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Finance Council—Kevin Titus



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am

LIVE STREAM MASS: Saturdays at 4pm, Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 8:30 am.

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30–3:30 pm or by appointment

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Solemnity of All Saints

November 1

A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at St. Polycarp

Tuesday, October 31st, at 5 pm (Vigil Mass)

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us today. If you are new to the parish, please consider registering. Forms can be found at the Church doors or online at www.saintpolycarp.org.

THE SACRAMENTS OF OUR CHURCH

Baptism: Catechesis is provided for parents and god-parents. Contact the Parish Secretary to register.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or completing the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation), contact Deacon Frank at the Parish Office or email DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org.

Marriage: Formation is provided for couples. Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance. Contact the Parish Office.

Vocations: Contact Rev. Norman Carroll at (302) 573 – 3113

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Nursing Home Communion Services: DHCI, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Pinnacle, 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:15 pm.

For Funerals: Contact the Funeral Home of your choice. They will then coordinate with the Parish Office.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

Mass Schedule For The Solemnity Of All Saints A Holy Day of Obligation



St. Polycarp

Tuesday, October 31st, at 5 pm (Vigil Mass)

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

St. Dennis

Wednesday, November 1st, at 7 pm



Mass Schedule All Souls' Day

St. Polycarp

Thursday, November 2nd, at 8:30 am

St. Dennis

Thursday, November 2nd, at 7 pm*

***There will be a special All Souls' Day Mass on Thursday, November 2nd, at 7 pm at St. Dennis Church. Parishioners from both parishes, whether you have lost a loved one or not, are invited to attend.**

ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA

Let us send our love and wishes to all those loved ones who are no longer on Earth hoping for peace and happiness. Time heals everything but it can never bring back the warmth and love of our dear ones who are no longer with us. The most powerful prayer we can offer for the holy souls in purgatory is to have the holy Mass said on their behalf. The All Souls Day Novena of Masses provides an opportunity for us to renew our hope in Christ's promise of eternal life. Please use the All Souls Day envelopes to list the loved ones you wish to be remembered during these special Masses. Extra envelopes will be available at the Church entrances.

COME JOIN US, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th
following the 10:30 am Mass

Faith  Fatima

Stories from the Heart

Guest speaker Alice Reiss Israel

Please come to Mother Drexel Hall after the 10:30 Mass for some refreshments and stay for this uplifting, interesting and spiritual presentation about Fatima. All are welcome to attend. There is no cost to you.

LET US PRAY

Intentions

Saturday, October 28 SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles
4 pm Parishioners

Sunday, October 29 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 pm Preston Pendarvis - The Pendarvis Family
Margaret & Kenneth Burke - Janice & Roy Arrighi
Germana Alabastro - Bill & Jessica Burke

Monday, October 30
NO MASS

Tuesday, October 31
8:30 am Healing/Living Intention- Margarita Sevilena - Dee Lim
Jodi Gustafson - Fred & Theresa DiMeo
Vincent Pizzo - George & Kathy Muller

Wednesday, November 1 All Saints' Day
8:30 am All Saints Day Those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society
7 pm All Saints Day

Thursday, November 2 All Souls' Day
8:30 am All Souls' Novena

Friday, November 3 St. Martin de Porres/First Friday
NO MASS

Saturday, November 4 St. Charles de Borromeo/
4:00 pm All Souls' Novena First Saturday

Sunday, November 5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am All Souls' Novena

Week of October 29th:

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for the living/healing intention of Sarah Leverage, at the request of Kathryn Duncan.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for all who participate in the music ministry at our church.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Those in Need of Our Prayers

To have someone's name added to the Bulletin for prayers, please email submission@saintpolycarp.org or call the office and leave a message. Names will remain on the prayer list for two months (eight weeks) unless other arrangements have been requested.

Bridget O'Connell, Allie P, Robin Husman, Milli Burris Alvarez, Linda Montuori, Jack Barnas, Margaret Sevellina, Jean Blankenship, Lyllie Deter, Leon Walczak, Muriel Richards, John Ruane, Jill Mercer, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Bob Gallihar, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Patricia Capobianco, Barbara Hynson, Charlotte Konesky, Tina Kelley, Cathy Connell, Jen McCade, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Beth Kelly, Andrea Laws, Kaysie Borgman, Angie & Al Grasso, Erica White, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Teresa Tier, Holly Powell, Rob Tuxward, Billy Killen, Andrew Cella, Jr., Lily Griffiths, Rob Miller, Patty Moon, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, Ruth Staub, Jaci Stokes, and residents of Pinnacle and DHCI.

We Pray for our Deceased

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Visit <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading> or use this QR code



Prayer Chain

To request prayers or to be part of our Prayer Chain, contact Laverne at laverne427@icloud.com or call (302) 653 - 8064.

Rosary by Telephone: Tuesdays at 11 am. The dial in number is: 1-701-802-5254/PIN: 1747300#.

