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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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32nd 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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Saturday - November 11th

following 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays from 9 am – 8 pm

Feeling stressed? Want to say "thank you"? Want to spend some quiet time resting in the presence of Jesus? Need to say some extra prayers?

Come spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Stop by the chapel between the hours of 9 am to 8 pm on Tuesdays.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION BE THERE – ALWAYS SHOW UP

One of the most foundational things you can do in regards to Eucharistic Adoration is to "be there." The first step is always to show up, and it's a simple yet important step any Catholic can take. Leave all your fear about specifics at the door and simply approach Jesus with humility and reverence.

There are no specific rules about what you should do during Eucharistic Adoration. Just "be there" in Jesus' presence. Reflect on His work on the cross and adore Him for all He has done for you and humankind. That would be a time of Eucharistic Adoration well-spent.

Taken from: <https://catholicworldmission.org/guide-to-eucharistic-adoration/>

INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES TO RECEIVE JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses at St. Polycarp are now celebrated at 7:30 am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. The weekend Mass schedule remains the same.

LET US PRAY

Intentions

Saturday, November 11	St. Martin of Tours
4:00 pm All Souls' Novena	
Sunday, November 12	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am All Souls' Novena	
Monday, November 13	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini
NO MASS	
Tuesday, November 14	
7:30 am Healing Intention- Jack Barnas	- BVM Sodality
Jonathan Mendoza	- Gemma Ross
Healing Intention- Margarita Sevellina	- Gemma Ross
Wednesday, November 15	St. Albert the Great
7:30 am Carol Cafaro	- Linda & Hugh Jordan
Healing Intention for Patti Tigani	-Sloven Family
Thursday, November 16	St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude
7:30 am Carolyn Cavins	- Fred & Theresa DiMeo
Healing Intention for Maggie Boyle	-Sloven Family
Friday, November 17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
7:30 am Msgr. Clement P. Lemon	- Mr. and Mrs. John Ruane
Saturday, November 18	The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul, Apostles/St. Rose Philippine Duchesne and Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 pm Parishioners	
Sunday, November 19	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Theresa Flickinger	- Mike & Diane Dellinger
Michael Petrilla	- Mike & Diane Dellinger
Louis & Angelina Arrighi	- Janice & Roy Arrighi

Week of November 12:

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for the victims of the mass shootings in Maine.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for all veterans in our parish.

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, Lylie Deter, Leon Walczak, John Ruane, 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 Mary Burkitt, Sandra McNinch

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, 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.



VETERANS DAY is Saturday, November 11th (observed on Friday, November 10). Remember to say thank you to a veteran for his or her service to our country and to pray for all veterans who sacrifice so much to keep our country safe and free.

LITURGY

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ When is God in your thoughts during the day?
- ~ Does it comfort you that those who have died will live with God eternally?
- ~ How do you prepare to know the Lord so that you are ready for His coming?

CHRISTIANS OF THE HOLY LAND - OLIVE WOOD

Cancelled

Our representative from the Holy Land has had to cancel his upcoming visit for November 18th and 19th. Please continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land. We will try to reschedule the visit in 2024. Thank you for your understanding.



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.



Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd, will be celebrated at St. Polycarp at 9:00 am.

(No Mass at St. Dennis.)

Mass will not be celebrated here (or at St. Dennis) on Friday, November 24th.

The Second Year of the Eucharistic Revival, The Devotion To The Eucharist: The Greatest Gift God has Ever Given
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As we continue in the second year of *Eucharistic Revival*, we are reminded of the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and how bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Would you like to make an offering for the wafers and wine that will be offered up during the Mass? What a wonderful way to participate in the offering of ourselves as the bread and wine are brought forward during the offertory procession. If you are interested in making a

donation toward our celebration of the Eucharist during this special second year, you can do so in several ways...

Put a check in an envelope and mark it for "Eucharistic Revival" and place it in the offertory collection at Mass.

You can drop off cash or a check at the office or place it in the mail. Just make sure to mark it for "*Eucharistic Revival*". Questions? Call or email Laura at the office (302) 653-8279 or finanacemanager@saintpolycarp.org. Thank you!

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Did you know that November is Black Catholic History Month? In 1987, Pope John Paul II encouraged the Black Catholic community in New Orleans by saying: "Your black cultural heritage enriches the Church and makes her witness of universality more complete. In a real way the Church needs you, just as you need the Church. As you continue to place this heritage at the service of the whole Church for the spread of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit himself will continue through you his work of evangelization." The Pope acknowledged the unique giftedness of this community and the need for it to be shared.

This story and gift of Black Catholics is for the whole Church to know, understand, and celebrate their heritage. The Black Catholic community offers the Church a spirituality that is contemplative, holistic, joyful and communitarian. Their story is to know a story of joy and pain, of despair and hope, of redemption and salvation. So, this month delve into the lives of the six African Americans on the road to canonization as a saint, as well as, the hundreds of saints and holy men and women of African descent.

