

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~ Have you ever been persecuted for doing what was right? When?

~ How are you called to cultivate peace this week?

~ What does servant leadership look like in your life?



EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS OCTOBER 5, 2024 Ocean City (MD) Convention Center Register now for a Spiritual Journey!

Don't Delay! Join us for the Diocese of Wilmington's Eucharistic Congress, which will take place on October 5, 2024, at the Ocean City Convention Center. The theme, "The Eucharist: The Source and Summit", invites us to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist. The day will include a keynote address by Archbishop-elect Richard Henning of Boston, faith-based vendors, a ministry fair, and breakout sessions tailored to various interests and age groups. There will also be opportunities for Adoration and Reconciliation. Holy Mass at 4 pm. Register now for this spiritually enriching event!

For additional information and to register, use this QR code or visit www.cdow.org/EucharisticCongress



A special invitation from Bishop Koenig!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHcOBqsuV1o>

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON - MARIAN PILGRIMAGE NEXT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH



Join Bishop Koenig and parishioners from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore at the annual Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage next Saturday, September 28th, 2024, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church, 12 Winder Road, New Castle, DE.

Come and hear keynote speaker, Father Sabastian White, O.P., Editor-in-Chief of Magnificat Magazine. The day includes morning Mass, Rosary, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration and Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. Visit the over two-story tall stainless steel Our Lady Queen of Peace statue which is located next to the church.

For more information visit
www.cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage or
facebook.com/CDOWMarianPilgrimage.

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 21	St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
4 pm Matthew Orlando	- The Orlando Family
Bob Gallihar	- Sue Orlando
Stanley John Konkiel III	- Barbara Dean
Sunday, September 22	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am David Leon Heller	- Joan Heller
Joseph Vogel	- The Marvian Family
Helen M. Jock	- Michael Jock
Monday, September 23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina
No Mass	
Tuesday, September 24	
8:30 am Janet Girello	- The Sloven Family
Darren Deaver	- The Sloven Family
Jeanne Johnson	- Betty Pingol
Wednesday, September 25	
8:30 am Parishioners	
Thursday, September 26	SS. Cosmas & Damian
No Mass	
Friday, September 27	St. Vincent de Paul
No Mass	
Saturday, September 28	St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 pm Joe Orlando	- The Orlando Family
Edward C. Fletcher	- Eileen Price
Living Intention In Celebration of the Marriage of Ed & Vicky Taubert	- Joanna Thalmeier
Sunday, September 29	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Luigina Pendarvis	- Peters & Pendarvis Families
Terrence Vogel	- The Marvian Family
Healing Intention for Ronald Peterson	- Russell & Nimi Ducksworth

Week of September 22:

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of: William Burke Jr. and Geraldine Burke, at the request of William & Jessica Burke.

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.

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, Lyllie 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 DHCl.

We Pray for our Deceased

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



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

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

God is good all the time. All the time, God is good.

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

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.

REMINDER -

OCTOBER 5th - NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS

Bishop Koenig has asked that there be no parish Saturday Vigil Masses on October 5th, 2024, to allow all diocesan clergy and parishioners the opportunity to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in Ocean City, MD. If you are a regular attendee at a Saturday evening Mass, please plan to attend a Sunday Mass, or better yet, join us in Ocean City for the Eucharistic Congress!

SEPTEMBER BLESSINGS

AT THE 10:30 AM MASS

Sunday, September 22nd – Pastoral and Finance Councils

Sunday, September 29th – Professional Staff.



Priesthood Sunday will be celebrated at both Masses next weekend, September 28th and 29th. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Have you thanked a Priest lately for choosing to respond to God's call to the Priesthood?

LITURGY



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 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.

SAVE THE DATE: ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 12 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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES &
WELCOME BACK TO OUR RETURNING FAMILIES



PSR – FIRST CLASS INFORMATION

PSR classes begin Tuesday, September 24th, for grades 5-8 at 7 pm – 8:15 pm and Sunday, September 29th, for grades P/K-4 at 9 am – 10:15 am. Confirmation classes begin Sunday, October 6th at 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm.

At least one parent must attend the first class with the students. We begin the new year by gathering in Church together.

For more information, contact Erica Taylor, CRE
302-653-4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org

Faith with Friends

✨ **Join Us for Faith with Friends!** ✨ Looking for a way to deepen your faith and connect with a wonderful community? Come and join us for **Faith with Friends** on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am, right before the 10:30 am Mass! 🙏 Let's start our Sundays off with joy, inspiration, and friendship! See you on Sunday, October 6th in the Library! 🌿 ✨

PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEET FINANCE COUNCIL LIAISON TO PASTORAL COUNCIL DEB BRADL



Hi, I am Deb Bradl, a member of the Finance Council, liaison to the Pastoral Council, and current secretary of the Social Concerns Committee. I work full-time for the State of Delaware, am married to Michael, and have two daughters. I have been a member of St. Polycarp Church for 18 years.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING



- The Pastoral Council is working on a new format for our next Annual Forum. Information tables from our ministries, committees, and councils will be set up to highlight all of the accomplishments from the past year. As you browse through the tables, you will have the opportunity to give your input on how St. Polycarp Parish can improve and continue to grow as a faith-filled community. Mark your calendars to join us on Sunday, January 12, 2025, after Mass.