Eucharistic Adoration -Tuesdays, 9 am – 8 pm – Chapel, At the end of the 4 pm Vigil Mass, before the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Flame of Love Rosary: Thursdays at 6:30 pm - Chapel

Divine Mercy: Fridays at 3 pm – Chapel.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

As we continue in the second year of the **Eucharistic Revival**, in order to offer folks greater opportunities to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, Mass will be celebrated on additional weekdays.

+ Beginning Tuesday, November 7th, Masses at St. Polycarp will be celebrated at 7:30 am (not 8:30 am) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

+ Beginning Tuesday, November 7th, Masses at St. Dennis will be celebrated at 9:30 am (not 8:30 am) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Weekend Mass schedules will remain the same.

“Whenever you are filled with worry, desperate for hope, looking for clarity, or just need a moment of peace, go to a quiet place and visit Jesus in the Eucharist. Just talk to him like he is sitting on the altar. He will give you exactly what you need.”

~ Jenna Greive

LITURGY

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ How does God ask us to live out His compassion?
- ~ Do you take seriously the need to make your faith known, as did the Thessalonians?
- ~ How is loving God at the heart of all you do?

VOCATION CHALICE MINISTRY



The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. The Chalice is taken home with a promise to pray for vocations during that week. The hope is that through prayer, our parish may become a source of vocations to serve the diocese and the Church. Call or text Alice Gaston if you can take home the vocation chalice for a week of prayer at (302) 670 – 7924.

Family/Person	Date	Mass Time
Christy Earl	October 29	10:30 am
Arrive 15 minutes before Mass and pick up (or drop off) materials in the sacristy.		

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – November 1 We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society



For all those who have no one to pray for them.

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| Jose Remigio | Flora Sevillena |
| Roberto Pingol | Petrilla Family |
| Robert H. & Carole D. Smith | Sylvia Vessels DuRoss |
| Delia Cantor | Amelia Ronquillo |
| William & Mary Etta Maycen | Joseph Gioiosa |
| Albino & Mary Gioiosa | Victor Chavez |
| Mary DePasquale | Kenneth & Margaret Burke |
| Louis & Angelina Arrighi | William E. Brown |
| Saber Family | Vicente D. Lim, Jr. |
| Sara Jean Brimson | Deacon Charles Robinson |
| Carmela Tupia | Walczak Family |
| Luigina & Preston Pendarvis | Rosina & Mario Chiusolo |
| Ponnampalam Sabanayagam | Jose Crisostomo |
| Sofia Crisostomo | |

LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS

The following is a list of some items discussed at our October meeting:

- ~ Formation: We finished the Liturgy Document – General Instruction of the Roman Missal. Our next document is: Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America
- ~ Starting November 7th, Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 am at St. Polycarp and 9:30 am at St. Dennis. Homilies will include a push on the Eucharist for the Eucharistic Revival – Year of the Parish.
- ~ Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am at St. Polycarp.
- ~ The Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers will take place at the 4:00 pm Mass on November 25th.
- ~ Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, October 29th at 9:00 am.

NEEDED - NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULER

We are currently looking for someone to take over the scheduling of our ministers for the Weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation. This person must have good computer organization and skills. If you think you might be interested in this position, please call Frank Patton at (302) 508 – 5268.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Throughout October, the Seaman's ministry will be collecting donations to create "ditty boxes." The items will be placed in plastic shoe boxes and wrapped by our Confirmation students. Our Girl Scouts will then deliver the boxes to the Seaman's Center of Wilmington around Thanksgiving. This is truly a Corporal Work of Mercy that we can all partake in. We are collecting gloves, hats, scarves, and full size items such as soap, shaving cream, deodorant, etc. Collection boxes will be in the hallway. Monetary donations will be used to purchase items to fill the boxes and can be made through Faith Direct: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/org/831>
Please contact Tracie Bruno with any questions: (302) 242 – 4150. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Greetings from the CRE,

PSR Classes have begun and they are going well! We were excited to welcome 7 new families to our PSR Family this year. At the moment, we have 95 students registered.



We are happy to announce that Children's Liturgy of the Word is being offered every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during the 10:30am Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for children PreK-4th grade. It mirrors the worship experience of the larger community in an engaging and interactive style. They will listen to Scripture and engage in discussions about what they have heard at their age level.

Children will be called forward before the First Reading and will return to you after the General Intercessions. Our lead catechist is Anna Skinner. She, along with her assistants, have cleared background checks.

CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT



Please keep in mind that, during Mass, if your child needs to use the bathroom that the safest option is to walk out with them. Never send your child to the bathroom alone. If you cannot see your child, then you do not know what is going on with them. Keep in mind that all exits are unlocked during Mass. Remember that there is a bathroom in the cry room too. This may be the best option for your family. Our top priority is to keep all children safe.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PRETZEL SALE – This Weekend



Pretzels are back. Brother Vincent Council will be selling pretzels, after Mass, on October 28th and 29th. Pretzels are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

COAT DISTRIBUTION – This Weekend



Cold weather is coming. To keep our youngsters warm, on blustery days, Brother Vincent Council will be distributing warm coats, free to our kids, while supplies last. Supplies are limited. Coat distribution will be in Mother Drexel Hall, after Mass on Saturday, October 28th, and Sunday, October 29th. Youth sizes, for boys and girls, are available.

SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE November 4th



The Knights of Columbus invite you to the Silver Rose Pilgrimage Prayer Service following the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, November 4th.

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Join us after the service for refreshments and fellowship in the hall.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2023 PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

- The Pastoral Council, along with all Committees of the Parish, will participate in the Annual PSR Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29th. Committee members who wish to participate in handing out treats to students are asked to arrive and park by 8:30 a.m.
- The Pastoral Council is in the process of gathering information about all of the wonderful activities our Parish has been involved in over the past year. All of this information will be presented at our Annual Forum on Sunday, January 21, 2024. All parishioners are invited to the Forum to share ideas and dreams for our parish in the coming year.
- Our Council is busy working on plans for our Annual Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Any parishioner who volunteers in our parish will be invited to join us for this wonderful tradition.



NOVEMBER AGAPE

The November Agape will be sponsored by the Pastoral Council, Building & Maintenance, and our Facilities Planning Committees. Please join us after the 10:30 Mass on November 5, 2023, for food and fellowship. Come and meet the members of these ministries and learn how their contributions help build community here at Saint Polycarp.

Please consider signing up for eGiving. Visit faith.direct/DE831 or you can use Text-to-Give. Text "Enroll" to (302) 202 - 2251 or you can use this QR code for easy giving. *Thank you for your generosity.*



HAPPENING ELSEWHERE



THE BISHOP'S 5K

Let's help Catholic Charities provide available services to the needy in our Diocese.

WHEN: Saturday, November 18th, 9 am
WHERE: Saint Mark's High School
 2501 Pike Creek Rd Wilmington, DE 19808
Join the St. Polycarp Flames as we represent our parish at the Bishop's 5K to benefit Catholic Charities.
<https://runsignup.com/RaceGroups/35468/Groups/1386989> Call or email Michael Pyle ([302-423-9732](tel:302-423-9732) / mjpyle58@msn.com) for more information!

FINANCE COUNCIL

FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE

Finance Council meets monthly to review the financial operations of our parish and related matters. Here are some items we discussed at our September meeting:

- The Golf Tournament dinner was successful. The golf was rained out but rescheduled to October 1st. Overall, it was a very profitable event. Thanks to everyone who participated, attended the dinner and coordinated this annual parish fundraiser event.
- We approved funds for the re-paving of the church back parking lot. Work will begin in May or June 2024.
- We approved expenditure for new devotional candle banks in Church.

COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
October 22	\$3,045	\$59.91	\$3,104.91

Collection	World Mission	Parish Maintenance	Holy Days
October 22	\$537	\$70	\$58

Collection	All Souls	Human Development	St. Vincent de Paul
October 22	\$195	\$3	\$3

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>
 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 am to 3 pm

Saturday, October 28
 12 pm Environment Committee (Church)
 2:30 pm Confession
4 pm MASS
 Following Mass- K of C Coats for Kids Distribution (Hall)
 K of C Pretzel Sale at Church doors

Sunday, October 29
 9 am PSR Grades PK/K - 4, (Room 1-6, 8)
 9 am Saints Celebration- Trunk or Treat (Side Parking Lot)
10:30 am MASS
 Following Mass- K of C Coats for Kids Distribution (Hall)
 K of C Pretzel Sale at Church doors
 12 pm Faith & Fatima Speaker (Hall/Kitchen)
 5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Hall)

Monday, October 30
 6:30 pm RCIA Session (Hall)

Tuesday October 31
8:30 am MASS
 9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library)
 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)
5 pm MASS - ALL SAINTS DAY VIGIL
 7 pm NO PSR Grades 5-8

Wednesday, November 1 All Saints Day- OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 am MASS - ALL SAINTS DAY
 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library)
 1:15 pm Pinnacle Communion Service
 6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)
7 pm MASS - ALL SAINTS DAY

Thursday, November 2
8:30 am MASS - ALL SOULS DAY
 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)
 6 pm Adult Faith Formation/ Faith with Friends (Room 7)
 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)
 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)
 7 pm K of C 3rd Degree Business Meeting (Library)

Friday, November 3
 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, November 4
 12 pm Environment Committee (Church)
 2:30 pm Confession
4 pm MASS
 Following Mass- K of C Silver Rose Ceremony (Church)

CHRISTIANS OF THE HOLY LAND - OLIVE WOOD

Saint Polycarp will welcome a representative from Christians of the Holy Land on the weekend of November 18th -19th, 2023. Olive wood carvings will be available for purchase after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday and the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday. Please visit Mother Drexel Hall after these Masses to help support our fellow Christians living in the Holy Land.

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