

# ST. POLYCARP CHURCH

In  
The Silver Lake Deanery  
Of  
The Diocese of Wilmington

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Frank Weber



Pastoral Council—Kathy Curlett

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,

Tuesday & Wednesday at 8:30 am.

[www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE)

## RECONCILIATION

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

## PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

(302) 653-8279

55 Ransom Lane Smyrna, DE 19977

[www.saintpolycarp.org](http://www.saintpolycarp.org)

Parish Secretary, Kathy Watts

[office@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:office@saintpolycarp.org)

Financial Manager, Laura Pajerowski

[financialmanager@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:financialmanager@saintpolycarp.org)

Facilities Manager, George Hutchinson

[facilitiesmanager@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:facilitiesmanager@saintpolycarp.org)

Communications Director, Judy Lamborn

[communications@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:communications@saintpolycarp.org)

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFICE:

(302) 653-4101

Coordinator of Religious Education, Erica Taylor

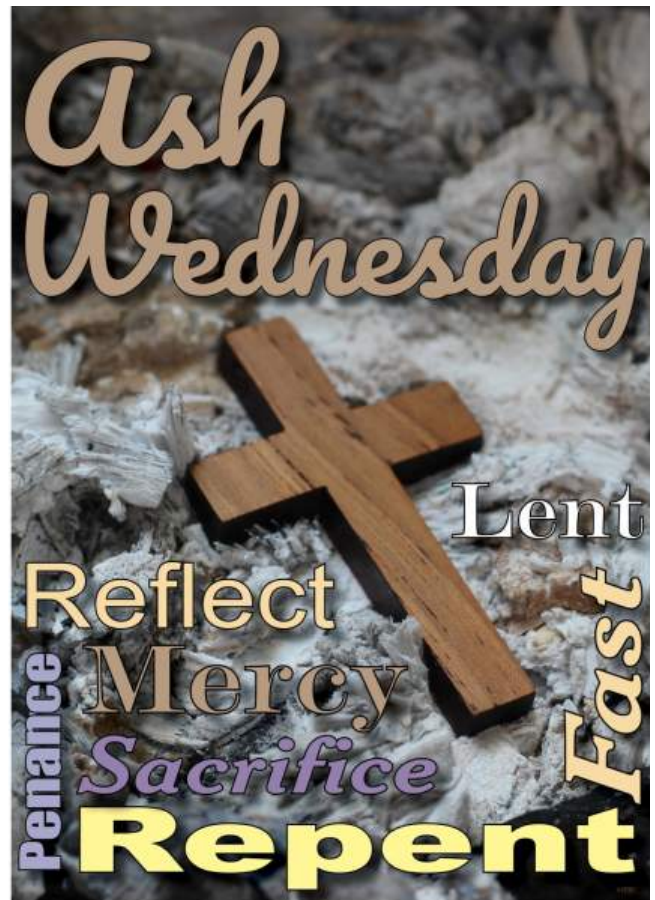
[dre@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:dre@saintpolycarp.org)

Assistant to CRE, Judy Lamborn

[assistdre@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:assistdre@saintpolycarp.org)

*For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society*

*(302) 264-6630*



Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Masses & Distribution of Ashes at 8:30 am and 7 pm

## SIXTH 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](http://www.saintpolycarp.org).

### THE SACRAMENTS OF OUR CHURCH

**Baptism:** Catechesis is provided for parents and godparents. Contact the Parish Secretary to register.

**OCIA (Order 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](mailto:DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org).

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

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

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office.

**Nursing Home Communion Services:** DHCI, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Pinnacle, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*February 11, 2024*

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER**

~Is it easy or difficult for you to trust that God wants to heal you? Why?

~Why does Jesus tell the leper to go and show himself to the priest? What lesson can we take from this for our lives?

~Has there ever been a time that God has done something so wonderful in your life that you could not keep it to yourself?



The **Blessing of New Drivers** (of any age) takes place this Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm Mass.

