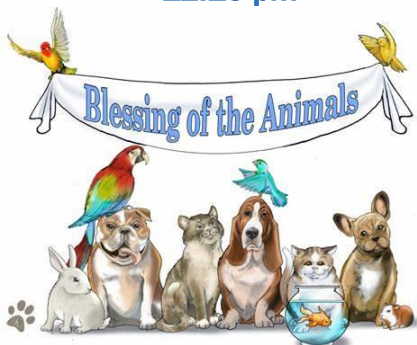


27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 6, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER
 ~ How have you experienced relationships to be a source of grace in your life?
 ~ In what ways can suffering be a catalyst for growth in perfection?
 ~ What can we do to root out the hardness of heart that Jesus speaks about in today's Gospel?

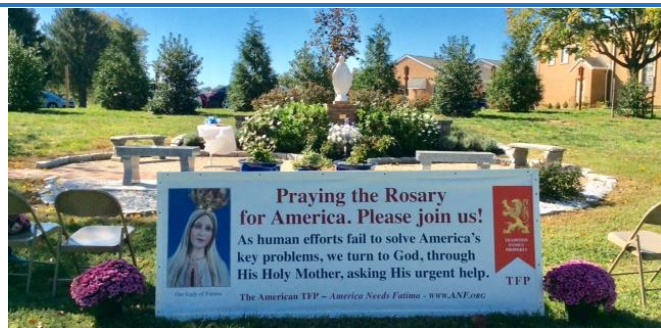
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 12:15 pm



Bring your cats, dogs, birds, bunnies, turtles, goats, lizards, frogs, chickens, ducks, horses ...

This event is in honor of St. Francis of Assisi (patron saint of animals) whose feast day is celebrated on October 4th.

Meet outside on the lawn across from the front of the Church.



ROSARY RALLY - Saturday, October 12th, 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.

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 5	St. Faustina Kowalska/ First Saturday Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
4 pm NO MASS	
Sunday, October 6	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Truman M Jock	- Michael Jock
Emily Iwaszek	- Lori & Andy Ostrowski
Kenneth Kaul	- Cathy & Michael Burke
Monday, October 7	Our Lady of the Rosary
No Mass	
Tuesday, October 8	
8:30 am Living Intention- Dee Lim	- Dee Lim
T. Keith Covell	- Michele Coldiron
Linda Haley	- Michele Coldiron
Wednesday, October 9	St. Denis and Companions, St. John Leonardi
8:30 am Parishioners	
Thursday, October 10	
No Mass	
Friday, October 11	St. John XXIII
No Mass	
Saturday, October 12	Blessed Virgin Mary
4 pm Bob Gallihar	- Judy Lamborn
Edward C. Fletcher	- The Robinson Family
Gerri Nevins	- Maureen Robinson & Family
Father Tom Flowers	- Dieter & Joyce Raczkowski
Frances Miller	- Chuck Miller
Sunday, October 13	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Mary Ann D'Amico	- The Taylor Family
Janet Girello	- Bill Reece
Sally Hayes	- Lori & Mike Sanders

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.

Mike Bernardi Family, Cicero Family, Carol Donahue, ReAnna Hackett, Phyllis Fletcher, Jimmy Callahan, Jesse L. Brooks, Nancy Melville, Nick Sarro, Joe Wisniewski, 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 Wisniewski, 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, Lylie 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 Gerald Mood

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; and 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

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION



We will be having a training session for new Altar Servers on October 19th, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church. At least one parent needs to attend with their child. We are looking forward to meeting everyone!

~ Jim and Fran Walls

LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS

Here are a few things discussed at our September meeting:

- Nightly Encounters for Eucharistic Revival: We talked about doing this in Advent, but at this time it is not feasible to do.
- Proposals for both Parish Liturgy Committees: We have started to exchange a Synopsis of Minutes from our meetings to better understand what each parish is undertaking.
- Safety Training: Jim Griffiths looked into the possibility of someone doing the Training for a Violent Critical Incident for our Ushers, Catechists, and anyone else who might be interested.

