

*18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 1, 2021*



***This Sunday, August 1,
following the 10:30 am Mass
Mother Drexel Hall***

Come join your fellow parishioners; Sunday August 1st after the 10:30am Mass for Agape, a celebration of God's Love for his people, and enjoy a light brunch and fellowship.

Hosted by: Lail, Gibson, Montuori and Sanphy families.

FIRST FRIDAY – August 6th



Join us for Mass at 8:30 am followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Novena of the Sacred Heart.

On the first Friday of each month we pray for all those enrolled in the Purgatorial Society. If you are interested in enrolling a deceased individual in the Purgatorial Society, contact Teresa, our Parish Secretary. Those enrolled will receive the spiritual benefits of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on or near the First Friday of each month for one year.

FIRST SATURDAY – August 7th



The Columbiettes and Sodality ministries have been asked to alternately lead the praying of the rosary every 1st Saturday. Please plan to join Sodality on August 7th at 3:40 pm, before the start of the 4pm Mass.

LET US PRAY

WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 31 4 pm Patricia Gardner	St. Ignatius of Loyola - Barbara Dean
Sunday, August 1 10:30 am BVM Sodality	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, August 2 No Mass	Saints Eusebius of Vercelli & Peter Julian
Tuesday, August 3 8:30 am Pia Cariello & Eileen M. Benfer	- Angelo & Teresa Cariello
Wednesday, August 4 8:30 am Lino Legayada	St. John Vianney - Delia Lim
Thursday, August 5 8:30 am Florence Lepkowski	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major - The Sloven Family
Friday, August 6 8:30 am Purgatorial Society & Parishioners	The Transfiguration of the Lord First Friday
Saturday, August 7 4 pm Constanca Alday	St. Sixtus & Companions, St. Cajetan, Blessed Virgin Mary - William & Jessica Burke
Sunday, August 8 10:30 am Trudy Kasubinski	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Walter Kasubinski

Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given in prayer for an increase in religious vocations.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in loving memory of Pia Cariello & Eileen Benfer, at the request of Angelo & Teresa Cariello.

**We Pray for Our Sick and
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 six weeks unless other arrangements have been requested.

Lily Griffiths, Carol Donahue, Rob Miller, Gordon Hollander, Carol Hurst, Ed Stachow, Patty Moon, Christie Moon, Ben Walters, Michelle Dean, Austin & Dylan Dean, Kenny Bullins, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, Ron Ivory, Ruth Staub, Pope Francis, and all those suffering from Covid-19.

We Pray for our Deceased

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

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

Rosary by Telephone: Tuesday mornings at 10am. Contact Jill at (302) 653 - 3836 or jill_mercer@yahoo.com.

Flame of Love Rosary: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Email Roxanne at roxmb@gmail.com or leave a message or text (302) 242 - 6484 for details.

LITURGY

LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS



After opening prayer, formation continued with the Liturgy of the Eucharist in a Mass without a Deacon. The June minutes were approved. Nothing new was reported on the St. Joseph statue. The Cry Room will be re-opened for parishioners to use after the room is cleared out and cleaned up. The lifting of the Covid-19 Protocols has been lifted, therefore all notices will be taken down.

Under old business, the Assumption was discussed under the Liturgy Planning Calendar. Blessings for the remainder of the year were discussed. Eucharistic Adoration will begin once a couple of Eucharistic Ministers have been fully trained. The Welcome Back Mass was discussed and Rebecca Gibson has agreed to be our new trainer for Altar Servers.

For Sub-Committee reports, the Sodality is on summer break until September and they need officers for the upcoming year. Pastoral Council is working on the Parish Picnic; the recruitment of new members; and Deacon Charlie's Campus Memorial. Pat Patterson has graciously taken over as Chairperson for the Ushers. The number of EM's has diminished since the beginning of the pandemic. Because of the shortage of ministers, not all homebound and facilities are being serviced. The hope is that more of our EM's will be willing to return to their ministry. Ministry to the DHCI facility has resumed. There was no update on the Ministers Day of Recollection.

Under new business, we were asked to start thinking about how daily Mass and Holy Days of Obligation may be facilitated with only one priest, due to Fr. Mast's leaving.

Our next meeting will be on August 10 at 6:30 P.M. in the Library, since Zoom connections in Room #7 have not been corrected.

Copies of The Dialog with *Welcome Our Shepherd*, a 72-page special section about our new Bishop: the Most Reverend William E. Koenig are available at the doors of the Church.

Jesus Loves The Little Children...



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 18:14

Our "Cry Room" is available again for those times when you just need it!



HIGHLIGHTS ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 4th – Saint John Vianney, Priest (*He is known as the patron saint of parish priests. He lived during 19th century France.*)

Friday, August 6th – Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord (*Before His death on the cross, Jesus shows His divine glory to three Apostles.*)

SOCIAL CONCERNS



We will once again be collecting for the local food pantry. The Smyrna – Clayton Food Pantry is in need of small juices, boxes of dry cereal, small jars of peanut butter, canned fruits and canned soups. The pantry is asking that canned items have the pop top lids (homeless people may not have can-openers). Coupons (no need to clip) are also needed. The tubs for your food donations are in the hallway outside of the Mother Drexel Hall.

Please no expired food.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Change the World: Become a Catholic!

