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WE CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

5 pm Saturday, 8 & 10:45 am Sunday
(10 am June-August)
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
Judy Lamborn, DRE's Assistant
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 receive envelopes. We mail contribution envelopes Sunday for diocesan & parish ministries.

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Ann Chapel, 9 am – 9 pm Tuesday
Sacred Heart Devotions, 9 am 1st Friday
Divine Mercy Devotions, 3 pm Friday, September-May
Rosary Daily before Mass

BVM Sodality

Lorraine Marshalewski 653-2278

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697-8100

Diocesan Vocation Office

Rev. Norman Carroll 573-3113
www.CalledByTheLord.com

Help With Pregnancy

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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.

The Ascension of the Lord

May 28th, 2017

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear People of God,

I hope and pray that all is well with you and your loved ones as we continue to celebrate the new life of the resurrection!

This weekend our Church's liturgical calendar and our societal celebration compete for our attention. Our faith calls us to focus on the Ascension of the Lord, while our country focuses on Memorial Day. All too often, such situations cause us to choose an either or perspective. Yet this is really unwise for it separates life and faith.

Perhaps it is better for us to look at the common elements of both foci and integrate them for a wholistic perspective. Both focus on the sacrifices made for higher ideals. Both challenge us to unite ourselves with the lifestyle that led our ancestors to value their ideals. Both celebrations also reflect the Paschal Mystery of suffering, death, and resurrection being but one event.

Certainly we have seen the power of God active throughout the entire Easter season in our community. This week we see new life in our new WIFI on our campus. Now our School of Religion will have available the blessing of the knowledge and wisdom of the internet. Accordingly, our groups, committees and ministries will be able to use the tool of the new media on our campus. This blessing, like all blessings, has been months in the development. Our gratitude goes out to all those who worked so hard to bring this gift to us.

May we continue to recognize the new life of the Resurrection in our midst!

Fraternally,



Rev. James D. Hreha

Pastor



SUMMER MASS TIME CHANGE

June, July, and August

Our Sunday, 10:45 am Mass
will change to 10:00 am.

Memorial Day is on Monday, May 29th. Attending the 8:30 am Mass would be a great start to your Memorial Day Celebration. Come pray for our country, veterans, and all the men and women currently serving in the military. You can also sometime during the day say a Rosary or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for our country.

The **Office will be closed** on Monday, May 29th, for Memorial Day.

On Tuesday, May 30th (and all other Tuesdays), there is **Adoration** in the Saint Ann Chapel from 9 am to 9 pm. You can continue to keep our country, president, veterans, and all those serving in the military in your prayers while praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

First Friday Mass is on Friday, June 2nd. Following Mass there will Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Devotions to the Sacred Heart.

The Sacrament of Baptism

In order to attend the Baptismal Class on Saturday, June 3rd, you must register in advance. Call Deacon Charlie at 653 - 4654 to register or for more information.

LITURGY



Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given for all who have given their lives in defense of our country.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for our military overseas.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns in prayer for parishioners confined to their home or an institution.

Let Us Pray ...

For Our Sick ~

Week I	Mary Ellen DeBenedictis, Joe Dugan, Rick Schauer
Week II	Donald & Geraldine Hreha, Michelle Collier, Brenda Staub Lust, Samantha Lane, Paul Spirovich, Jimmy Callahan, Margaret Saporito
Week III	Ruth Williams, Marie Nardone, Beverly Kiernan, Allen Huttick
Week IV	Lorraine Macasevich, Don Watson, Flo Scotto, Bill Clark, Irene Bryk, Anita Cartwright, Joseph Lepera, Brenda Guy
Week V	Helene Black, Pat Ballard, Kelly Robinson, Nadia Shaker Saeed
Week VI	Gordon Hollander, Karen McKenna, Betty Gurante, Sophia Wilson, Bertha Hudson, Deirdre Moor



