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Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am
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RECONCILIATION

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

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For where
TWO or THREE
are gathered together
in My name,
THERE AM I
in the midst of them.
MATTHEW 18:20

23rd 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 godparents. 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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 2023

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place **this Saturday, September 9th**, following Communion at the 4 pm Mass. Please plan to stay and spend some time with Jesus. If you stayed 5 minutes last time, maybe you could spend 10 minutes this time. Please do not leave before Fr. Jim exits. When you do leave, please do so quietly.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC We are having a PICNIC at St. Polycarp NEXT SUNDAY!

Calling all cooks! Have you decided yet on what side dish you will be bringing to our Annual Parish Picnic next Sunday, September 17th, after the 10:30 am Mass? Your food should be *pre-cooked* and brought to the picnic in *disposable containers*. We can provide serving utensils.

We will gather outside, behind the rectory, for Fellowship, Food, and Fun. Do not forget to bring a chair to relax on. Tell the kids there is a Bounce House too!

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Curlett at (302) 222 - 9326 or Joyce Tolson at (302) 448 - 9678.



BROTHER VINCENT KNIGHTS IN ACTION

A check for \$2000.00 was presented to Alicia Hollis, Director Community Relations KSI, by Jack Barnas, Brother Vincent Council 7517. The KSI contribution represents funds collected during our ongoing Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll" drive, supporting individuals with disabilities. Kent-Sussex Industries, Inc. (KSI) is a not-for profit industry offering a variety of person-centered services to help individuals with intellectual/development disabilities find opportunities for success, whether in community-based employment or simply for more independence and participation in their community.

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 9 **St. Peter Claver**
4 pm Larry Anderson - Janet Anderson
Sylvia Vessels DuRoss - James DuRoss
Bonnie Thompson - Theresa Dimeo

Sunday, September 10 **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, September 11
NO MASS

Tuesday, September 12 **The Most Holy Name of Mary**
8:30 am Diane Knystaytas - Ginger Babcki
Flora Sevilena - Eli & Margarita Sevilena

Wednesday, September 13 **St. John Chrysostom**
8:30 am Alan Molina - Dee Lim
Catherine Corso - Theresa DiMeo

Thursday, September 14 **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

NO MASS **Our Lady of Sorrows**

Friday, September 15 **SS. Cornelius & Cyprian**
NO MASS - Bill & Martha Alexander
Saturday, September 16 - Mary Grace & George Hutchinson
4 pm Billy Alexander - Judy Lamborn
Bonnie Thompson
Lawrence Curlett

Sunday, September 17 **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:30 am Albino & Mary Gioiosa - Mary Ann Maycen
Joseph Saber - Rita Brown
Rogelio Lapuz - The Bonsignore Family

Week of September 10th:

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for all grandparents.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for the victims of Hurricane Idalia.

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.

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 Maryann Stypinski Greg Gaden

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 (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

Flame of Love Rosary: Thursdays at 6:30 pm - Chapel

Divine Mercy: Fridays at 3 pm – Chapel.

“Prayer is the best weapon we have, it is the key which opens the heart of God.”
~ Padre Pio

LITURGY

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~ Have you ever offered fraternal correction to another? How did it go?

~ What do you think Paul meant when he said that “love is the fulfillment of the law”?

~ How have you experienced the presence of Jesus in the midst of the Christian community?

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY NEWS

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality invite the women of the parish to our first meeting of the year on Monday, September 11th, at 11:30 am. The meeting starts with the Rosary followed by a light lunch with a belated birthday celebration for Our Lady (the nativity of the BVM is Friday, September 8th). A short business meeting will follow as we plan out the coming year. Please join us in our devotion to the Blessed Mother.

COME RIDE THE BUS WITH US! MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, October 7th

Sister parishes, St. Dennis and St. Polycarp

invite you to attend the

Diocese of Wilmington’s Marian Pilgrimage with Bishop Koenig at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

Travel by luxury motor coach. Register now to save your seat! See last week’s Bulletin for the insert or contact Barbara Kaczorowski at (517) 507 - 9311.

