindy Kennedy (653 – 7525) for more information.

St. Polycarp Church 2017 Census

All completed Registration forms should be in. If you have not yet filled out a registration form, please take the time today to do so. Place the completed forms in a marked container at the entrances to Church. You can also go to our website, www.saintpolycarp.org, click on the picture of Mary and Joseph, and fill out the registration form. Make sure you read the directions carefully. Thank you for your cooperation!

STEWARDSHIP

October 15	Offertory	Poor Box	World Missions
Collections	\$4,524	\$195.45	\$721
Budgeted	\$7,330		
Over (Under)	(\$2806)		

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.

50/50 – Proceeds benefit PSR

Date	Number Drawn	WINNER	Next Week's Prize
October 15	44	None	\$49.50

This Week in Our Parish

Sun. October 22

9 am PSR Grs. P-4 (Rms. 1-8 and Library)
 10 am Photo Directory (Hall)
 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Library)
 5:30 pm Confirmation Class Contract Signing (Library and Church)

Mon. October 23

12:30 pm Academy 4's
 4 pm Photo Directory (Hall)

Tues. October 24

12:30 pm Academy 4's
 5:30 pm Intermediate Sacramental Prep (Rm. 5)
 7 pm PSR Grs. 5-8 (Rms. 1-6, 8, and Library)

Wed. October 25

9 am Academy 3's
 12:30 pm Academy 4's
 6:30 pm Squires (Library)
 6:45 pm Children's Liturgy of the Word Team Meeting (Room 4)

Thurs. October 26

9 am Academy 3's
 11 am Seasons of Hope (Library)
 12:30 pm Academy 4's
 6 pm Girl Scouts #547 (Room 6)
 7 pm Knights Officers Meeting (Library)
 7 pm RCIA (Hall)

Fri. October 27

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

Sat. October 28

10 am Children's Halloween Party (Hall)
 2:30 pm Confessions

Visit our webpage ([Bulletin Overflow](#) –drop down box) to see how our PSR children have lived their Faith this week and for information about our Children's Offertory Envelopes.