

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time October 29th, 2017

Priesthood Sunday

This Sunday is a great opportunity to remember our priests and to say thank you for all that they do to bring us closer to God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Our Parish Priests help us to reach Heaven through the celebration of the sacraments, the example of their lives, and the instruction they offer regarding our Catholic Faith. We are thankful that these men have responded to God's call to be leader, guide, protector, and shepherd. The way to Heaven is not easy. We need leaders (the Pope, Bishops, Priests, and Seminarians) to guide us on our journey toward Heaven. Today is not the only day we are grateful for priests. We are grateful for priests every day of the year – any day would be a great day to say thank you to a priest.

Let us pray today for Pope Francis, all Bishops, priests and seminarians and in a special way for Fr. Jim in his ministry to the people of St. Polycarp and St. Dennis, that we may affirm, support, and celebrate his gift of service to us in building the Kingdom of God. We also pray in a special way for Seminarian Adam Bauer.

Feast of All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, October 31 at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, November 1 at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

The Parish Office will be closed on November 1.

All Souls –Thursday, November 2, Mass at 8:30 am

The Church dedicates the month of November to All Souls. We must always remember to pray for the souls of the departed. Our "All Souls" envelope intentions will be remembered at every Mass throughout November. You can write the names of your loved one in the Book of Remembrance, located on the table in the vestibule.

Friday, November 3rd

Following the First Friday Mass (at 8:30 am), there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Devotions to the Sacred Heart.**

Saturday, November 4th

On Saturday, November 4th (the First Saturday of the Month), we will pray the **Novena to the Miraculous Medal** following the 8:30 am Mass. Come and join your parish community in praying this special novena to Our Lady!

St. Polycarp Church 2017 Census

All completed Registration forms should be in. You can visit our website (www.saintpolycarp.org, click on the picture of Mary and Joseph, and fill out the registration form) or call the Parish Office.

St. Polycarp Parish Directory

Lifetouch Photography - Please check your calendar for scheduled dates and times. 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.

LET US PRAY



Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given in memory of Irene Willey Bryk by Tom and Joan O'Drain.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for Deacon Charlie's intentions.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns in prayer for all those who work with young people, especially teachers in the Smyrna School District.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Mon. October 30

8:30 Mark Cartwright

- Diane Harman

Tuesday, October 31

8:30 Mildred Colton

- Diane Harman

9 am – 9 pm Adoration

10:30 DHCI Communion Service

4 pm Novena

Wed. November 1

All Saints Day

8:30 Novena

12 pm Novena

7 pm Novena

Thurs. November 2

All Souls Day

8:30 Novena

7 pm Flame of Love Rosary

Fri. November 3

Saint Martin de Porres

8:30 Novena

9:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart Devotions

3:00 pm Divine Mercy

Sat. November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo

8:30 Novena

9:00 Novena to the Miraculous Medal

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm Novena

Sun. November 5

Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

10:30 am Novena

...For our Sick & Deceased

Our Sick ~

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

LITURGY



LOOKING TO THE LIGHT

Article 7 / Window 6:

“From thence He will come again to judge the living and the dead”. Jesus Christ possesses all power in heaven and on earth.

Symbols:

Royal Crown – Christ’s reign is yet to be fulfilled when He returns to earth with power and great glory. His reign is still under attack by the evil powers of sin. We, His people, await the revelation of the sons of God.

Scales of Good and Evil –

At the end of the world (Judgement Day), Christ will come to achieve the ultimate triumph of good and evil. Every man will be judged according to

his works (his acceptance or refusal of grace).

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLoW) is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered weekly for children in Grades Pre-K through Grade 4 during the 10:30am Mass. No pre-registration is necessary! Just send your child forward with the other children!

Liturgy Committee News

At our last Liturgy Committee meeting, we discussed two new Mission Statements for Sacristans and Environment & Art. All Committees under Liturgy need to submit a Mission Statement!

We continued to discuss the Liturgies for Priesthood Sunday, All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Thanksgiving, and Advent. There was an update on the 50th Anniversary Liturgy. Under new business, Beverly Kiernan will be chairing the Vocation Chalice Ministry and a Ministry Fair has been tentatively scheduled for Feb. 17th and 18th of 2018. Anyone interested in attending our meetings is more than welcome. We meet the second Tuesday of the month in Room 7 at 7:00pm. For more information, contact Kathy MacDonald (302 – 653 – 8976).

The Lay Ablution is an explanation as to why the Purell Dispensers were taken out of the Church. The EM’s no longer wash their hands before giving out Communion. According the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the only abluion is to be done by the priest. Visit <http://saintpolycarp.org/liturgy-committee/> for a fuller explanation.

Environment in Catholic Worship

The purpose of Liturgical decorating is to create an atmosphere and a mood rather than a verbal message. The decorations are used to foster a mood – sometimes of festivity and at other times a mood of penance or of anticipation. These decorations create an atmosphere that reaches us through our senses and points us towards the Kingdom of Heaven. They need to be a window into the mystery.