**LENT**

*a time of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer*



**Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**ST. POLYCARP CHURCH:**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 5 pm – 6:30 pm

**Palms to Ashes Service**

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm

**Ash Wednesday Mass with**

**Distribution of Ashes**

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 am and 7 pm

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction**

Fridays in Lent, beginning February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm

**ST. DENNIS CHURCH (GALENA, MD):**

**Ash Wednesday Mass & Distribution of Ashes**

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

at 5:30 pm (Hispanic) and 7 pm

**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays in Lent, beginning on February 16<sup>th</sup>

at 5 pm and 7 pm (Hispanic)

**LET US PRAY**

*Intentions*

Saturday, February 10 4:00 pm Agnes Saber Dean Hickman W. James Mayberrie	St. Scholastica - Rita Brown - The Marvian Family - Vickie Bleyer
Sunday, February 11 10:30 am John Henry Brandt, III	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Fred & Theresa DiMeo
Monday, February 12 NO MASS	
Tuesday, February 13 8:30 am Patricia Connolly	- John & Cookie Ruane
Wednesday, February 14 8:30 am Sylvia Vessels DuRoss William Joseph McGowan	Ash Wednesday - Jim DuRoss - Karin Tunnell
7:00 pm	
Thursday, February 15 NO MASS	
Friday, February 16 NO MASS	
Saturday, February 17 4:00 pm Antonio Cantor Mary Ann Christoffersen Stephanie Johnson	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order - Betty Pingol - Maureen Robinson - Carol Grove
Sunday, February 18 10:30 am Madeline Dickinson	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - Diane & Mike Dellinger

**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](mailto: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, Maureen Robinson, Diane Kravitz, Carol Timmons, Robin Husman, Milli Burris Alvarez, Lyllie Deter, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Bob Gallihar, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Cathy Connell, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Andrea Laws, Kaysie Borgman, Angel Grasso, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Holly Powell, Lily Griffiths, 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

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

**Rosary by Telephone:** Tuesdays at 11 am. The dial 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>



**EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
Saturday – February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Do you have some time to spend with  
Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?**

*Perhaps you can use the time before the Blessed Sacrament to reflect, ponder, and decide on what you will do or give up during the Lenten Season.*

Following the prayer after Communion, Fr. Jim (or the visiting priest) will place the Blessed Sacrament (Host) in the Monstrance. The Blessed Sacrament is then incensed while the “O Salutaris / O Saving Victim” is sung. (Found inside the back cover of Breaking Bread.) **OUT OF REVERENCE FOR JESUS, DO NOT LEAVE THE CHURCH AS THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS BEING EXPOSED.** Silent prayer then begins. (Please do not leave before Fr. Jim exits the Church. When you do leave, please leave silently.) At the end of the hour, one of our Eucharistic Ministers will repose the Blessed Sacrament from the Monstrance to the Tabernacle. No Benediction will take place as there is no Priest present.



**The Knights of Columbus  
will be serving pancakes and sausage  
on Shrove Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>,  
in Mother Drexel Hall,  
from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm.**

**All are welcome. (No cost! donations accepted)**

Early Christians made pancakes to use up their supply of eggs, milk, and butter in preparation for Lent. Pancakes were served on the Tuesday prior to Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. This tradition became known as “Shrove Tuesday” or in later times, as “Pancake Day”.

**PALMS TO ASHES  
Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**



Please join us on Tuesday at 7 pm for the burning of the palms. The service begins in Church and ends with the burning of the palm outside, weather permitting.

**All are welcome to attend.**



**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>  
MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES AT  
8:30 am and 7:00 pm.**

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It begins the preparation time for the Celebration of Easter. The Season of Lent is characterized by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Repent and believe in the Gospel.  
Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

**FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Roman Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Roman Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. ~USCCB

**VOCATION CHALICE**



The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. At the end of Mass, the chalice is taken home with a promise to pray for vocations during that week. The family would place the chalice in a prominent place in their home and would gather each day asking God to help raise awareness for vocations in our parish. Prayers accompany the chalice if needed. At the end of the week, the family would bring the chalice back to church so the next family could take it home. 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, (302) 670 - 7924.

Family/Person	Weekend	Mass time
Lim	Feb. 18	10:30 am
Arrive 15 minutes before your Mass time and pick up (or drop off) materials in the sacristy.		

“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38).



### MEMORIAL CANDLES

The white candles on the top row are Memorial Candles. The introductory fee will be \$120.00 for a candle to be lit for one year continuously. **The introductory fee is good until Ash Wednesday when the fee will be \$150.** A small memorial name plate will be placed in front of your candle, with the name of your loved one engraved on it. If you are interested in having one of these candles lit, please contact Kathy at the office. This would be a lovely way of remembering someone close to your heart.

The \$3 aqua votive candles can be lit for your intentions. After you put your money in the slot, you just need to press the button in front of that candle. You must press and hold the button until it lights.

### IS GOD CALLING YOU? WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

“Do everything for the glory of God.” Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in your next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.

### PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

#### SAVE THE DATE

**THE COLUMBIETTES LENTEN RETREAT**  
Fatima: Miracle of the Sun Crossroads  
Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, following an 8:30 am Mass.  
More information to follow.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS

#### DHCI MINISTRY IS IN NEED OF HELP

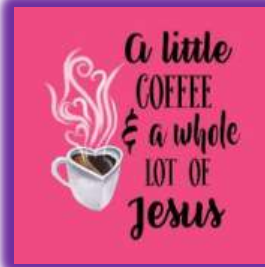
The DHCI\* ministry is in need of assistance to help Deacon Frank with the 10:30 am Communion Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. If interested, contact Pablo Resto at [pabloresto@msn.com](mailto:pabloresto@msn.com) or Anne Marie at [theaterowl@yahoo.com](mailto:theaterowl@yahoo.com). (\*Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill, located in Smyrna)

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

#### A NEW CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN KENT COUNTY



Bishop Koenig has given permission for a Catholic High School in Kent County. Please come for coffee, donuts, and a short briefing about this exciting and important opportunity for our students following Mass next Saturday and Sunday – February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.



Do you have the desire to dive into the divine but find yourself caught in the whirlwind of multitasking?

Fear not, for the salvation of scheduling has arrived! Introducing a new time for "Faith with Friends".

*Sundays in the library,  
starting on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am*

#### *What's in the holy mix?*

Sip on wisdom-infused coffee, donuts sent from the heavens, and sweet divine fellowship!



**“This is my commandment:  
love one another  
as I love you.”**

John 15:12

#### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SAINTLY SIX?

Did you know that there are six African Americans known as the *Saintly Six* currently being considered for sainthood from all parts of country? There are four Venerables: Augustus Tolton (Chicago), Henriette DeLille (New Orleans), Pierre Tousaint (New York City), and Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange (Baltimore). There are two Servants of God: Julia Greeley (Denver) and Sr. Thea Bowman (Mississippi). The process of becoming a *Saint* starts with being declared a *Servant of God*, then made a *Venerable*, then beatified as a *Blessed*, and then canonized a *Saint*.

<https://www.ncregister.com/features/black-catholics-see-continued-progress-on-the-road-to-canonization-for-saintly-six>

## HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH (MIDDLETOWN) PRESENTS "WAY OF THE CROSS"

The Music Ministry of St. Joseph Parish will present a Cantata, "Way of the Cross," on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm, featuring the parish choir, cantors, and orchestra. "Way of the Cross" is approximately one hour long. The concert is free. For questions, contact St. Joseph's Parish Office at (302) 378 - 5800.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! No group sharing required. The next weekend is March 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> (Friday-Sunday), at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website <http://www.wwme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at (302) 648 - 2228.

### CONFERENCE OF THE CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF MARYLAND

Men of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington are invited to participate in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at Saint Philip Neri Church in Linthicum (Maryland). The theme for this year is "Jesus Christ - Yesterday, Today and Forever" (Heb. 13:8). For additional details, visit <https://catholicmensfellowship.com/> or contact Ed Roberts at [edw.roberts.28@gmail.com](mailto:edw.roberts.28@gmail.com) or (443) 858 - 7504.

## COLLECTIONS

### OFFERTORY - FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
February 4	\$5273.60	\$35	\$5308.60

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Parish Utilities	PSR	All Souls	Holy Days	SVDP Poor Box
\$600	\$57	\$60	\$195	\$200
Catholic University & Communications		Parish Maintenance	Black, Native, Home Missions	
\$2		\$130	\$485	

### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Please join us in welcoming the Little Sisters of the Poor to our parish this weekend. At Jeanne Jugan Residence in Newark, DE the Little Sisters offer hospitality and care for needy elderly men and women. The Little Sisters of the Poor depend greatly on charity to carry on their mission to the aged and infirm. Any assistance you can give will help them provide for the needs of the elderly entrusted to their care. To learn more about the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor see the website at [www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org).

### ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

The Ash Wednesday collection will take place at both Masses on Ash Wednesday.

#### *Time, Talent, Treasure...*

Please consider signing up for eGiving. Visit [faith.direct/DE831](https://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.*

