

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~ How have you experienced God's providence in your life?

~ What helps you to trust in difficult circumstances?

~ How has the Eucharist been a source of spiritual nourishment for you?

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS, OCTOBER 5, 2024 Ocean City (MD) Convention Center



Catholic Diocese of Wilmington
2024 EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
OCT. 5, 2024 OCEAN CITY, MD

Join Bishop Koenig and our diocesan family on Saturday, October 5th, at the Ocean City (MD) Convention Center for The Eucharistic Congress, "The Eucharist: The Source and Summit." This day-long event will deepen our faith and strengthen our community through worship, reflection, and celebration. Be part of this blessed occasion – celebrate the gift of the Eucharist with us!

For additional information and to view

the schedule for the day, visit:

www.cdow.org/EucharisticCongress



Join us this Sunday, August 4th, after the 10:30 am Mass as we gather to celebrate God's love which He has for us. Members from Parish & Family Life will be there to host and welcome all for food and fellowship.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

The Church celebrates the amazing Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord on Tuesday, August 6th! Consider attending the 8:30 am Mass at St. Polycarp to deepen your awareness and understanding of this feast.

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 3 Blessed Virgin Mary
4 pm Parishioners
Sunday, August 4 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Wedding Anniversary- Preston & Luigina Pendarvis
- Peters & Pendarvis Family
- Marie & Epi Aboyme
Florentino Duran
Monday, August 5 The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
No Mass
Tuesday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord
8:30 am William F. Manley - John & Cookie Ruane
Dean Hickman - The Marvian Family
Wednesday, August 7 St. Sixtus II & Companions, St. Cajetan
8:30 am Those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society
Thursday, August 8 St. Dominic
No Mass
Friday, August 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
No Mass
Saturday, August 10 St. Lawrence
4:00 pm Living Intention- Helga LaSana - Neda Biggs
Joan Peculski O'Drain - Sue Orlando
Stephen & Catherine Corso - Janet Anderson
Sunday, August 11 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am John Contini - Cathy & Mike Burke
Father Tom Flowers - Sue Orlando
Ruth Staub - Sue Orlando

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 eight weeks unless other arrangements have been requested.

Joe Wisnewski, Anne Borgman, Margaret Williams, Liam Travers, Henry Humphres, Jimmy Wiggins, William Neilson, William Green, Carol Timmons, Alison Seewald, Bob Reeder, Lauren Travers, Marguerite Maguire, Lisa Wisnewski, Kathleen Gianjullo, J. R. Peck, Josefina Ocasio, Diana Bullins, Kenny Bullins, Bobby Bullins, Teresa Tier, Bridget O'Connell, Maureen Robinson, Robin Husman, Milli Burris Alvarez, Lyllie Deter, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Cathy Connell, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Andrea Laws, Angel Grasso, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Holly Powell, Lily Griffiths, Patty Moon, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, 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

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, 11 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.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Church teaches that after Mary died, her body and soul was assumed (taken up) to Heaven.

The Church has celebrated The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary since the sixth century. Pope Pius XII declared this essential teaching a dogma of the Church in his apostolic constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus*, in 1950. This dogma states: "*the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory*". Pope Pius XII, in the apostolic constitution, writes multiple times that Mary died before being assumed into heaven.

The Mass times for the Assumption are:

St. Polycarp Church (Smyrna, DE)

Wednesday, August 14th, at 4 pm Vigil Mass

Thursday, August 15th, at 8:30 am and 7 pm

**The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, August 15th.*

St. Dennis (Galena, MD)

Thursday, August 15th, at 8:30 am and 7 pm

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION CELEBRATION

AT ST. DENNIS PARISH

153 N. Main Street, Galena, MD

Thursday, August 15th



This year, the 2024 Feast of the Assumption, will be a particularly special day at St. Dennis Church in Galena, MD – the 20th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Our Lady of Lourdes statue. Twenty years ago, the Knights of Columbus Fr. George Villager Council, along with many volunteers, built the grotto and installed the Our Lady of Lourdes statue in front of the St. Dennis School of Religion. The statue was blessed and dedicated on August 15th, 2004.