For more information visit

<https://saintpolycarp.org/weekend-update-september-2-3/>



We are looking for more people to serve as sacristans! Sacristans have the duty to arrive early to the Church in order to unlock the doors and prepare the Church for Mass. Becoming a sacristan would be a great way to learn more about our beautiful liturgy and become more involved in carrying it out. No previous knowledge is required. If you are interested, please contact the head sacristan Adam Bauer at ajpd.bauer@gmail.com.

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES



After consultation with the Deans and the Presbyteral* Council, Bishop Koenig is allowing the restoration of the practice of receiving from the cup. Father Jim, the Liturgy Committee and the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are all discerning the best way to bring this back to St. Polycarp. Intinction (dipping The Eucharist into the Precious Blood) will still not be permitted in The Diocese of Wilmington. Please be patient as we prayerfully discuss the return of this reception of the True Christ Himself.

CHALICE MINISTRY

The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. Sign up for a week by calling/texting Alice Gaston (302) 670 – 7924 or fill out the form (forms are located at all doors to the Church) and place it in the collection basket.

LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS



Some of the major points from our last meeting in August are:

- We had a Greet and Meet Potluck Supper with St. Dennis’ Liturgy Committee in July, instead of a regular meeting.

- Blessings Calendar
Sunday, September 17th (Catechetical Sunday), is the Blessing of Catechists

Saturday, September 23rd, and Sunday, September 24th, are Priesthood Sunday

Sunday, September 24th, is the Blessing of the Professional Staff

- Eucharistic Revival – discussed the Year of the Parish and the upcoming National Eucharistic Congress to be held July 17th – 21st in Indianapolis, In.

- We finished the Bishop’s Synod Action Steps

Blessings

The Blessing of Catechists will take place on Sunday, September 17th (Catechetical Sunday).

Priesthood Sunday will take place on Saturday, September 23rd, and Sunday, September 24th.

The Blessing of the Professional Staff will take place on Sunday, September 24th.



This past June, we entered the 2nd Year of the National Eucharistic Revival. This is the Year of Parish Revival. Last year was the Year of Diocesan Revival. The Year of Parish Revival will end with the culmination of the National Eucharistic Congress. This event will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Lucas Oil Stadium from July 17th – July 21st, 2024. They are expecting approximately 80,000 people to attend. The cost per person is \$375.00 (this does not include meals, lodging or transportation). If our parish can get 15 parishioners or more to attend, the cost drops to \$299.00 per person. If you are interested in attending this magnificent event, please call Kathy MacDonald at (302) 653 – 8976 and leave me a voice mail or see Kathy after Mass.

For more information, visit <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Greetings from the CRE...

Another PSR year is about to begin. Our Catechists are busy planning lessons and preparing their classrooms for their students. The excitement is building! We cannot wait to meet our new families and welcome back our families who have been with us for a while.

Classes begin Sunday, September 24th, for grades P/K-4 from 9 am – 10:15 am and Tuesday, September 26th, for grades 5-8 at 7 pm - 8:15 pm.

First day classes are for both parent and student. We will begin our new year by gathering together in church. If you still need to register your child, please do so. Registration is still open!

Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/religious-education/> for information and/or to print the registration form or you can use this QR code. For more information, contact Mrs. Erica Taylor, CRE (Coordinator of Religious Education) at (302) 653 – 4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org.



Before classes begin, come meet our PSR Team at our Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 17th. Come and enjoy lots of food and activities for all ages! What a fun way to kick off the year! Hope to see our PSR families there!

Erica Taylor

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

**Parish & Family Life - 1st Quarter Auction
Friday, October 27, 2023**

Doors will open at 5 pm. Auction starts at 6 pm. Proceeds raised will benefit Parish operational expenses and Ministry needs. **Discounted advanced purchase of All-in Paddles will be \$40 through Friday, September 15th.** All-in Paddles will be \$45 after Friday, September 15th. If you have any questions or would like to make a discounted advance purchase, contact Darlene Sanphy at (302) 270 – 3915 or darpete87@comcast.net or Linda Montuori at (302) 270 – 5347 or lindamontuori@yahoo.com.

Brother Vincent Columbiettes will be selling **Bosco Passes** after Masses on **September 30th and October 1st.** Profits from these sales help Brother Vincent Columbiettes support our many charitable activities. If you miss us on September 30th or October 1st, feel free to contact either Jill Mercer at (518) 795 – 7579 or MaryLois Barnas at (302) 388 – 3332.