This month we celebrate Our Lady's final journey to God in her glorious Assumption. Now more than ever in our lifetime, we need to pray for her intercession to draw souls to the Sacred Heart of her Son. For many this may lead them to the Catholic faith, through the process known as The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), a spiritual journey of conversion to God and what he intends for our life.

The RCIA is the process by which persons who were never baptized, baptized in other faith traditions, or baptized Catholic, but not "fully initiated" in the Church through Confirmation and the Eucharist become **full members** of the Catholic Church, a people on pilgrimage to our Heavenly Father.

You can make a difference! If you are aware of someone who is looking for new direction in their life, perhaps they will find their way in the Catholic Church.

You can... change a life by "personally inviting" them to one of our upcoming RCIA Inquiry sessions on Monday evening, August 23rd and 30th. Our sessions will take place in the PSR Library at 6:30 PM. Again, these sessions are for those **unbaptized, those baptized in other Christian traditions, or adult Catholics who have not been confirmed. Yes..., you can make a difference in someone's life... by simply asking!**

You Are Invited...

For information, please contact Deacon Frank Weber at DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org or leave a message with the Parish office at (302) 653-8279.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Religious Education
Registering now for 2021 - 2022
Grades P/K - Grade 9.



For more information, contact
Mrs. Erica Taylor, Coordinator of Religious Education
(302) 653 - 4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org,
saintpolycarp.org/religious-education/



If you looked down at your phone and saw that God was calling you, would you answer your phone?

I hope your answer is YES!!! Our PSR family is ready to welcome you to our team!! Our team is dedicated to creating a loving and caring environment for our young children so that their faith grows stronger and stronger each week. We can ALL make a difference if we just say YES!!

What position fits YOU most?

Greeter/Hall Monitor

for Sunday morning & Tuesday evening

*7th Grade Catechist & 8th Grade Assistant
on Tuesday evening*

Contact Erica Taylor, CRE at (302) 653-4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org if you want to be a part of something bigger than yourself. She will work with you and ease all your nerves.

Don't miss the call!!!

Our PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

offers religious education classes for Grades PK – Grade 9. Registration forms are available in the black drop box outside the office/chapel doors, at the parish office and online at saintpolycarp.org/religious-education/.

First Grade Children – In order to be eligible for 2nd Grade First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, your child must complete 1st Grade in PSR (religious education) or Catholic School.

Register you first grader now!

7th and 8th Grade Children – In order to be eligible for Confirmation in Grade 9, your child must complete 7th and 8th Grade PSR (religious education) or Catholic School.

If you have a 7th grader, now is the time to register!

For more information, contact
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COLLECTIONS

July 25	Offertory	Poor Box	Parish Utilities	Diocese Church in Europe
Collection	\$2,302	\$154		
eGiving	\$3,407	\$320	\$137	\$5
Total	\$5,709	\$474	\$137	\$5

Note: eGiving figures are reported twice a month.

Offertory	Received	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
July Total	\$22,037	\$25,254	(\$3,217)
Fiscal Year to Date	\$22,037	\$25,254	(\$3,217)

EGIVING: Please consider signing up for eGiving to ensure your contributions are received even when you are not here for Mass. Recurring, catch up, or one-time gifts (please indicate your intention) can be made. Visit faith.direct/DE831.

Thank you to all those who continue to send in their envelopes and for those who have enrolled in eGiving, or donated through Text-to-Give. Thank you for your generosity and continued stewardship.

FINANCE COUNCIL

ST. POLYCARP'S 2ND ANNUAL STEAK DINNER AND GOLF TOURNAMENT



SAVE this Date—Sunday, September 12, 2021

for St. Polycarp's 2nd Annual Steak Dinner and Golf Tournament at Maple Dale Country Club in Dover, DE. The plated steak dinner at this beautiful country club costs \$35.00. The Golf Tournament with lunch, green fee, golf cart, on course beverages, gift bags, prizes, and steak dinner \$125.00 per golfer or \$460.00 for a team of four. For more information contact: Larry Borgman lborgaman007@gmail.com (302 - 389 - 6018) or Kathy Willes kdwilles@comcast.net (302 - 670 - 7330). Register online at membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/7142.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

with Bishop William Koenig at the
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate
Conception, Washington, D.C.
Saturday, September 25th
from 10 am to 4 pm

<https://saintpolycarp.org/marian-pilgrimage/>

50/50 RAFFLE - PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR PSR! Winner pulled monthly!



Simply place \$1 in an envelope and mark 50/50 on the envelope along with your NAME and phone number. Place the envelope in the collection basket or drop off in the drop box. The Winner gets half; PSR gets half! Thank you for supporting our PSR! Good luck!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information, visit

<https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>

Parish Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 3:00pm

Saturday, July 31

2:30 pm Confession (Church)

Sunday, August 1

11:30 am Agape (Hall/Kitchen)

Monday, August 2

Tuesday, August 3

10 am Columbiettes Rosary (Phone)

10:30 am DHCI Mass

7:30 pm K of C 4th Degree

Wednesday, August 4

6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)

Thursday, August 5

10 am Columbiettes Supreme Convention Planning Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Church)

7 pm K of C 3rd Degree Business Meeting

Friday, August 6

8 am First Friday Rosary Before Mass (Church)

9 am First Friday Exposition & Novena

11 am Connected in Christ (Virtual)

Saturday, August 7

12 pm Environment

2:30 pm Confession (Church)

3:40 pm Rosary (Church)