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Deacon Frank Weber



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30 am

LIVE STREAM MASS: Saturdays at 4pm,
Tuesday - Friday at 7:30 am.

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RECONCILIATION

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

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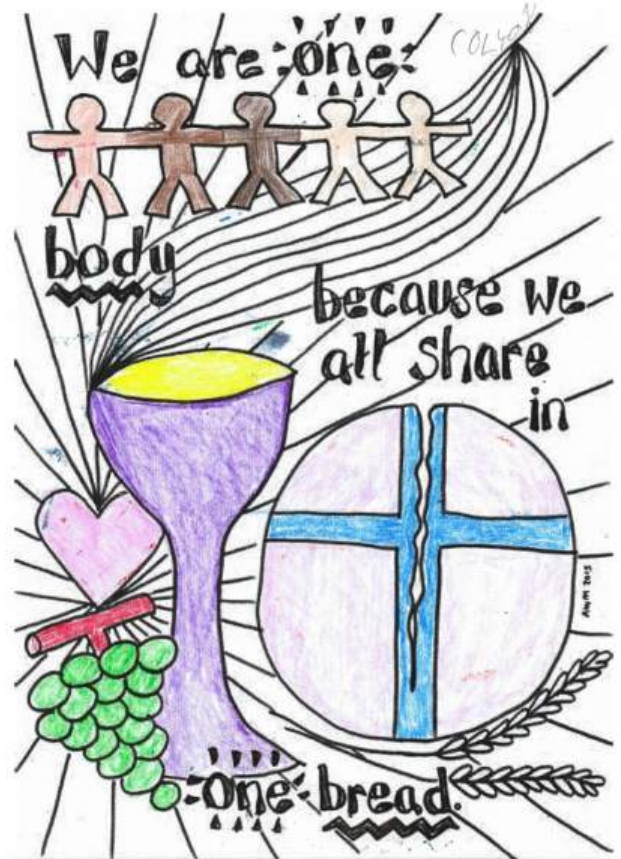
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PSR Coloring Activity—Celebrating the Eucharist

31st 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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2023



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 am Mass on Sunday, November 5th, for

food and fellowship. Come and meet the members of these ministries and learn how their contributions help build community here at Saint Polycarp.

BEGINNING THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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. Weekend Mass schedules will remain the same

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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, FR. JIM

On Tuesday, November 7th, Father Jim will celebrate the 36th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood! Father Jim was ordained a priest on November 7, 1987. Let us always be thankful and appreciative of Father Jim's willingness to hear and answer faithfully God's call to the Priesthood.

During this time of the Eucharistic Revival, let us be thankful for the extra opportunities Father Jim is providing for us to receive the Eucharist.

Thank you for all of the opportunities you have provided your parishioners throughout the years so they could experience Jesus' love and mercy in the sacraments. Father Jim is currently the pastor of St. Polycarp Church (Smyrna, DE) and St. Dennis Church (Galena, MD). Please pray for Father Jim as he continues to serve and guide these two parishes. Prayer is powerful! We appreciate everything you do for our Parish! Every year that you are a priest is a year to celebrate!

LET US PRAY

Intentions

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

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

Monday, November 6
NO MASS

Tuesday, November 7
7:30 am All Souls' Novena

Wednesday, November 8
7:30 am All Souls' Novena

Thursday, November 9
7:30 am All Souls' Novena

Friday, November 10
7:30 am All Souls' Novena

Saturday, November 11
4:00 pm All Souls' Novena

Sunday, November 12 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Jonathan Mendoza - Gemma Ross

Healing Intention- Margarita Sevellina - Gemma Ross

The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica
St. Leo the Great

St. Martin of Tours

Week of November 5:

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in memory of Sarah Elizabeth Leager Leverage, at the request of Kathryn Duncan.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for those who serve on the Environment Committee.

Wednesday, November 7:

Bread and Wine are offered in memory of Mary Gioiosa, at the request of Mary Ann Maycen

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, Ava 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 Barbara Bilbrough

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

Prayer Chain

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.

LITURGY

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~ Why is it so hard to humbly accept ourselves as God made us?

