

*The 27th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
October 3, 2021*



**AGAPE**

**Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Please come join your fellow parishioners this Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the 10:30 am Mass for fellowship and light

lunch in the Mother Drexel Hall. Our Agape will be hosted by the PSR. Hope to see you there!

**CALLING ALL PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE!  
This Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:15 pm**



Please come and join Jack on the parish grounds with your pet(s) this **Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 12:15 pm** for the Annual Blessing of the Animals. We will gather on the grass area across from the front of the Church.

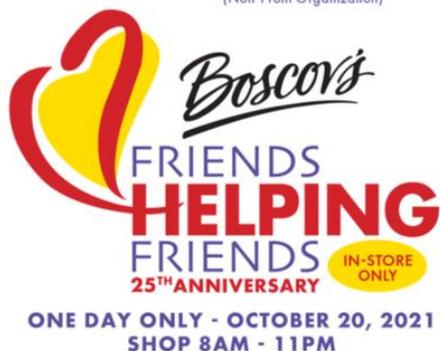
**All are Welcome! Hope to see you there!**

**BOSCOV'S DISCOUNT TICKET SALE**

**This weekend, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup>**

The Brother Vincent Columbiettes will be offering Boscov's Discount Tickets for a donation after the 4 pm Mass and the 10:30 am Mass this weekend!

HELP SUPPORT BROTHER VINCENT COLUMBIETTES #7517  
(Non-Profit Organization)



**LET US PRAY**

**WEEKLY INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, October 2** The Holy Guardian Angels /  
First Saturday  
4 pm Parish babies who died before Baptism - Ed Taubert  
**Sunday, October 3** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 am BVM Sodality  
**Monday, October 4** Saint Francis of Assisi  
NO MASS  
**Tuesday, October 5** Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos,  
Saint Faustina  
8:30 am Patricia Rossi - Ronald Rossi  
**Wednesday, October 6** Saint Bruno,  
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher  
8:30 am Living Intention- Ronald Rossi - Ronald Rossi  
**Thursday, October 7** Our Lady of the Rosary  
NO MASS  
**Friday, October 8**  
NO MASS  
**Saturday, October 9** Saint Denis and Companions, Martyrs;  
& Saint John Leonardi; Blessed Virgin Mary  
4 pm Julia Kirk Biggs - Neda Biggs  
**Sunday, October 10** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 am Parishioners

**Bread & Wine Offerings**

**Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**, in memory of Constanca Alday, at the request of William & Jessica Burke.

**Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**, in memory of Donald C. Kneedler, at the request of The Chambers Family.

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church** burns in prayer for Edward Gabriel Chavez, Jr. at the request of Karen & David Viet.

**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](mailto: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.

Mildred Lux, Kevin Patterson, Monsignor Rebman, C. Joseph Donofrio, Warren Burns, Lily Griffiths, Carol Donahue, Rob Miller, Gordon Hollander, Carol and Eddie 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**

Kelly Connell

Irene Ostrowski

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 (302) 653 – 8064.

**Rosary by Telephone:** Tuesday mornings at 11 am. Contact Jill at (302) 653 - 3836 or [jil\\_mercer@yahoo.com](mailto:jil_mercer@yahoo.com).

**Flame of Love Rosary:** Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Church.



8:30 am Daily Mass is now celebrated at St. Polycarp on **Tuesday and Wednesday only**. Weekend Masses will remain the same: 4 pm on Saturdays and 10:30 am on Sundays. (First Friday devotions are on hiatus until further notice.) Masses are celebrated at St. Dennis on Thursday and Fridays at 8:30 am and Sunday morning at 8:00 am.

### THE POWER OF THE EUCHARIST

Jesus Himself spoke of the power of the Eucharist with Saint Faustina. Jesus' own words to Saint Faustina are in bold.

"... I want to tell you that eternal life must begin already here on Earth through Holy Communion. Each Holy Communion makes you more capable of communing with God throughout eternity" (Diary, 1811)

### LITURGY

## Blessings

The *Blessing of the Parish Professional Staff* will take place next Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at the 4 pm Mass.

### PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE



Please Join the 2021 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save

America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at noon. The local Public Square Rosary will take place at St. Polycarp Church, 55 Ransom Lane, Smyrna, Delaware.

Please contact Lorraine for more information. (302) 653 – 2278.

### DIVINE MERCY - COME WORSHIP WITH US ALL ARE WELCOME!



Beginning Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, we will once again gather to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday at 3:00 pm in the **Church**.

Questions? Contact Janet at (302) 399-9066 or [janethovis7@gmail.com](mailto:janethovis7@gmail.com)

### SOCIAL CONCERNS

## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH BIRTHRIGHT'S ANNUAL BOTTLES FOR BABIES FUNDRAISER!!!



Throughout the whole month of October, "Respect Life Month", Birthright of Delaware will host its Annual Bottles for Babies Fundraiser. Please take a bottle home today, fill it with loose change, cash, or checks and return it to the parish at the beginning of November. Please **DO NOT** write or place stickers on the bottles. Birthright reuses the bottles year after year. Thank you for your cooperation. The proceeds from this fundraiser benefit pregnant women and their babies. Thank you for supporting Birthright!

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## *Change the World: Become a Catholic!*

Many experience "seasons of change" in their lives: of closeness to God and distance from him. Yet God's love remains steadfast and ever-present. God does not abandon us, even if circumstances make us feel otherwise. In fact, God desires a more meaningful relationship with each of us.

If you know someone who is looking for a new beginning, a new "season" in their life, perhaps the Catholic faith is the answer to their longing.

The **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is for individuals who are unbaptized, baptized in other faith traditions or Catholic adults wishing to receive Confirmation and seeking full membership in the Catholic Church.

**We are called to share the "Good News" and you can make a difference by simply asking!**

If you are aware of someone who is looking for a spiritual and emotional change in their life, **"personally invite"** them to our RCIA sessions, taking place at the Parish campus on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. Again, these sessions are for **those unbaptized, baptized in other Christian or faith traditions or adult Catholics** who are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

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

Bulletin Overflow visit: <https://saintpolycarp.org/this-weeks-bulletin/>

## GREETINGS FROM THE CRE...

Such a great feeling to say "WELCOME BACK" once again!! I am so happy to announce that our PSR classes are back in session. Excitement and positivity from both faculty, students, and their families filled our classrooms once again. It was a wonderful feeling of hope and joy for a prosperous year ahead!!!

PLEASE keep in mind that if you are in our building during PSR Classes (Sunday 9am-10:15am & Tuesday 7pm-8:15pm) you MUST wear a mask and sanitize your hands before entering the hallways.

Great News!!! Our *PSR Christmas Ornament Fundraiser* has begun! Please see the insert for more information. Don't miss out!!!

Autumn Blessings,  
*Erica Taylor*



## PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

# MINISTRIES

*Get involved...*

Come see what our **Parish & Family Life** is all about! We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm. We are currently planning some exciting events for our Parishioners and would love your input and suggestions!

Anyone interested in attending one of our monthly meetings is asked to please contact Deanna Lail at (302) 535 - 2957 or email [dlail14@comcast.net](mailto:dlail14@comcast.net).

Parish & Family Life is in need of a Leader for the Parish "**Welcome Committee**". This Ministry is an important part of welcoming our new members into St. Polycarp. If you would like more information, please reach out to Deanna Lail at [dlail14@comcast.net](mailto:dlail14@comcast.net) or (302) 535 - 2957.

## A DEACON'S THOUGHTS...

### *St. Joseph, Faithful Protector & Defender of Life*

Greetings brothers & sisters in Christ!

During the month of October, the Church celebrates "Respect Life Month," reminding the faithful of their responsibility to support and defend the sanctity and dignity of life from the moment of conception until the moment of death. There is nothing more sacred than human life and as "children of God," we are called to the fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of our earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God.

Unfortunately, modern society is set out to encourage a "culture of death" that destroys the innocent, the weak and vulnerable, the poor and disenfranchised, out of convenience and selfish gain, devaluing the very existence of all life created by the "hand of God" himself.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in this great saint, a faithful protector and defender of life. He is "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble." (*from Patris Corde, Intro*)

Who better to look to, than the one who was entrusted with protecting the very life of the Virgin Mary and her son, Jesus Christ! St. Joseph shows us how to say "yes" to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses.