In the Sanctuary, you will see a white banner with gold stars, an eternity circle, and a black cross. We are reminded that we are forever with God. A large box has been placed next to the ambo, to remind us to share with the needy in our unending kindness for others. Please remember our poor boxes and our baskets for the Food Pantry.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



The **Food Pantry** is asking for juice, jelly, dry soup, mac and cheese, pancake mix (water only), and syrup. Please, no expired food. Baskets can be found at the doors.

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Daylight Savings Time Ends next Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 am. Be sure to turn your clocks back!

BABY BOTTLES CAMPAIGN



All bottles are due this weekend (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.

Christmas at Sea Program

Beginning Saturday, November 4th, through 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 essentials like toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, soap, deodorant, and more items listed on the box. These items are for the seafarers (men and women) that arrive in Delaware during December.



The crews of the container vessels and tankers that dock at Wilmington, typically spend nine months at sea, working 12-hour shifts, seven days a week. The Seaman's Center of Wilmington will distribute to each seafarer a Ditty Box for Christmas. This could be the only Christmas gift that they receive. Please contact Lillian Fambach at 653 - 7086 with any questions.

Keep in mind whatever you do for the seafarers, you are doing for Jesus. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you for your help!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Parade of Saints



Next Sunday, November 5th, our PSR will celebrate the Saints with our Annual All Saints' Parade.

Students in P/K through Grade 4 will dress as a Saint or carry an object that is symbolic of a Saint. We are asking our "saints" to bring in a can good for our local food pantry as a "treat" for those in need. This special celebration will be held at 9:45 am along the sidewalk near the PSR entrance door. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come watch our parade!

Reminder - No PSR on Tuesday, October 31.

Vocations

All Christians are called to love the Lord with all their hearts, souls and minds, and to love their neighbor as themselves. Some are called to express that love in lives of service to God's people as priests, deacons, religious sisters or religious brothers. *Are you being called to live out your life in one of these vocations?* If you think so, 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!

Interested in Becoming Catholic?



Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and possibly becoming Catholic? 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 7 pm.

HAPPENING In our DIOCESE

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.

This Tuesday, (October 31st), St. Polycarp will be participating in the **Town of Smyrna Trick or Trick Safe Zone** from 6 pm - 8 pm at the corner of Market Street Plaza and the area of the John Bassett Moore Intermediate School. The Smyrna Police Department has partnered 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!!

Saint Thomas More Academy (STMA)

The **Open House** is Sunday, November 12th, between 12 pm and 3 pm. Stop by to meet our faculty, staff, and students. Visit www.saintmore.org for information.

The **Placement Test** will take place on Saturday, December 2nd, at 8:00 am, and Sunday, December 3rd, at 2:00 pm. You can register online by visiting this website: <http://wilmingtonn.stsusers.com>. Merit Scholarships are based on the December 2nd and 3rd HSPT results.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

"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 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, on **Saturday, November 4th**. 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).

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The **St Polycarp Parish Annual Fall Cleanup** is on Saturday, **November 4th**, from 9 am – 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 us 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. After the 4:00 pm Mass, the Knights will sell light fare, beverages, and snacks. Trivia starts at 6:30pm. No reservations necessary! Call Eleanor Schauer (302 – 229 – 6728).

Join the St. Polycarp team for the 2nd Annual Bishop's 5K Run/Walk -

Saturday, November 18th, at Bellevue State Park in Wilmington to benefit Catholic Charities. Last year, our St. Polycarp team placed in various categories. Register at <https://runsignup.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!

St. Polycarp ~ 50th Anniversary. The Commemorative Committee is providing t-shirts and Cat's Meow Village Keepsake to mark this special year. Go to "Bulletin" and use the drop down menu for "Commemorative Items". These two items 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 Parish 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 pm. 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.**

STEWARDSHIP

October 22	Offertory	Poor Box	World Missions
Collections	\$5,636	\$405.90	
eGiving	\$1,930	\$120.00	\$177
Total	\$7,566	\$525.90	
Budgeted	\$7,330		
Over (Under)	\$236		

	Maintenance	All Souls Days Remembrance
eGiving	\$110	\$112

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
October 22	373	None	\$74.50

This Week in Our Parish

Sun. October 29 **Priesthood Sunday**
 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 Grades P/K-4 attend Mass
Mon. October 30
 12:30 pm Academy 4's
Tues. October 31 **No PSR**
 12:30 pm Academy 4's
Wed. November 1 **OFFICE CLOSED**
 9 am Academy 3's
 9 am St. Vincent de Paul (Library)
 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Rectory)
 12:30 pm Academy 4's
 6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)
Thurs. November 2
 9 am Academy 3's
 11 am Seasons of Hope (Library)
 12:30 pm Academy 4's
 7 pm K of C 3rd Degree Meeting (Library)
 7 pm RCIA (Hall)
Fri. November 3
 9 am Academy 3's
 9:15 am Altar Guild I
 12:30 pm Academy 4's
Sat. November 4
 9 am Annual Fall Grounds Clean-up
 9 am Columbiettes - Craft Fair (State Troopers Association)
 12:30 pm Baptismal Class (Library)
 Advance Registration Required
 2:30 pm Confessions
 6:30 pm Trivia Night (Hall)