This event is Tuesday, October 18th, at any Boscov store. Your \$5 shopping pass buys a full day of 25% Off Discount Shopping and a chance to win fabulous door prizes!

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

RESTROOMS

The old bathrooms in the hallway outside of the Church will be getting some updates. The bathrooms will become single occupancy use. The partitions will be removed; chair height toilets and grab bars will be installed. There may be times that the bathrooms will be closed and you will need to use the bathrooms on the far side of the hall, near the classrooms or the bathroom in the cry room. We'll keep you updated as to when this will happen!
Thank you for your cooperation.

FINANCE COUNCIL

**ST. POLYCARP PARISH
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
AND BUFFET DINNER**

Sunday, September 10th

**May the course be with you!
Good luck to all of our golfers
and enjoy the dinner!**



HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

JESUS NIGHT

Friday, October 6th

at the Church of the Holy Cross (Dover, DE)

Back by popular demand, Jesus Night is a faith-awakening event for middle school and high school youth focused on a joy-filled Eucharistic encounter. The night is centered around praise and worship, quality spiritual speakers, and of course, Eucharistic Adoration. The theme for this event will be "Jesus and the Roots of the Eucharist."

The cost is \$15 per person. The maximum cost per family is \$45 for immediate related family members. Do not miss this opportunity! Register as a group, school, family, or individual today! For more information, visit

<https://www.cdowcym.org/events/detail/damascus-camps-jesus-night1>.

FAITH AND CHARITY APPEAL

2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal

It is important that everyone follows through with payments on pledges. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your payment reminder mailings.

If your household has not participated, it is not too late! *Please prayerfully consider a donation and help Shine the Light of Christ throughout our Diocese. (Pledge cards can be found in the pews and at the doors of the Church.)*

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."
~ Aesop

COLLECTIONS

Due to the Labor Holiday last weekend, the collection information was not available in time for the submission of this bulletin to the publisher. The collection information will be in a future bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

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 can be made. Visit faith.direct/DE831.

We now have Text-to-Give. Text "Enroll" to (302) 202 - 2251 or you can use this QR code for easy giving.



Thank you for your generosity and continued stewardship.

The Second Collection this weekend, September 9th and 10th, will be for our Parish Utilities. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Second Collection next weekend, September 16th and 17th, will be for our Parish School of Religion (PSR). The students enrolled in PSR are the future of our Church. Your generosity to this collection assists the Parish in providing the best possible religious education possible for our students. Thank you! (Prayers for the students, parents, catechists, assistants, greeters, and hall monitors are always needed as well!)

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, September 9

12 pm Environment Committee (Church)

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS (PSR Envelope Fundraiser Kickoff)

Immediately following Mass - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, September 10

10:30 am MASS (PSR Envelope Fundraiser Kickoff)

12 pm 4th Annual Parish Dinner & Golf Tournament-Set Up (Hall/Kitchen)

5 pm 4th Annual Parish Dinner & Golf Tournament- (Hall/Kitchen)

Monday, September 11

9:30 BVM Sodality Set-Up (Church/Hall/Kitchen)

11:30 BVM Sodality (Hall/Kitchen)

12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library)

6:30 pm RCIA Session (Hall)

Tuesday September 12

8:30 am MASS

9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

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

11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)

6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Library)

7 pm PSR Faculty Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, September 13

8:30 am MASS

9:30 am Professional Staff Meeting (Library)

4:15 pm Finance Council Executive Committee Meeting

7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)

Thursday, September 14

10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

6:30 Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting (Library)

Friday, September 15

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, September 16

12 pm Environment Committee (Church)

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS

Monday, September 11th, is Patriot Day.

Please take a moment or two on Monday to say a prayer for all who lost their lives or whose lives changed forever on September 11th.

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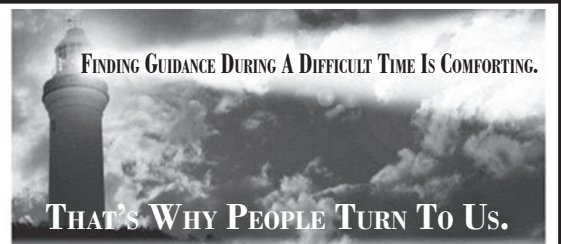
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