~ Do you notice that the person who humbles himself is exalted, or does it seem that the person who points to his accomplishments is honored?

~ Why would the humble person be more at peace with God than the proud individual?

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Next Saturday (November 11th)

at the 4 pm Mass at St. Polycarp Church



Following the prayer after Communion, Fr. Jim 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.) Silent prayer then begins. (At this point, Fr. Jim leaves the Church. 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.

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 at (302) 670 - 7924 if you can take home the vocation chalice for a week of prayer.

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY ADVENT RETREAT



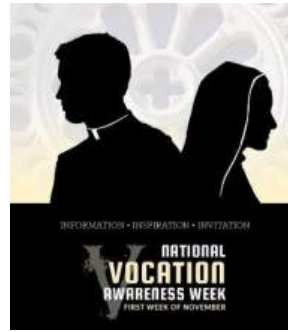
Saturday, November 25th,
8:30 am until 1 pm

You are invited to join the Sodality in spiritual reflection and prayer for an Advent Retreat.

The retreat will begin with Mass

at 8:30 am celebrated by our Retreat Master Msgr. George Brubaker. Lunch will be provided. Those interested in attending must register. Please call Betty Sloven at (302) 547 - 8174 or email her at churchladybetty@gmail.com by Monday, November 20th. There are also sign-up sheets on bulletin boards. This is a free retreat but we are accepting love offerings.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK Sunday, November 5th, to Saturday, November 11th



On Sunday, November 5th the Church in the U.S. begins a special week to pray for and encourage vocations for our Church. Take time to pray and notice those around you that you might want to encourage, maybe your own child or grandchild. Most who have responded to His call say that it was prompted by the encouragement of others, even strangers that saw something in them.

PLEASE PRAY

Pray for all who have already responded to God's call to a vocation to the Priesthood, Consecrated Religious Life, or the Permanent Diaconate.

Pray for all who are considering a call to the Priesthood, Consecrated Religious Life, or the Permanent Diaconate.

Pray for all who God has called already but who have not yet answered God's call to the Priesthood, Consecrated Religious Life, or the Permanent Diaconate. May these individuals be able to hear God's quiet calling amidst the noise and busyness of today's secular world.

Thank you, Father Jim, for answering God's call to service as a Priest!

Thank you, Deacon Frank, for answering God's call to service as a Permanent Deacon!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

Saturday, November 4th



The Knights of Columbus invite you to the Silver Rose Pilgrimage Prayer Service following the 4 pm Mass this 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.

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. 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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

THE GIVING TREE November 4th – December 3rd



Our Giving Tree Committee coordinates the Christmas gifts for needy children in our community. We work closely with our Parish School of Religion and the Smyrna School District to identify

children in need. The Giving Tree is now set up inside the Main Entrance of the Church with the children's requests. Please purchase a gift for the child on the tag you choose and return it to the Parish Hall no later than Sunday, December 3rd. Contact Fran Walls at (302) 653 - 1450, if you have any questions.

Thank You!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES – OCTOBER 17

- For the last several weeks, Connected in Christ has been studying the series, Jesus and the Eucharist, produced by the National Eucharistic Congress. All are welcome to join us. Beginning on Tuesday, November 7th, we will begin each week to gather at 8:40 am, following the 7:30 am Mass, Rosary, and Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will begin promptly at 9:00 am with our faith-sharing lessons.

- PSR Christmas Ornament Fundraiser Update: This fundraiser is for ALL parishioners! Forms for this fundraiser were in the bulletin on the weekend of October 14th – 15th. If you need a form, please contact the office or order through Faith Direct. Ornaments are just \$5.00 each. All orders are due by Sunday, November 5th (today).

- The Christian Formation Committee is putting together more information to help parishioners with what to do during Adoration. More information will be available for the November Saturday Adoration on November 11th.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

ST. POLYCARP ANNUAL FALL CLEANUP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
9 AM – NOON



Come join us for the Annual Fall Cleanup. We need you to help beautify the campus by clearing the ground of leaves, branches, and debris. Please bring a rake, blowers, gloves, and your friends. Great opportunity for Confirmandi volunteer hours. We welcome folks on riding mowers that can vacuum up the leaves. We appreciate any amount of time you are able to give. Light refreshments will be available. Please text or call Michael Pyle at (302) 423 - 9732 or email him at mjpyle58@msn.com so we can know how many folks to expect.