Coincidentally, this spring the Knights of Columbus Fr. Bradford Council at St Dennis Church, with the help of the many volunteers, refurbished the statue and grotto.

To celebrate this special milestone, everyone is invited to gather around the grotto to pray the Rosary together before Mass. Following the Mass the congregation will process with Fr Jim who will bless the statue. Please mark your calendar and join your fellow parishioners as we celebrate the blessed occasion on Thursday, August 15th:

6:30 pm Pray the Rosary

7 pm Celebration of Mass and Blessing of the Statue

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – August 7 We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen**



Roberto Pingol	Elizabeth Ann Lee
Diane Kravitz	The Petrilla Family
Robert H. & Carol D. Smith Family	Jimmy Biggs
Kathleen Donnelly	Kenneth & Margaret Burke
Louis & Angelina Arrighi	Barbara Hynson
Victor Chavez	Joseph Maguire
The Saber Family	William E. Brown
Camilo Arguelles	Filomena Arguelles
Lucita Dico	Serbolo Edward Ibao
Win Him Eng	Sonja Ann Gilliard
Eddie Robert Maycen	Vicente D. Lim, Jr.
Ponnampalam Sabanayagam	Maureen McNamee
Deacon Charles Robinson	Charles Robinson, Jr.
Jose Crisostomo	Sophia Crisostomo
Mario & Rosina Chiusolo	Stephanie McDowell
Preston & Luigina Pendarvis	Alexander & Agnes Peters
Walczak Family	Antanavige Family
Jose Remigio*	Flora Sevillena*

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

* indicates final month enrollment

SAVE THE DATE: ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 12 at noon

Please join our parish, as well as thousands of Catholics, to publicly pray the Rosary during this annual event. Mary asked us at Fatima to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world and peace in our families. All are welcome as we publicly pray the Rosary at the outside statue of the Blessed Mother for our community to witness our faith.

SPEND TIME WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Next Saturday, August 10th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Eucharistic Adoration) will take place next Saturday, August 10th, following the prayer after Communion at the 4 pm Vigil Mass. All are invited to stay to pray and talk to God in your hearts.

If you need ideas for what to pray on during this time - consider praying for our country, vocations, the grace to deepen your love and appreciation of the Eucharist (the True Presence of Jesus) . . .

Please remember not to leave before Fr. Jim. When you do leave, please do so in silence.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES January Through June 2024

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has grown from a couple of college students 191 years ago who were challenged to put their Catholic Faith into action by their fellow classmates. The Society is a worldwide Catholic Lay Organization in over 153 Countries with over 1 million members. In the United States, there are over 100,000 members in 155 Dioceses providing over \$3.4 Billion dollars in assistance to 5.4 million people by making over 550,000 home visits and another 1.5 million contacts with people in prisons, hospitals, nursing homes and food pantries.

The vocation of the Society is to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His Compassion and Love. Vincentians show their commitment through person-to-person service and seeing the face of Christ in the people we serve. For more information you may contact any of our members or Chuck Miller 302-270-4942. We meet monthly on the second Monday of the month in the Parish Library at 12 pm.

Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society at St Polycarp Church have assisted 73 families and individuals during January through June 2024. This help totaled \$16,056 and helped our parishioners and neighbors with rent, mortgage payments, utilities, medicine, transportation, and food. None of this would be possible without donations to the poor box and individual donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society.



SEASONS OF HOPE - WE HAVE CHANGED OUR NAME!
"Seasons of Hope" grief support
is now called "**PATHWAY TO PEACE**".

PATHWAY TO PEACE bereavement support is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in his healing wisdom, traditions, and practices of our faith. We look for Christ in our grief journey. **Pathway to Peace** explores mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection, activities and faith sharing. We come together to share God's love.

Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register contact:
Diane Dellinger at ddellinger7377@outlook.com or
302- 222-7377 or
Maureen Robinson at 302-423-6366.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) Religious Education Classes Grades PK – 9 It's time to register!

Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/religious-education/> for information and/or to print the registration form or you can use this QR code.



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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

SAVE THE DATE SAINT POLYCARP ANNUAL PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



Mark your calendars! The Saint Polycarp Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2024, after the 10:30 am Mass.

Our Pastoral Council and Parish Picnic Committee are once again planning a fun-filled event. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking up hot dogs, hamburgers, and French fries. You can sample some Rita's Water Ice served by our parish youth. Kids and the young-at-heart will enjoy the inflatable obstacle course, face painting by the Girl Scouts, and a visit from Spiderman!

50/50 tickets will be on sale- 1 Ticket for \$1 or 25 tickets for \$20

We are looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. Please call Kathy Curlett at 302-222-9326, if interested in helping.



"The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven." Reflect upon the sacred nature of the divine bread and contemplate if He is calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 302-573-3113 or by email at vocations@cdow.org.

IN & AROUND THE DIOCESE

2024 DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON MARIAN PILGRIMAGE Saturday, September 28th

The Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage will be on Saturday, September 28th, from 9:30 am to 5 pm at Holy Spirit Church (12 Winder Road in New Castle, Delaware). The Most Reverend William E. Koenig, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, will preside at the Saturday Morning Mass (10 am) and the Virgil Mass (4 pm). This pilgrimage includes Mass, confessions, the Rosary, and Eucharistic Adoration, and a presentation by Father Sebastian White, O.P.. The Marian Pilgrimage is free and open to the public. More information is available at www.cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage/

Don't forget to check out our Bulletin Overflow
www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow

FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL



To date, our parish has pledged \$65,853.52! Total collected towards the pledge amount is \$47,073.07, leaving \$18,780.45 still to be collected. It is important that everyone follows through with

payments on pledges. Thank you to those households who have already paid in full and to those households who consistently send in payments. Once we reach our goal in collected donations, we will receive back half of the money collected above the goal for projects around our campus.

If you have not participated, please prayerfully consider participating in this annual event. Every gift counts, no matter how small. Pledge cards can be found at the doors of the Church. You can also give online at www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal", or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.



COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
July 28	\$3620.18	\$14	\$3634.18

SECOND COLLECTIONS

SVDP/Poor Box	Holy Days	Maintenance	Parish Utilities
\$98.76	\$20	\$20	\$60
Cathedral of St. Peter		Church in Africa & Europe	
\$15		\$20	

There will be a special collection for the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at all three Masses (4 pm Vigil Mass on Wednesday the 14th as well as the 8:30 am and 7 pm Masses on Thursday the 15th).

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

The Cathedral of Saint Peter, in the historic Quaker Hill section of the City of Wilmington, is the Bishop's own parish and the center of Catholicism in our diocese. It was built over 200 years ago – 50 years before the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington - and continues with a small but dedicated parish community and school. In 2015, the diocese instituted an annual special collection to support the maintenance and ministry of our Cathedral. This year, the collection will be held on August 17th and 18th. For more information and to make a secure online donation, visit www.downtowncatholic.com. Thank you for your generosity.

Please consider signing up for eGiving. Recurring, catch up and one-time gifts can be made. 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 continued generosity.



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, August 3 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS
Sunday, August 4 10:30 MASS 10:30 BVM Corporate Communion 11:30 am Agape (Hall/Kitchen)
Monday, August 5
Tuesday, August 6 8:30 am MASS 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am – 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 4:15 pm Finance Council Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Facilities Planning Committee (Hall) 6:30 pm K of C 4 th Degree (Library)
Wednesday, August 7 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 1:15 pm Pinnacle - Communion Service - Deacon Frank 6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)
Thursday, August 8 10 am Pathway to Peace (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 7 pm Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting (Library)
Friday, August 9 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, August 10 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS - Adoration

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