ST. DENIS - FEAST DAY IS OCTOBER 9TH

St. Denis was allegedly the first Bishop of Paris, a martyr, and a patron saint of France. He is also venerated as one of the 14 Holy Helpers, an assemblage of saints who were especially popular in the Middle Ages for their powers of intercession. He was one of seven bishops sent to Gaul to convert the people in the reign of the Roman emperor Decius. Little is known of his life, but it is believed that he was martyred during the persecution of Christians by Decius in 251 or Valerian in 258. In the 7th century, his relics were moved to the abbey of St. Denis, near Paris. A legend recorded in the 9th century recounts that Denis was beheaded on Montmartre and that his decapitated corpse carried his head to the area northeast of Paris where the Benedictine abbey of St. Denis was founded. St. Denis is often portrayed in art as a decapitated (though evidently living) figure with his head in his arm.

Please keep our sister parish, St. Dennis, in your thoughts and prayers as they celebrate this important Feast Day!

St. Dennis Parish
153 N Main St, Galena, MD 21635
410-648-5145 www.stdennischurch.org
stdennischurchoffice@gmail.com



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

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

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE



Come join us this Sunday October 6th following the 10:30am Mass in the Parish Hall to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Thank you to our PSR

Catechists and assistants for hosting this month's Agape. We hope to see you there!

SILVER ROSE

The **SILVER ROSE** pilgrimage will again come to St. Polycarp Church on Wednesday, October 30th after the 8:30 am Mass. Come join Brother Vincent Council in a rosary-centered service to Our Lady.

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose pilgrimage 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. Each year Silver Roses are stewarded by councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Knights of Brother Vincent Council look forward to seeing you at the 8:30 am Mass on October 30th.

You're Invited

DELAWARE STATE COLUMBIETTES

invite you to their 2024 RETREAT.

Come join a very special RETREAT on the
"HISTORY & MYSTERIES" OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Saint Polycarp's Mother Drexel Parish Hall

8:45 am – 3:00 pm

Breakfast and Lunch will be served

Cost: \$15.00

RSVP: Anna Skinner 302-883-5647

Registration deadline is: Friday, October 18th


Our guest speaker will be Kathy Ebner MA


Kathy is the Spiritual Director at St Jude's Church in Lewes, DE. She is a knowledgeable speaker on our faith and will lead us through a better understanding of the Mysteries of the Rosary.


QUARTERS IN, PADDLES UP!

Don't miss the excitement of our
2nd Annual Quarter Auction!

Join us **Sunday, November 17th** in Mother Drexel Hall for fun, prizes and VIP perks!

 **VIP Tables** for groups of 6+ with \$5 paddles and prime seating!

 **All-In Paddles:** \$45 | Regular Paddles: \$5 (bring your quarters!)

 Food, drinks and 50/50 raffle – cash only!

 **Scan the QR code** to grab your paddles!



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

HCHS will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 13th, 12 noon to 1:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dover. For more information and to register, please visit www.hchs.org, or contact Tom Fertal, school President, at tfertal@hchs.org.

ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING WELL

An evening grief support group will begin on Thursday, October 24th at 7 pm in Classroom 8. It will meet weekly.

In the weeks before the group starts, a series from FORMED, "Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well", will be shown at 7 pm on four consecutive Thursdays: September 26 and October 3, 10, & 17. These videos will be shown in Classroom 8. All are welcome to attend. This series is separate from the group support group.

"Eternal Rest" presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness and compassion, so we can think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life.

Each week, after the "Eternal Rest" video and discussion, information will be given about the upcoming grief support group.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

The Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month during the month of October. The first Sunday of October (the 6th) is designated as Respect Life Sunday. **Respect Life** applies to all stages of life – from conception in the womb to the the end of life. As Roman Catholics, we believe God alone is the Author and Creator of life.

Delaware Governor John Carney has vetoed HB 140 that legalized physician assisted suicide in Delaware.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



BIRTHRIGHT'S ANNUAL BOTTLES FOR BABIES FUNDRAISER

Throughout the whole month of October, "Respect Life month," Birthright of Delaware hosts its Annual Bottles for Babies Fundraiser.

The weekends of October, baby bottles will be available at the doors of the Church. We ask you to please take as many bottles as you would like and/or give it to a loved one.

Fill the bottle with loose change, cash or a check then please read the insert, fill it out as neatly as possible (if you chose to do so for a tax credit). Return the bottle(s) at the end of October.