(Pastoral Liturgy: Sept./Oct. 2023)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



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 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, Dec. 3rd**. Contact Fran Walls at **302-653-1450**, if you have any questions. **Thank You!**

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

WINE AND WREATH WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 18 from 1-4 pm
at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 371 E Main St, Middletown
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**. The \$47 class price includes all needed materials including a wreath frame, foliage, decorative accents, and wire, plus glass of wine. To reserve a spot email OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com or call (302) 545-2126.



THE BISHOP'S 5K WALK/RUN Next Saturday!



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

WHEN: Saturday, November 18th, at 9 am
WHERE: **Saint Mark's High School**
2501 Pike Creek Rd Wilmington, DE



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!

WORSHIP, ADORATION, SURRENDER, AND PERSONAL PRAYER MINISTRY

Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Holy Angels Church, Newark

Join us as we dedicate time to worship through music, prayer, and adoration, giving all glory and honor to God. Pray with us that the Lord will meet all of our needs so that we can reflect the love of Christ and be that light in the middle of darkness. For more information, contact the parish office at apress@holyangels.net or (302) 731-2219.

AN EVENING OF SONGS AND PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30 pm
at Our Lady of Lourdes Church
528 E. Stein Highway, Seaford DE
All are welcome! For more information, (302) 629-3591.

THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS WITH THE NEW YORK TENORS

Sunday, December 10, 2023 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
St. Mark's High School Theater
2501 Pike Creek Road, Wilmington

Join The New York Tenors, Andy Cooney, Christopher Macchio & Daniel Rodriguez, and a special guest, world-class soprano Arianna Paz, for a night that will bring the Spirit and Magic of Christmas into all of your hearts! The Sights and Sounds of Christmas concert will benefit Catholic Charities of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington as we focus on giving and caring for those affected by hunger and homelessness. For more information and to purchase tickets -

<https://wilmingtondiocese.simplenetix.com/> or call Stephanie Kelton at 302-573-3121.

VISIT BULLETIN OVERFLOW - For Details On Events & For Things That We Just Don't Have Room For In Our Bulletin.

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

COLLECTIONS

October eGiving	Offertory	Poor Box	All Souls	Parish Maintenance
	\$10,885.50	\$739	\$247	\$429
	Human Development		World Mission	
	\$187		\$217	

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
November 5	\$5,594	\$115	\$5,709

Collections November 5	All Saints	All Souls	Holy Days	SVDP	Human Develop
	\$1096	\$145	\$190	\$340	\$639
	World Mission		Maintenance		Religious Retirement
	\$2		\$20		\$15
	Christmas Flowers		Christmas Novena		Christmas Offering
\$145		\$10		\$10	

Offertory	Received	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
October Total	\$35,399	\$33,500	\$1,899
Fiscal YTD	\$121,897	\$110,100	\$11,797

The Second Collection this weekend is for St. Vincent de Paul. Your donation to this special collection allows our St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist those in need. Thanks for your generosity! If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, call (302) 264-6630.

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.*



FINANCE COUNCIL

RESERVED PARKING SPOT



WHAT: Help out the Church with this annual fundraiser and Parish tradition of putting up a parking spot to the highest bidder! You will have the reserved spot (with your name on it) for one year. With winter weather coming, maybe you want a close spot for you or loved one (maybe as an early Christmas gift.)

WHERE: Back parking lot by the brick wall around the HVAC unit, practically right under the portico!

HOW: Please submit your bid amount by **December 1st at 3 pm** by emailing financialmanager@saintpolycarp.org with the Subject Line: "Parking Spot Bid" or dropping it in the collection basket or black drop box under the portico labeled "Parking Spot Bid" with your name & phone number on it. Besides individual bidders, Parish organizations or groups can consider putting in a collective bid for your group. All bids **MUST** be in writing.

"People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer." - St. Teresa of Calcutta

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 11
2:30 pm Confession
4 pm MASS - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, November 12
PSR Grades PK/K - 4, PSR ONLINE - No in-person class
10:30 am MASS
5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Hall & Church)
Monday, November 13
12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library)
6:30 pm RCIA Session (Hall)
Tuesday November 14
7:30 am MASS
9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
9 am - Parish Coffee - Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library). All invited
11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)
6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Library)
PSR Grades 5-8, PSR ONLINE - No in-person class
Wednesday, November 15
7:30 am MASS
9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library)
6 pm K of C Officers Meeting (Library)
6:30 pm Baptismal Class - Advanced registration required
7 pm Columbiette Board Meeting (Library)
Thursday, November 16
7:30 am MASS
10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)
6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)
6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library)
6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 7)
6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)
Friday, November 17
7:30 am MASS
12:30 pm Wedding Convalidation (Church)
3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, November 18
2:30 pm Confession
4 pm MASS
4 pm Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation
6 pm Confirmation Student/Sponsor Meeting, ZOOM

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: NOVEMBER TO JANUARY

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.

BULLETIN DATE	SUBMISSIONS DUE
November 26	November 15, by noon
December 3	November 21, by end of day
December 10	November 29, by noon
December 17	December 6, by noon
December 24	December 12, by end of day
December 31	December 19, by end of day
January 7	December 26, by end of day

Email all submissions to:

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