I encourage you to pray the following prayer to St. Joseph, especially during this month, to actively promote a "culture of life," that recognizes the worth and value of all life, in all its stages.

### *A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life*

**Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of the manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.**

**We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.**

**Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life, especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen!**

Blessings & peace,

*Deacon Frank*

## WE ARE HAVING A TECH PARTY!!!



We need your help to grow our important new Digital Ministry. Bring your knowledge (and devices!)

WHEN: **Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 pm in the Library.**

RSVP to Judy ([communications@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:communications@saintpolycarp.org)) or Lisa ([lisa.titus@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:lisa.titus@saintpolycarp.org)) if you are willing to lend your expertise in any of the following areas:

- \*Computer hardware/software/networks/Wifi
- \*Audio/Video/Projector equipment/Phone systems
- \*Social media/Website/YouTube/Live Streaming

We look forward to working with you to embrace technology in the Church and spread the Good News in the digital world!

## LIVE STREAMING

As you may have noticed, our live stream is not always working. Our live stream continues to be important to many of our parishioners who are homebound or unable to attend Mass for other reasons but want to view Mass and remain connected to our parish.

We are in urgent need of someone to help with the live streaming. As of now, we do not have anyone with the capabilities to set up and maintain streaming. We are confident that God has given our parishioners all of the gifts to build up His Kingdom here at St. Polycarp. Let us all pray that someone with those gifts will step forward and offer to help with our live streaming. Please contact Judy at [communications@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:communications@saintpolycarp.org)

### COLLECTIONS

#### SHARE IN THE SPIRIT

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the diocesan Share in the Spirit tuition assistance collection last week.

For those of you who have not yet participated, you may still contribute to the Share in the Spirit collection for tuition assistance. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or parish office or visit the Share in the Spirit website at [www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html](http://www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html) and click on "Ways to Give." This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

September 26	Offertory	Poor Box	Diocese Share in the Spirit
Collection	\$2,450		\$40
eGiving	\$3,462	\$390	\$377
Total	\$5,912		\$1,059

September 26	PSR	Parish Utilities
eGiving	\$390	\$400

Note: eGiving figures are reported twice a month.

Offertory	Received	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
September Total	\$22,649	\$24,840	(\$2,191)
Fiscal Year to Date	\$75,440	\$80,627	(\$5,187)

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](http://faith.direct/DE831).

*Thank you to all those who continue to send in their envelopes and for those who have enrolled in eGiving. Thank you for your generosity and continued stewardship.*

### 50/50 RAFFLE - PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR PSR!

**Winner pulled monthly!**

September Winner - \$42.50

**Congratulations to Jill Mercer!**



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. Winner gets half; PSR gets half! If you want to play more often, just put in whatever amount you like and we will enter you once a week for each dollar you send in! 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, October 2

2:30 pm Confession (Church)

3:25 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Rosary - Sodality (Church)

4 pm MASS - Rite of Welcoming

Sunday, October 3

9 am Grades P/K - 4 (Rms. 1 - 6, 8)

10 am BVM Corporate Communion

10:30 am MASS

Following Mass - Agape

12:15 pm Blessing of the Animals

Monday, October 4

11:30 am BVM Sodality (Hall / Kitchen)

7 pm RCIA Sessions

Tuesday, October 5

**8:30 am MASS**

11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)

7 pm PSR Grades 5 - 8 (Rooms 4-6, 8, Hall)

7:30 pm K of C 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

Wednesday, October 6

**8:30 am MASS**

Thursday, October 7

10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)

6:30 pm Flame of Love (Church)

7 pm K of C 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Business Meeting (Hall)

Friday, October 8

11 am Connected in Christ Zoom Meeting

3 pm Divine Mercy (Church)

6:30 pm Convalidation (Church)

Saturday, October 9

2:30 pm Confession (Church)

4 pm MASS (Blessing of the Professional Staff)