Proceeds benefit pregnant women and their babies. On behalf of our mothers, Birthright staff and volunteers, we graciously Thank You!

CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Throughout October, the Christmas at Sea ministry will be collecting donations to create "ditty boxes."

The items will be placed in plastic shoe boxes and wrapped by our Confirmation students. Our Girl Scouts will then deliver the boxes to

the Seaman's Center of Wilmington around Thanksgiving. Boxes will be given to each seafarer who comes into the Port of Wilmington in December. Last year they were able to give boxes to over 1200 seafarers who were away from their families during the holiday season. This is truly a Corporal Work of Mercy that we can all partake in. Your donations will help us create boxes that will contain chapstick, comb, cough drops, deodorant, disposable razors, gloves, gum, candy, hand lotion, pens, stationery, playing cards, sewing kit, shampoo, shaving cream, soap, socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, hat, and scarf. Collection boxes will be in the hallway, under the coat rack. Monetary donations will be used to purchase items to fill the boxes. Monetary donations should be in an envelope marked "Christmas at Sea" and can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to St. Polycarp's office. Please contact Tracie Bruno with any questions: 302-242-4150. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



OCTOBER IS
RESPECT LIFE MONTH
& THE MONTH OF THE
HOLY ROSARY

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

FOOTPRINT MASS



The Annual Footprints Mass will be held on Sunday, October 20th, at 9:30 am at St. John the Beloved Church in Wilmington, DE. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents, and siblings who grieve the death of a child as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, or early infant death. The loss may be recent or many years ago. As a Catholic community, all are welcomed to join us in prayerful support at this special healing Mass. It is a time when we come together to remember those who died too soon. This Mass is sponsored by the Offices for Marriage and Family Life and Respect Life of the Diocese of Wilmington.

PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

Saturday, October 12, 2024 4-6:30 pm

Peace Lutheran Church

5408 Wheatley's Pond Rd. Smyrna

Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, applesauce, pickled beets, rolls, pie

\$20, - Adults, \$10 under 10 years old

Eat in or take out

Questions? Call 302-653-4312

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
September 29	\$3791	\$19	\$3810

SECOND COLLECTIONS – SEPTEMBER 1 & 8

SVDP/Poor Box	Share in the Spirit	PSR
\$52	\$90	\$52
Holy Days	World Mission	All Souls
\$43	\$33	\$70
Parish Maintenance	Parish Utilities	
\$74	\$25	

SEPTEMBER eGIVING

Offertory	Poor Box/SVDP	Parish Utilities	Share in the Spirit	PSR
\$10,950.50	\$770.50	\$510	\$132	\$432

eGiving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for our parish to receive your weekly offering and other Church support. eGiving through Faith Direct will also save you time while helping our parish reduce our expenses. Recurring, catch up and one-time gifts can be made. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/DE831 or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757. You can also text "Enroll" to 302-202-2251 or you can use this QR code for easy giving.



Thank you for your continued generosity.



50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING!

AUGUST WINNER – \$42.50

Congratulations to Dianne Rodney!

SEPTEMBER WINNER – \$47.50

Congratulations to Alexis Lelito!

\$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/>

Saturday, October 5

NO MASS

ALL DAY- Eucharistic Congress in Ocean City, Maryland

Sunday, October 6

9 am Faith with Friends (Library)

9 am PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1-6, 8)

10:30 am MASS

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Hall)

11:30 am Agape (Hall/Kitchen)

12:15 pm Blessing of Animals (Church Grounds)

5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Library)

Monday, October 7

11:30 am BVM Sodality (Church/Hall/Kitchen)

6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)

Tuesday, October 8

8:30 am MASS

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

11 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)

2 pm Reserved (Library)

6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Library)

7 pm PSR ONLINE Grades 5-8, NO IN-PERSON CLASS

Wednesday, October 9

8:30 am MASS

9:30 am Professional Staff Meeting (Library)

1 pm Baptismal Class (Library)

6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)

Thursday, October 10

10 am Pathway to Peace (Library)

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

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

7 pm Grief Support Group - (Room 8)

Friday, October 11

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, October 12

12 pm Rosary Rally

2 pm Confession

4 pm **MASS - ADORATION**

Don't forget to check out our **Bulletin Overflow**

www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow