

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017



Give Thanks
with a Grateful Heart!

Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at St. Dennis Church in Galena, MD at 8:30 am. There will not be a Mass here on Thanksgiving Day. (See last week's Bulletin on our website for details.)

The offertory collection for Thanksgiving is for our *St. Vincent DePaul Society* to assist families in need. During the winter months and holiday season they rely on your generosity. The envelopes for St. Vincent de Paul may be placed in our offertory baskets at any mass or dropped off at the office. Envelopes for St. Vincent DePaul may also be placed in the offertory baskets at St. Dennis. They will be returned to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

IMPORTANT NOTES

There is **NO PSR** on Tuesday, November 21st or Sunday, November 26th.

Parish Offices close at NOON on Wednesday, November 22nd. Parish Offices will also be closed on Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

NO Flame of Love Rosary on Thursday, November 23rd.

PARKING LOT EXPANSION

Reminder! For your safety - do not use driveway next to the building if equipment is running. Thank you!



LET US PRAY



Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given in prayer for all the blessings we have received.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for the medical and support staff in our area hospitals.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns in prayer for members of our volunteer fire companies and their families who make so many sacrifices for us.

Flowers are given this weekend at the request of Walter K. in honor of wife, Trudy.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Mon. November 20	
8:30 Dawn Acton - Living Intention	- Nancy Fox
Tues. November 21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 Rita Vidotto	- Donna, Victoria, Nora, Gina, & Jim
9 am - 9 pm Adoration	
10:30 DHCI Communion Service	
Wed. November 22	Saint Cecilia
8:30 Trudy Kaszubinski	- Walter Kaszubinski
Thurs. November 23	Thanksgiving Day
NO MASS	
Fri. November 24	Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
8:30 Donald Wiley	- Wiley Family
3:00 pm Divine Mercy	
Sat. November 25	Saint Catherine of Alexandria
8:30 Charles & Joan Helmer - Living Intention	
65th Wedding Anniversary	- Gregory & Monica Haven
2:30 pm Confession	
4 pm Sophia Michalek	- Saporito Family
Sun. November 26	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)
10:30 am Parishioners	

...For our Sick & Deceased

Our Sick ~

- Week I** Sophia Wilson, Bertha Hudson, Deirdre Moor, James Dean
- Week II** Joseph & Dorothy Eliz, Gordon Hollander, Lucinda Buxton, George Kaliyadan, Donald & Geraldine Hreha, Michelle Collier
- Week III** Samantha Lane, Paul Spirovich, Joe Dugan, Jimmy Callahan, Mary Fullerton, Pat Gibson, Don Watson
- Week IV** Marie Nardone
- Week V** Lorraine Macasevich, Maureen Robinson, Helen Armstrong, Brad Ganson, David DeVincences
- Week VI** Betty Campbell, Mariann Pierson, Kathy Bruno, Jim Friel, Violet McKenna, Florence Scotto, Wayne Paret, Benjamin Mark Wilson III

Please Pray For Our Deceased ~

During this month, let us pray for our deceased.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

LITURGY

Please join us on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3rd, for the dedication of the new statue of St. Polycarp.



LOOKING TO THE LIGHT - Saint Polycarp



Polycarp is regarded as a saint and one of three Apostolic Fathers. His name means "much fruit" in Greek. He is among the earliest Christians whose writing survived. Polycarp may have been the one who compiled, edited, and published the New Testament. All of this makes his writings of great interest. (Check the St. Polycarp website for more details on his life.)

Symbols:

Flames of Martyrdom in Smyrna, Turkey. Polycarp was a second century Christian bishop of Smyrna. According to the "Martyrdom of Polycarp", he died a martyr, bound and burned at the stake, then stabbed when the fire failed to touch him.

Bishop's Mitre and Crosier – Saint Jerome wrote that Polycarp was a disciple of

John and that John had ordained him bishop of Smyrna. The mitre is the bishop's "headdress" and the crosier is his staff.

Our Church Building –

Our present St. Polycarp Church in Smyrna, Delaware is found in this window.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



no expired food.

The **Food Pantry** is asking for stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, yams, and pop tarts. Do not forget to bring in your coupons (no need to clip). Baskets/Boxes located near all Church entrances. Please



The **Giving Trees** are set up in the Hall and at our main entrance. The Giving Tree coordinates the gifts for needy children in our community for Christmas. We work closely with the Smyrna School District and our Parish School of Religion to identify children in need. Each child is asked to request two items. Please purchase at least one of the requests. The gifts should be returned by Friday, December 8th.

Annual Christmas Turkey Drop-off (Date Correction!)



Saint Vincent de Paul Society

On **Thursday, December 14th**, from 6 pm – 7 pm there will be a Turkey, Ham, Chicken, and Food Gift card **DROP OFF** in the Church's back parking lot. If you would like to donate to a needy family just drive by and drop it off, no need to get out of the car. The Knights of Columbus will be helping with the collection. Food gift cards (Acme, Food Lion, and Walmart) can be of any denomination but should not be over \$30. During November and December, the cards can also be placed in the Poor Box, located at each entrance of the Church. On Saturday, December 16th, Saint Vincent de Paul Vincentians will distribute the donations to the homes we have visited during this year. As of Oct 31st, SVDP Society has visited 94 families.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped SVDP this year and in the past. With your generosity, I pray we can provide a Christmas meal for the less fortunate families in our community. If you or your family need assistance, please call SVDP (302 – 264 – 6630).

Christmas at Sea Program

Until Sunday, November 26th, there will be a box marked "Christmas at Sea" at the front entrance and in the hallway under the coat rack, to collect essential items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, soap, deodorant, and other items that will be listed on the box. These items are for the seafarers (men and women) of the container vessels and tankers that arrive in Delaware during December.

Contact Lillian Fambach (653 – 7086) with any questions.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Contact Deacon Mike at Deacon.Mike.Boyd@gmail.com. More information is available on our parish website.

Vocations

The parable in today's gospel reading reminds us that, in the use of our gifts, we are accountable to the One who is the Author of those gifts, the One who is the Author of life itself. If you think God might be calling you to use your gifts as a priest, deacon, religious sister or religious brother, 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!

HAPPENING In our DIOCESE

The Music Ministry of Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish (7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707) will commemorate the Patroness of Musicians, Saint Cecilia, in a Solemn Mass at 7:00 pm this Wednesday, November 22nd. All are invited to attend. Musicians and Music Ministers in attendance will receive a special blessing during the Mass. A reception will be following the Mass. www.stmaryoftheassumption.com or 302-239-7100.

"Dignity of the Human Person" - Father Leonard Klein, the Director of Pro-Life Activities for the Diocese, will focus on many questions pertaining to sex, gender, marriage and human life on Saturday, December 2nd, after the 5 pm Mass and a pot luck supper, in the St. John the Apostle Parish Hall (506 Seabury Av, Milford, DE). Contact Mary Hall at 491 - 6432 if you are planning to attend.

Museum of the Bible in Washington DC. - St. John the Baptist-Holy Angels Parish in Newark is sponsoring a **bus trip to the** brand new Museum of the Bible. The trip is scheduled for **Monday, December 4th**. The bus departs from Holy Family Church on Gender Road at 7:30 am and returns at 6:30 pm. Lunch is NOT provided. The cost of the trip is \$69.00. To reserve your space please call Phyllis Edwards (302 - 731 - 8016) or the Holy Angels Parish Center on Possum Park Road (302 - 731 - 2200). Seating will be limited so please reserve early.

Saint Thomas More Academy (STMA)

www.saintmore.org

The **3rd Annual "BEEF 'N BEER"** is on Saturday, December 2nd, at 5 pm. Adults cost \$15.00, ages 6 - 19 cost 5.00, and children 5 & under are FREE. The Open Beer Bar is \$10.00 extra at the door. All proceeds from this Beef and Beer Evening will benefit the STMA Student community.

The **High School Placement Test** is on December 2nd at 8:00 am or December 3rd at 12:00 pm. Register online at <http://wilmington.stsusers.com>.

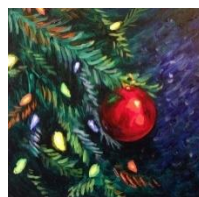


Old-Fashioned Carol Sing - Come celebrate the start of Advent on Sunday, December 3rd, at 2 pm at **St. Francis Xavier Shrine, Old Bohemia** (1699 Bohemia Church Road, Warwick, MD 21912), with an Old-Fashioned Carol Sing featuring religious and secular music. Audience participation will be encouraged as the music ministers from St. Joseph Parish, Middletown perform a collection of beloved Christmas carols. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Tours of the historic facility, listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places, will be available one hour prior to the concert. There is no charge for the performance and refreshments, however, a free-will offering to the Old Bohemia Historical Society will be collected to help with the upkeep of the property. This shrine is considered the mother church of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. For additional information, call Marji (302 - 328 - 4803).

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE



A **Pancake Breakfast** will take place in the Hall after the 10:30 am Mass **TODAY**, November 19th. Come join the Parish Community for yummy food and fellowship!



Christmas Painting Party with Laura Ashby, owner and artist of Painting Parties, LLC - **Thursday, December 14th, from 7 - 9 pm** in the hall. Laura brings all the supplies and provides step-by-step instructions and guidance. We will be painting the picture you see here! No experience is necessary. You will leave with your painting. We will supply some light refreshments. A great event for all (ladies and gentlemen) to help put you in the holiday spirit. The cost is \$35. More details to follow.

THANK YOU

The Squires would like to thank the Parish and the many Knights of Columbus Councils across the state for their contributions to the Lock-In collection. We have sent out a check to the Delaware State Police K9 Unit as well as presented Fr. Jim with a check for use at St. Polycarp.

In addition, the Squires assisted our Knights at the Halloween party this past month.

St. Polycarp t-shirts and Cat's Meow Village Keepsake - Order forms are available at the doors of the Church, in the office or visit our website to print the order form. (Go to "Bulletin", and use the drop down menu for "Commemorative Items".) Questions? Joan O'Drain at 302 - 659 - 5317.

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36 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Social Media is already reminding us how close Christmas is getting. Do not push panic buttons yet. Breathe deeply and think about a different family plan for Christmas this year. **Fr. Paul Mast will lead a three-hour workshop to help people plan a more rewarding 2017 Christmas season.** Based on the popular book, *Unplug the Christmas Machine*, this workshop helps people reduce their stress and increase their enjoyment by making simple changes in their holiday celebration. Participants will be given a chance to examine their current practices, fine-tune their values, create a fantasy Christmas, and then combine all their insights into a workable plan for the coming holiday season.

The workshop is on **Thursday, November 30th from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm.** You are welcome to invite a friend or neighbor.

A \$10 registration fee will pay for workshop materials. The workshop is limited to 30 participants. Please call the office and register (302 – 653 - 8279) in advance before November 23rd so enough materials are available.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

The **Building and Maintenance Committee (BMC)** just completed a year of service to the Parish community.

We held the Annual Fall Cleanup on Saturday, November 4th. Much thanks to the twelve folks who showed up. We were able to clear the grounds of debris from the whole campus in under 4 hours. I could not be prouder of the team!

We have been busy replacing the ceiling tiles, the church front door sweeps, and the Rectory's post lantern. We also repaired the church front door lock so it can be locked from the outside.

The BMC meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm usually in Rm. 4. We are always welcoming new members who can lend their time and talents to the Parish. We have a dire need for folks who have plumbing and HVAC experience. Please contact me (302 – 423 – 9732 or mjpyle58@msn.com) if you are willing.
~ Michael Pyle, Building and Maintenance Committee Chair

FINANCE COUNCIL

The **Finance Council** meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Currently our group is working on the following items:

- *Looking for a few new members with Business or Finance experience. Please call Jack Molyneaux (302 – 359 – 1703) for more information.
- *Reviewing options for new Air Conditioning unit, which is needed for PSR Wing and is an unbudgeted expense.
- *Discussing fund raising ideas.

STEWARDSHIP

<i>November 12</i>	<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Poor Box</i>	<i>All Saints Day</i>
Collections	\$4,653	\$191.45	
eGiving	\$3,859	\$72.00	\$92.00
Total	\$8,512		
Budgeted	\$7,383		
Over (Under)	\$1,129		

	Diocese – Human Development	SVDP Thanksgiving
eGiving	\$102	\$562

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.

50/50 – Proceeds benefit PSR			
Date	Number Drawn	WINNER	Next Week's Prize
<i>November 12</i>	1040	None	\$149.50

This Week in Our Parish

Sun. November 19
Pancake Breakfast after Mass
 9 am PSR Grs. P-4 (Rms. 1-8 and Library)
 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Hall)
 10:30 am PSR Grs. 5-8 attend Mass

Mon. November 20
 6 pm Knights 1st Degree (Hall)
 6:30 pm Columbiettes (Library)

Tues. November 21
 9 am Academy 3's
 12:30 pm Academy 4's
 6:30 pm Finance Council (Rm. 7)
NO PSR

Wed. November 22 OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON
 6:30 pm Squires (Library)
 6:45 pm Children's Liturgy of the Word Team Meeting (Rm. 4)

Thurs. November 23 **Thanksgiving Day**
 OFFICE CLOSED

Fri. November 24
 OFFICE CLOSED
 9:15 am Altar Guild IV

Sat. November 25
 2:30 pm Confessions

St. Polycarp Church 2017 Census
 All completed Registration forms should have been returned. If you have not completed a census, visit our website or call the Parish Office to complete one.