### 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

<b>Saturday, February 10</b> 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession <b>4 pm MASS - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> - Little Sisters of the Poor to speak at Mass - Blessing of New Drivers 5 pm Adoration (Church) 5 pm St. Polycarp Parish Appreciation Dinner (Hall/Kitchen)
<b>Sunday, February 11</b> 9 am NO PSR Grades P/K-4, NO PSR ONLINE <b>10:30 am MASS</b> - Little Sisters of the Poor to speak at Mass
<b>Monday, February 12</b> 12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library) 6:30 OCIA Session (Hall)
<b>Tuesday, February 13</b> <b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 9 am Adult Faith Formation- Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 5 pm K of C Shrove Tuesday Dinner (Hall/Kitchen) 6:45 pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 3-6, 8, Hall) 7 pm Palms to Ashes
<b>Wednesday, February 14</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9:30 am Professional Staff (Library) <b>7 pm MASS</b> - Ash Wednesday
<b>Thursday, February 15</b> 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library) 6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 7)
<b>Friday, February 16</b> 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel) 7 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
<b>Saturday, February 17</b> 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession <b>4 pm MASS</b> Speaker at Mass - New Catholic HS Following Mass - Reception with questions & answers about the new Catholic High School

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Serving the community since 1876.  
 Planning in advance of need makes good sense.

**Cathedral Cemetery**  
 2400 Lancaster Avenue  
 302-656-3323

**All Saints Cemetery**  
 6001 Kirkwood Highway  
 302-737-2524

Catholic Cemeteries Diocese of Wilmington  
 In Sure and Certain Hope

*Smyrna*  
**DINER**  
 great food value service

**Breakfast Buffet**  
 7am-12noon  
 Sun 7am-1pm  
 99 S.Cory Lane Smyrna  
**302-653-9980**  
*Parishioner*

Smyrna, DE 19977

# Fletcher

Plumbing  
 Heating  
 Air Conditioning

Telephone: 653-6277  
 Telephone: 653-0503

*Eastern Shore*  
**Seafood Inc.**

Crabs, Clams, Shrimp & Oysters  
 We've got it all here!  
 (302) 653-5294  
 2626 S. Dupont Blvd., Smyrna  
 www.delawarebaycrabs.com

**CREMATION SERVICE OF DELAWARE**  
 519 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, DE 19809  
 (302) 762-0334  
 Simple ~ Economical ~ Dignified

**Bryan REALTY GROUP**



**J. MARTIN ORLANDO**  
 MBA - Realtor - Parishioner  
 O: 302-734-4414  
 C: 302-222-6352  
 martinorlando@comcast.net  
 Offices in Dover & Rehoboth Beach, DE

FINDING GUIDANCE DURING A DIFFICULT TIME IS COMFORTING.

**THAT'S WHY PEOPLE TURN TO US.**


Burial & Cremation Services • Pre-Arrangements  
 Cemetery Markers • Out-of-Town Arrangements  
**Matthew R. Bryson - Funeral Director**  
**Carol L. Bryson - Parishioner**

**653-2900** 123 W. COMMERCE ST. SMYRNA, DE

**MATTHEWS-BRYSON**  
 FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES  
 www.matthewsbryson.com

**findingFIBER FREE**  
 DOWNLOAD!

**catholicmatch Delaware**



CatholicMatch.com/  
 dateDE

Our advertisers make...  
 ...our bulletin look good!

*thank you*

Thank an advertiser!  
 Let them know you saw their ad in the weekly church bulletin!

**American Red Cross**

Make a Difference in Your Community

**VOLUNTEER**  
 with the American Red Cross

Join today at [redcross.org/Volunteer](http://redcross.org/Volunteer)

**Mallory's Army Foundation**

United Together In The Fight Against Bullying...  
 Don't Just Teach Kindness...  
**BE KINDNESS!**

www.MallorysArmy.com  
 (973) 440-8657  
 info@mallorysarmy.org

It's easy to join our mailing list!  
 Just send your email address by text message:  
**Text MALLORYSARMY to 22828 to get started.**

Message and data rates may apply.

QR Code

**OUR SPONSORS & OUR COMMUNITY**

Sponsors can offer promotions, discounts and/or up-to-date contact information to the ENTIRE community

**Finding FABER**

ANYONE in the community, not only Parishioners, can access realtime offers from their favorite sponsors to save, share & support

QR Code

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SAMANTHA JOSEPHSON

**S A M I**

STOP ASK MATCH INFORM

ASK #WHATSMYNAME BEFORE YOU GET IN A RIDE SHARE

Local, trusted, proven, effective, supportive, referrals, relationships, affordable, repetitious, versatile, lasting.  
 This describes the power of... **Church Bulletin Advertising**

Placing an ad in the parish bulletin supports the parish while building your business - THAT'S A WIN WIN!  
 Call 1.800.333.3166!

**BUILD YOUR COMMUNITY**  
 - Shop Local -  
 - Shop Small -

PIZZA SUSHI BAR BAKERY Optician's CHINESE CAFE TEA SHOP

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS WHO MAKE THIS BULLETIN POSSIBLE!**