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!

WINE AND WREATH WORKSHOP

Decorate your home for the holidays with a fresh wreath. Talented instructors will demonstrate and guide you in creating a wreath from greenery and other natural decorations at a **Wreath and Wine Workshop** on Saturday, November 18 from 1-4 PM at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 371 E Main St, Middletown, DE. The \$47 class price includes all needed materials including a wreath frame, foliage, decorative accents, and wire plus a glass of wine. Additional beverages and snacks will be sold. Bring garden gloves, wire clippers if you have them, small decorative picks if you desire, and a wired ribbon that coordinates with your decor for the finishing bow. Pre-made bows will be available for sale. Proceeds from the event benefit the restoration of St. Francis Xavier Shrine in Warwick, MD. To reserve a spot, email OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com or call 302.545.2126.

BULLETIN OVERFLOW - saintpolycarp.org/overflow/

EARLY DEADLINES FOR

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER & JANUARY BULLETINS

As we enter the busy holiday season, the bulletin is due earlier to the publisher. Therefore, all submissions that you would like to appear in the bulletin will need to be submitted earlier than usual.

For the November 26th Bulletin

Submit your articles by Noon on Wednesday, November 15th

For the December 3rd Bulletin

Submit your articles by the end of the day on Tuesday, November 21st

For the December 10th Bulletin

Submit your articles by Noon on Wednesday, November 29th

For the December 17th Bulletin

Submit your articles by Noon on Wednesday, December 6th

For the December 24th Bulletin

Submit your articles by the end of the day on Tuesday, December 12th

For the December 31st Bulletin

Submit your articles by the end of the day on Tuesday, December 19th

January 7th Bulletin (2024)

Submit your articles by the end of the day on Tuesday, December 26th



50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING!

OCTOBER WINNER – \$82

Congratulations to James DuRoss!!!

\$1.00 per chance! Proceeds benefit our PSR.

Simply place \$1 per chance in one of the envelopes found at the doors of the Church. Place the envelope in the collection basket or drop off at the office. Enter as many times as you like for the month! Each dollar gets you one chance for that month! Winner pulled monthly on the last Monday of the month! Winner gets half: PSR gets half! **Thank you for supporting our PSR!**

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, November 4

12 pm Environment Committee (Church)

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS

After MASS- K of C Silver Rose Prayer Service (Church)

Sunday, November 5

9 am PSR Grades PK/K – 4, (Room 1-6, 8)

9 am ISP Class (Library)

9 am Sacramental Prep. Parent Meeting Grade 2 and ISP (Room 3)

10:30 am MASS

10:30 am BVM Corporate Communion

10:30 am Children’s Liturgy of the Word

10:30 am Rite of Enrollment for Reconciliation, Grade 2 & ISP Families attend Mass

11:30 am Agape (Hall/Kitchen)

Monday, November 6

11:30 am BVM Sodality (Hall/Kitchen)

6:30 pm RCIA Session (Hall)

Tuesday November 7

7:30 am MASS

9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library)

11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)

4:15 pm Finance Council Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 pm K of C 4th Degree (Library)

7 pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Room 3-6, 8, Hall)

Wednesday, November 8

7:30 am MASS

9:30 am Professional Staff (Library)

6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)

Thursday, November 9

7:30 am MASS

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting (Library)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

Friday, November 10

7:30 am MASS

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, November 11

12 pm Environment Committee (Church)

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS

Immediately following Mass- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Children’s Offertory	Total Offertory	Poor Box
October 29	\$8,149	\$48.52	\$8,197.52	\$30

Collection	World Mission	Parish Maintenance	Holy Days	SVDP	Human Develop
October 29	\$25	\$10	\$1055	\$30	\$10

The Second Collection this weekend (November 4th and 5th) is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

The Second Collection next weekend (November 11th and 12th) is for St. Vincent de Paul. Your donation to this special collection allows our St. Vincent de Paul to help and assist individuals as well as families in our community. Thanks for your generosity!

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.*

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