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WE CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

5 pm Saturday, 8 & 10:45 am Sunday
(10 am Memorial Day to Labor Day)
8:30 am Daily Monday-Saturday
10:30 am Tuesday, DE Home for Chronically Ill

WE FORM ADULTS & YOUTH IN FAITH

Christian Formation Office, 653-4101
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Baptism classes are held on the 1st Saturday each month.
Please call Deacon Charlie at 653-4654 to register.
Baptisms are held on the 2nd Sunday during the last
Mass and on the 4th Sunday after Mass.

WE CELEBRATE FORGIVENESS

Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm Sat. or by appointment. No
matter how long you may have been away, you are
always welcome back!

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We will be happy to meet with you in our office or register
you over the phone. You must attend Mass weekly for us to
certify you to stand as a godparent for Baptism or a sponsor
for Confirmation. Working adult children living with parents
should register separately.

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Ann Chapel, 9 am – 9 pm Tuesday
Sacred Heart Devotions, 9 am 1st Friday
Rosary before Daily Mass
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Our Parish Mission

We, are a welcoming Roman Catholic family of faith, a thankful, holy people sent forth from our celebration of the Eucharist to walk in faith, live in hope, and act with love for God and one another. Through our ministry we embrace the poor, the suffering, and the lost. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are committed to justice and peace through prayer, Christian formation the New Evangelization, and stewardship.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16th, 2017

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear People of God,

I hope and pray that all is well with you and your loved ones!

This weekend we are blessed to participate in the Diocese's Missionary Co-op program. This enables all of our parishes to remember the Apostolic zeal that built our universal Church into a world wide community of faith. As hard as it is to believe, our own country was once dependent on missionaries to establish and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Further, there are still parts of the United States that are considered mission territory.

For us, this blessing also has another layer of grace. The community assigned to St. Polycarp is the Vincentian Congregation of the Mary, Mother of God Providence in India. The spirit of St. Vincent De Paul is certainly embedded deeply in our parish. The St. Vincent De Paul Society has been active here for decades. Its members strive to become more like Christ by being bearers of His merciful love to the poor and down trodden.

The society works quietly, behind the limelight to care for those in need in our locale. They provide shelter, food, clothing, furniture, and assist with financial needs. They do this in a spirit of humility and prayer filled discernment. They are always in need – of support in their ministry. Please consider finding out more about their ministry and journey in this mission. Further, please support them by using the Poor Boxes located at all entrances to our Church. The more generous that our folks are, the more others

will learn about God's love. (Also remember that our new e-Giving program presents the option to regularly support the St. Vincent De Paul Society by making a recurring gift to Poor Box.)

May God continue to bless us as good stewards of the gifts He has entrusted to our care!

Fraternally,



Rev. James D. Hreha
Pastor

Five minutes before the Mass begins, the Cantor proclaims the announcements. Then the parish community prays together The Litany of St. Polycarp.

If any ministry would like an announcement to be read prior to the Weekend Masses, please email your request to office@saintpolycarp.org or call the office at 653 - 8279, by the Thursday before the weekend Mass.

LITURGY



Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given for women who are expecting a baby.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for mothers who have given sons and daughters to religious life.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns in prayer for members of our volunteer fire companies.

Let Us Pray ...

For Our Sick ~

Week I	Henry Passarotti, Sophia Wilson, Bertha Hudson, Deirdre Moor, Joseph Wagner, Jennifer Pohren
Week II	Mary Ellen DeBenedictis, Joe Dugan, Samantha Lane, Paul Spirovich, Jimmy Callahan, Mary Fullerton
Week III	Michelle Collier, Brenda Staub Lust, Donald & Geraldine Hreha
Week IV	Marie Nardone
Week V	Joseph Lepera, Lorraine Macasevich
Week VI	Mariann Pierson, Rick Novak

For Our Deceased ~

Terri Pohren, daughter of Grace & Joe Wagner

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Mon. July 17
8:30 Mary C. Burke - Rev. Paul Mast

Tues. July 18 **Salnt Camillus de Lellis**
8:30 Paul Kiernan - Beverly Kiernan
9 am – 9 pm Adoration
10:30 am DHCI Communion Service

Wed. July 19
8:30 Amelia Wicks - Andres & Phyllis Ortiz

Thurs. July 20 **Salnt Apollinaris**
8:30 Mary Carrucane - Kathy & Terry McCormick

Fri. July 21 **Salnt Lawrence of Brindisi**
8:30 Mary Carrucane - Kathy & Terry McCormick
3:00 pm Divine Mercy

Sat. July 22 **Salnt Mary Magdalene**
8:30 Amelia Wicks - Gerald & Linda Mood
3:30 pm Confession
5 pm Jean Nunally - Barbara Dean

Sun. July 23 **Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**
8:00 John & Patricia O'Drain - Tom & Joan O'Drain
10:00 Parishioners

The **2018 Mass Book** opened up on Wednesday, July 5th. Come to the Office to see Betty to schedule your requested Masses. *Praying for the living and the dead is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy.*

SOCIAL CONCERNS



The Food Pantry is asking for salad dressing, ready to eat soup, dry milk, crackers, and jelly. Don't forget to bring in your coupons (no need to clip). The baskets are located near the Church doors.