- Have you noticed the condition of the outdoor Stations of the Cross? These were created and installed in 2011 by an Eagle Scout. Sadly, they need to be removed due to damage and deterioration. If you donated one of the plaques, please contact George Hutchinson in the office at 302-653-8279, if you would like to keep it. The Pastoral Council is exploring ways to set up new outdoor Stations of the Cross. Please respond by September 30.

- The Pastoral Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 PM in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

FINANCE COUNCIL



FINANCE COUNCIL meets monthly to review the financial operations of our parish and related matters. Here are some topics from our August meeting:

-Reviewed and approved the fiscal year ended June 30th, 2024 Parish Annual Report

-Discussed the Golf Tournament and Dinner fundraiser event, including profits and plans for next year's event.

-Blessing of the council will be at Mass on Sunday 9/22.

Thank you to Finance Council members for all your hard work, continued dedication and contributions to the Parish mission. Your expert financial guidance and strategic insights are invaluable to the Parish's success.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

THIS WEEKEND!

Brother Vincent Columbiettes will be selling **Boscov's Shopping Passes** after Masses **THIS WEEKEND** (September 21st and September 22nd). Profits from these sales help Brother Vincent Columbiettes support our many charitable activities. If you miss us on September 21st or September 22nd, feel free to contact either Darlene Sanphy at 302-270-3915 or MaryLois Barnas at (302) 388 - 3332.



This event is Tuesday, October 22nd, at any Boscov's store. Your \$5 shopping pass buys a full day of **25% OFF** Discount Shopping and a chance to win fabulous door prizes!

QUARTERS IN, PADDLES UP! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Join us for St. Polycarp's 2nd Annual Quarter Auction on November 17th in Mother Drexel Hall.

🕒 Doors Open at 3:00 pm

Auction Kicks Off at 4:00 pm

Bring your quarters and get ready for an afternoon of fun, bidding, and great deals!

Don't miss out on the excitement—it's going to be a blast!



See you there!

SOCIAL CONCERNS

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

In the weeks before the support group begins, a four-part series from FORMED, "Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well", will be shown. "Eternal Rest" presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness and compassion, helping us to think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life.

All are welcome to attend any or all of the "Eternal Rest" video/discussion sessions, which will be held at 7 pm in Classroom 8 on four consecutive Thursdays—September 26, October 3, 10, & 17.

Although this series is separate from the group support group, information about the upcoming group will be provided after each "Eternal Rest" presentation.

FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL



Thanks to your generosity, we have \$66,555.52 in pledges, surpassing our goal of \$61,500! Of that \$55,271.83 has been collected. It is important that everyone follows through with payments on pledges. Once we reach our goal in collected donations, we will receive back half of the money collected above the goal for projects around our campus. Our parish is truly blessed by the generosity of our parishioners. For those who have not yet participated, we invite you to support the ministries of our Church community. Your donation, no matter the size, is a meaningful way to participate in our parish and diocese's life and mission. Visit www.cdown.org/FAC to donate.



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.

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
September 15	\$3582	\$14	\$3596

SECOND COLLECTIONS – SEPTEMBER 1 & 8

SVDP/Poor Box	Holy Days	Parish Utilities
\$26	\$120	\$110
Cathedral of St. Peter		PSR
\$10	\$612	



Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket.

Please generously support this week's *Share in the Spirit* collection. God bless you for your ongoing goodness.

For further information and on-line giving options, visit the *Share in the Spirit* website at www.cdown.org/share-in-the-spirit.

ATTENTION ALL 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

The Diocese of Wilmington will administer the High School Placement Test (HSPT) on the third weekend in November. For more information, please visit <https://www.cdown.org/hspt/>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information
Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>

Saturday, September 21 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS 5 pm Boscov's Ticket Sales - Columbiettes (Church Doors)
Sunday, September 22 10:30 am MASS - Blessing of Pastoral & Finance Councils 11:30 am Boscov's Ticket Sales - Columbiettes (Church Doors)
Monday, September 23 6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall) 6:30 pm Quarter Auction Planning Meeting (Library)
Tuesday, September 24 8:30 am MASS 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am – 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 6:30 pm Social Concerns (Library) 7 pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 3-8, Church)
Wednesday, September 25 8:30 am MASS 6:30 pm Squires (Library)
Thursday, September 26 10 am Pathway to Peace (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 7 pm Grief Support Group (Room 8)
Friday, September 27 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, September 28 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS

Don't forget to check out our *Bulletin Overflow*
www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow

Need to contact St. Dennis Parish?
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stdennischurchoffice@gmail.com



To view pictures from the Parish Picnic use this QR code or visit
<https://saintpolycarp.org/category/photos/>