

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ How have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- ~ In what areas of society is the Church called to offer a prophetic witness today?
- ~ What does today's Gospel tell us about the level to which we should be willing to avoid sin?



Priesthood Sunday will be celebrated at both Masses this weekend, September 28th and 29th. It is a day to reflect on 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? Think of some of the ways a priest has helped you to learn of God, discern God's will for your life, deepen your knowledge of the faith through the sacraments, etc. . . . Thank you, Father Jim, for shepherding both St. Polycarp and St. Dennis Parishes! We appreciate your opportunities for Mass, sacraments, and Eucharistic Adoration. Most of all we are grateful for all the ways you share God's message of love with us.

THANK YOU!



EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
NEXT SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 5, 2024
Ocean City (MD) Convention Center
WILL YOU BE THERE?
Register now for a Spiritual Journey!

REGISTER TODAY for this spiritually enriching event! Join us for the Diocese of Wilmington's Eucharistic Congress. 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, Reconciliation and Mass.

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



LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 28 St. Wenceslaus, Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
4 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 26th 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
St. Jerome

Monday, September 30
No Mass

Tuesday, October 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus
8:30 am Lino Legayada - Dee Lim
Aurelia Legayada - Dee Lim
Father Tom Flowers - Judy Lamborn

Wednesday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels
8:30 am Those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society - Dee Lim
Vicente D. Lim Jr.

Thursday, October 3
No Mass

Friday, October 4 St. Francis of Assisi/ First Friday
No Mass

Saturday, October 5 St. Faustina Kowalska/ First Saturday
Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

NO MASS

Sunday, October 6 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Truman M Jock - Michael Jock
Emily Iwaszek - Lori & Andy Ostrowski
Kenneth Kaul - Cathy & Michael 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.

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

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>

The Blessing of the Professional Staff
will take place on Sunday, September 29th
at the 10:30 am Mass.

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.

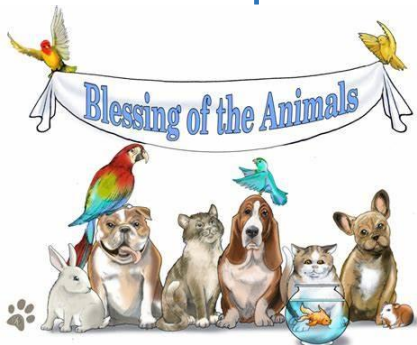
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IMPORTANT!

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!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS NEXT 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.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – October 2nd We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen



Delia Cantor	Amelia Ronquillo
Rodolfo Baltazar	William & Mary Etta Maycen
Albino & Mary Gioiosa	Joseph Gioiosa
Roberto Pingol	Elizabeth Ann Lee
Diane Kravitz	The Petrilla Family
Robert H. & Carol D. Smith Family	Jimmy Biggs
Kathleen Donnelly	Kenneth & Margaret Burke
Louis & Angelina Arrighi	Barbara Hynson
Victor Chavez	Joseph Maguire
The Saber Family	William E. Brown
Camilo Arguelles	Filomena Arguelles
Lucita Dico	Serbolo Edward Ibao
Win Him Eng	Sonja Ann Gilliard
Eddie Robert Maycen	Vicente D. Lim, Jr.
Ponnampalam Sabanayagam	Maureen McNamee
Deacon Charles Robinson	Charles Robinson, Jr.
Jose Crisostomo	Sophia Crisostomo
Mario & Rosina Chiusolo	Stephanie McDowell
Preston & Luigina Pendarvis	Alexander & Agnes Peters
Walczak Family	Antanavige Family


For all those who have no one to pray for them.
* indicates final month enrollment

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

QUARTERS IN, PADDLES UP!

Back by popular demand -
St. Polycarp's 2nd Annual Quarter Auction is here!


Join us **Sunday, November 17th** in Mother Drexel Hall for a thrilling afternoon of bidding and prizes!

 **VIP Tables** (6+ people) with \$5 paddles and select seating!

 **All-in Paddles: \$45 | Regular Paddles: \$5** (don't forget your quarters!)

 **Concessions and 50/50 Raffle** (cash only)

Doors open at 3 pm. Register by November 10th to secure your spot!

 Don't miss out on the fun —
scan the QR code to grab your paddles!





Come join us on 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!

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
55 Ransom Lane, Smyrna DE 19977

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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD!

"Whoever is not against us is for us." Pray for your Priest. They heard God calling them to the priesthood and chose to serve Christ. Now, they enrich our spiritual well - being everyday in the name of God. Is God calling you to the Priesthood? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at 302-573-3113 or via email: vocations@cdow.org.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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



PSR – FIRST CLASS INFORMATION

PSR classes (religious education) began last Tuesday, September 24th, for grades 5-8. Classes for grades PK/K – 4 begin this Sunday, September 29th 9 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!** ✨

Let's start our Sundays off with joy, inspiration, and friendship! It's the perfect time to gather, share, and grow together in faith. Whether you're a regular or new to the Church, everyone is welcome. See you at 9 am next Sunday, October 6th, in the Library. Coffee and donuts are available, come hungry!!



GIRL SCOUT MINISTRY

DO YOU KNOW A GIRL WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN GIRL SCOUTS?

We have troops that meet at St. Polycarp regularly on Thursday evenings for girls in grades Kindergarten through High School. Join us for an information night on October 3rd in the Mother Drexel Hall from 6pm-7pm. Girls will have the opportunity to experience a troop meeting, while parents learn more about the program. Please email Tracie Bruno with any questions.

Tracie.Bruno@comcast.net.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

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. They will then give a box 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.



ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING WELL

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 Thursdays—October 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

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

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.

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day, be at my side,
To light, to guard, to rule, and guide. Amen.*
The feast of The Holy Guardian Angels – October 2.

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
September 22	\$2866	\$0	\$2866

SECOND COLLECTIONS – SEPTEMBER 1 & 8

SVDP/Poor Box	Share in the Spirit	PSR
\$81	\$561	\$45



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 <https://www.cdown.org/share-in-the-spirit> 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.

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 28

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm **MASS**

Sunday, September 29

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

10:30 am MASS - Blessing of Professional Staff

Monday, September 30

6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)

Tuesday, October 1

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)

4:15 pm Finance Council Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 pm Facilities Planning Committee (Hall)

6:30 pm K of C 4th Degree (Library)

7 pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 3-8)

Wednesday, October 2

8:30 am MASS

9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library)

1:15 pm Pinnacle- Communion Service- Deacon Frank

6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)

Thursday, October 3

10 am Pathway to Peace (Library)

3 pm Nuptial Mass

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

7 pm K of C 3rd Degree Business Meeting (Library)

7 pm Grief Support Group – Video (Room 8)

Friday, October 4

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, October 5 (NO Mass at St. Polycarp, see page 2)

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

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

www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow

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