Are you considering attending the **Delaware State Fair in Harrington** (Thursday, July 20th, - Saturday, July 29th)? Please stop by the Delaware Right to Life booth. Our volunteers staffing the booth hope to see you there!



ST. Vincent DePaul Society Second Quarter Statement April, May and June 2017

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Polycarp Church has been able to serve 32 families (this is due to the generous spirit of our parishioners). These families received help with rent, utilities, heat, and prescriptions, totaling \$ 5,315.00 and food gift cards totaling \$ 285.00.

As you may know, there is only one envelope collection for St. Vincent de Paul. This collection is taken up on Thanksgiving Day. For this reason, your continued donations to the Poor Boxes (located at each entrance of the church) are critical if we are to assist our brothers and sisters in need. Of the money collected, 96% goes towards Client that we visit. The collections in the second quarter of 2017 were \$ 3,620.00, while assistance was \$ 5,315.00. Our Vincentians (members of the SVdeP Society) strive to keep the operating costs as low as possible. Our only overhead is the cost of our bank checks, postage, cell phone, National dues, and Insurance.

St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your generosity and we hope that you will continue to donate to the Poor Boxes for the needy of the Smyrna-Clayton area. (For checks, please make the donation payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society.)

Thank you and God Bless you!
 Lillian Fambach (President SVdeP)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



PSR - Second Grade Parent Meeting

Next year is an important year in your child's faith journey. Formal preparation for reception of First Eucharist will begin with a mandatory meeting for parents only on Tuesday, July 25th, at 6:30 pm in our Cardinal O'Connor Library. At this meeting, we will discuss vital information about eligibility requirements. This meeting deals with practical needs and serves as an overture to other important parent meetings throughout the upcoming year. At least one parent or guardian is required to attend.

Fr. Jinu Puthussery V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, will visit our parish this weekend, July 15th and 16th. There will be special mission collection to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering.

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India in 1904, and was modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. The members of this flourishing Religious Congregation are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India, East Africa, and Peru. Visit www.vincentians.in to learn more. **Please keep Fr. Jinu in your prayers.**



BRING IT HOME

The parable of the sower is one of the most recognized parables. It is found in three of the gospels and is one of

the few parables that Christ takes the time to explain. While we all hope to be that seed that lands in good soil and bears fruits, we also must recognize there are three other types of soil that endangers us from being fruitful. This week as you reflect on this parable, ask yourself how fruitful are you? You have received the word, but are you living by it and spreading it to others? Do you struggle in our overly secularized world, falling prey to worldly priorities? Jesus warns us of these pitfalls so do not turn a blind eye to them. He has called us all to be fruitful and multiply, what are you doing to answer this call?

VOCATIONS



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the sower whose seeds fall on different types of soil. What seeds are *you* planting? When the Master summons you, what harvest will you be able to point to? Are you nurturing the seeds He gave you? If you think you might have the seed of a religious vocation, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302 - 573 - 3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdown.org/vocations

Please remember to keep Seminarian Adam Bauer in your prayers.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

The **Annual St. Joseph Parish Carnival** (Middletown) will take place on Tuesday, July 18th, - Saturday, July 22nd. Delicious meals in our air-conditioned Parish Hall begin at 5:30 pm on Tuesday - Friday. The outdoor dining, rides, and games begin at 6:00 pm nightly. FREE admission and parking. For more information visit our website (www.stjosephmiddletown.com) or call the Parish Office (302 - 378 - 5800).

St. Mary of the Assumption's Special Concert, featuring the Wilmington's Children's Chorus and the Youth Chamber Orchestra from Germany, is on Saturday, July 29th, at 7:30 pm (7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE, 19707 - 9107). A suggestion donation is \$10.00. For more information, visit the website, www.stmaryoftheassumption.com.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

The **Share the Harvest table** is under the Portico.



This allows our parishioners to share their abundant yield with their Church family. All are welcome to share and receive.

The Saint Polycarp New York City and 9/11 Memorial Museum Bus Trip Thursday, September 28th.

The price is \$75.00 (includes the bus, the driver's tip, and the museum ticket). The full payment or first installment is now due. Make checks payable to St. Polycarp. Call (659 - 5317) or email (busylady39@comcast.net) Joan O'Drain for more information or to reserve your spot.

Pick up is at church parking lot at 8 am. The bus will drop us off for about 3-4 hours at the Memorial for a self-guided tour through the building and time to go to the memorial. On the way back, dinner will be at Mastoris Restaurant, and then we will return to the church around 7 pm. Dinner will be on your own at Mastoris Restaurant.

Marriage Moments: Not everything married couples say to each other is kind and gentle. Sometimes it's thorny or boring. Carve out 5 minutes (or more) for deep sharing today. Perhaps something like, "A fear, need, or joy I have is..."

Parenting Pointers: "...all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now" (Romans 8:22). Indeed, we know that the natural world speaks to us of God's being and creative spirit. Choose one way to join with your child to respect creation this week - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Annual Parish Ministry Leaders Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, August 2nd, at 7 pm or Thursday, August 10th, at 7 pm! If you are a chairperson of one of our ministries, you should have received an email about this meeting. If not contact Judy at assistdre@saintpolycarp for information.

Mark Your Calendar

The **Parish Picnic** will be on Sunday, September 17th. The **Annual Forum** will take place on Sunday, September 24th.

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The Academy



Mother Goose visited our 3-year-old class to help them celebrate a great school year!! For information about our Academy (pre-school for ages

3 & 4) contact Nancy Koska at 653-1496. We are excitedly preparing for the school year 2017/2018!

STEWARDSHIP

Collections – July 2, 2017

	Received	Budgeted	Over	(Under)
Offertory	\$6912	\$6955		(\$43)
Utilities	\$1395			
Poor Box	\$490			

Collections – July 9, 2017

	Received	Budgeted	Over	(Under)
Offertory	\$5332			
Offertory eGiving	\$3720			
Total Offertory	\$9052	\$6995	\$2097	
Utilities eGiving	\$145			
Basilica of National Shrine	692			
Basilica of National Shrine eGiving	105			
Poor Box	\$164			
Poor Box eGiving	\$40			

50/50 for July 2nd, # 2282 was drawn; there was no winner. On July 9th, #800 was drawn; there no winner. Next week's prize is \$101.00.

Envelopes are located at Church entrances. Place \$1 in the envelope, fill out the front and drop in the collection basket. It's that easy! The proceeds are divided (50/50) between the winner and our PSR! You have to play to win!

eGiving Program

There has been a tremendous response in the first few months of kicking off our eGiving program. Thanks to everyone who has signed up! Please note, for those who have signed up, it will take at least a

couple of months for your physical envelopes to be cancelled with the printing company but you will eventually stop receiving them in the mail.

St. Polycarp has partnered with Faith Direct to make it easier for you to be a good steward and to support our parish. Visit www.saintpolycarp.org, for a direct link to sign up or to print and fill out a paper enrollment form. Please consider supporting our parish electronically. May God continue to bless you and reward your generosity!

Church Hall Table Replacement Project



Our sincerest **thank you** to the Knights of Columbus, the Columbiettes, and the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality for their participation in the ongoing group project of replacing the old (and heavy) tables in the Church Hall with new plastic resin tables. The project started with the replacement of the round tables, and now the rectangular tables are being replaced. We are deeply grateful to the members of these wonderful service ministries who are so generous with their time and resources for the needs of St. Polycarp and of our Community. Thank you!!

This Week in Our Parish

Sun. July 16 Missionary at all weekend masses

Mon. July 17 6 pm Knights 1st Degree (Hall)
6:30 pm Columbiettes (Library)

Tues. July 18 6:30 pm Finance Council (Library)

Wed. July 19 7 pm Facilities Planning Committee (Library)

Thurs. July 20 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting
11:00 Seasons of Hope
6:30 pm Respect Life (Room 4)
7 pm K of C Social (Hall)

Fri. July 21 9:15 am Altar Guild II
5 pm Squires Lock-In

Sat. July 22 12 am Squires Lock-In
3:30 pm Confession
5 pm Installation of Squire Officers at Mass

Speak, My beloved child, for I am always listening. I wait for you. What do you desire to say? (*Diary 1489*). Jesus's own words to Saint Faustina are in bold. View Eucharistic Adoration as meeting place between you and Jesus. **Adoration** is on **all Tuesdays** in the St. Ann Chapel from 9 am to 9 pm. Come pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

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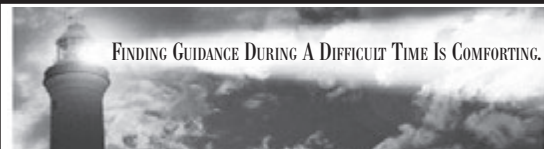


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