Mon. May 29 8:30 Mary Anne Albia	Memorial Day - Janet Anderson
Tues. May 30 8:30 Alice Rzepski 9 am – 9 pm Adoration 10:30 DHCI Communion Service	- The Koska Family
Wed. May 31 8:30 Julia Mast	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Father Paul Mast
Thurs. June 1 8:30 Michael LoBue	Saint Justin - Gerald & Linda Mood
Fri. June 2 8:30 Purgatorial Society 9:00 Sacred Heart Devotions 3:00 pm Divine Mercy	Saints Marcellinus & Peter
Sat. June 3 8:30 Ben Kuntz 3:30 pm Confession 5 pm Mary Margaret Felsberg	Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions - Chris Kuntz - Dieter and Joyce Raczkowski
Sun. June 4 8:00 Parishioners 10:45 Amelia Wicks	Pentecost Sunday - B.V.M Sodality

Anyone have plans for summer? How about choosing one day a week (in addition to Sunday) to come to Mass. Starting your day with Mass sets the tone for the rest of day. Give it a try. You might have a better day when you start your day with God.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



The Food Pantry is asking for canned beef stew, spaghetti sauce, dried mashed potatoes, pudding, and peanut butter. Don't forget to bring in your coupons (no need to clip). Baskets located under the coat rack in the hallway near Mother Drexel Hall.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

St. Polycarp Hosted Bishop Malooly and Diocesan DREs (Director of Religious Education) on May 18th. The Professional Formation day began with Bishop Malooly celebrating Mass. The theme - "Handing on the Faith in the 21st Century" was presented by Marilyn Kravitz-Toolan, Ph.D., a professor at Felician University in New Jersey. Special thanks to PSR parent Michele Moss who chaired the breakfast and lunch, her daughter Lana, Tom and Joan O'Drain, and PSR parent Erica Taylor.

VOCATIONS

~ Vocation Chalice Ministry at St. Polycarp
We are in need of someone to chair the Vocation Chalice Ministry. We all know how much not only our diocese is in need of priests, but all over the United States! We would like to get this ministry up and running again. If you think you might be interested in chairing this very important ministry, please contact Kathy MacDonald (653 – 8976) or Linda Mood (653 – 6852) for more information.

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM, and www.wdel.com.

Sunday, June 4th, tune in to hear highlights, including **Bishop Malooly's homily**, from the recent ordination of **Father Richard Jasper** at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington.

~ When He ascended to Heaven, Jesus was taken from the apostles' sight. He remains present to the Church, though, in so many ways: in the Eucharist, in all the baptized, in the Scriptures, and in the lives and ministry of priests, deacons and religious. *Is God calling you to live as an agent of Christ's presence through a Church-related vocation?* If you think so, call or write Father Norm Carroll, the Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302 – 573 – 3113; vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

Congratulatory Message from Knights of Columbus:

It is my pleasure to announce that Brother Vincent Council Sir Knight Rich DeZao has been elected to State Warden at the Delaware Knights of Columbus State Convention. Congratulations Rich!

~ Pablo Resto (Grand Knight)



This week's gospel message comes to us from the book of Matthew. This passage reveals Jesus' commission to us, to make disciples. Sometime we forget that Christ has called us to evangelize and make disciples of others. This call can be scary and difficult to answer, but the call can be accomplished. Volunteer to be a catechist instructing the youth in the faith, give up some time to assist with a youth group, or be a positive role model or mentor to those around you. As disciples we strive to draw closer to the Lord. Joyful participating in the Sacraments and helping those in need is another way we model discipleship. Through modeling discipleship to those around us we encourage others to emulate those behaviors, and assist others in becoming better disciples themselves. What more you can do to encourage discipleship in others. How are you living out this commission?

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

Saint Thomas More Academy distinguishes itself with five pillars that work in concert to achieve our mission.

Pillar 2: Teacher Connected

Our teacher to student ratio of 1:15 permits a level of personal guidance that inspires individual student growth. The students choose from 67 different courses at three specified learning levels, including ten advanced placement courses, tailored to each student with the guidance of hands-on-faculty.

Next week will be Pillar 3: *Arts Inspired*.

We encourage you to visit us in person or through our website (www.saintmore.org) for more information.

The concert, **All Things in Common**, will take place on Friday, June 9th, at 7 pm in the Patio at Archmere Academy (3600 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, Delaware 19703). The music concert benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). A minimum contribution of \$20 per person is suggested. For Concert Reservations, please contact Diane Marinelli (mamarinelli@comcast.net or 302 - 777 - 5970).

GOOD NEWS, the student choir from Lincoln Christian Church in Lincoln, Illinois, will be in concert on Friday, June 9th, at 7:00 pm at Smyrna Church of Christ (1630 Joe Goldsborough Rd). The 2017 message of GOOD NEWS is entitled "Conversation" based on the theme of The Lord's Prayer. Through a collection of worship songs, brief drama sketches, and scripture, "Conversation" is a relevant message for all ages that will encourage and uplift you.

Mark your calendars now for this FREE event. For questions, contact Jim Marr or Kim Hill at Smyrna Church of Christ (302 - 653 - 4556).

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

MARRIAGE MOMENTS:

Remember your first long trip together - either for fun, to meet each other's family, or even a funeral. What did you like about making travel plans together? What was a stress because of your differences? What have you learned?

PARENTING POINTERS:

The end of the school year can bring lots of banquets, and ceremonies. Inevitably some kids get more awards than others. Help your child recognize that his/her internal worth goes beyond trophies.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Do You Want To Have An Auction Again . . .

This has been the parish's major fundraiser for many years. One parishioner graciously stepped up for several years to handle this event, but it's time for some others to take over. Without your help, we will not be able to have this fun event. If you would be willing to coordinate the auction for the parish, or to assist in some way, please contact the office via email (office@stpollycarp.org) or phone (653 - 8279).

St. Polycarp Church's 50th Anniversary Mass

will be celebrated next year on May 20th. If you would like to help with the planning (and there are many ways to pitch in), please contact Cindy Kennedy (653 - 7525).

More Parking is in Future Plans! We all realize that parking is tight at St. Polycarp. Plans have been developed to increase the parking area, though this will not be started until the primary projects of roof and HVAC have been completed.

New Budget Approved. The Pastoral Council members gave their approval to the final budget proposed by the Finance Committee.

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Parish Library. Did you realize that we have a parish library? Oftentimes groups publicize that their meetings will be held “in the library” but that just seems like the name of a room. This room actually does contain books and DVDs, which have been barely visible in a corner of a multi-purpose room. Plans are currently underway to return it to a functioning library while still making the room available for meetings. Extraneous furnishings have been donated elsewhere, and some of the funds from the sale of our old lawnmowers have been used to purchase new shelving. The shelves will soon be assembled and installed by volunteers. Other parishioners have offered to organize the lending resources, some of which have been in storage. Stay tuned for more information!

NEXT WEEK, JUNE 4, 10:45 MASS MOVES TO 10:00 FOR JUNE, JULY AUGUST.

THE ACADEMY at ST. POLYCARP

CONGRATULATIONS

On May 25, 2017, **The Academy** celebrated our 4 year old class’s graduation from preschool. We wish them well and God’s blessings.

Our Graduates:

Liam Carroll, Lucas Carroll, Tyler Carroll, Aleksandra Fratta, Tanner Gott, Ella Harmon, Lanie Hazzard, David Lawson, Makena Lawson, Sophie Netz, and Emily Tharp.

Thank you to Academy teacher, Nancy Koska, and assistant teacher, India Wilson.



The Academy is accepting registrations for our 3 and 4 year old classes for Fall 2017. Please call Nancy Koska at 653 – 1496. Visit our website for more information and to view additional pictures. Click on Pre-School – The Academy at the top of the page.

Submissions for the bulletin need to be in by Thursday at 9 am for consideration of publication in the following Sunday bulletin. submission@saintpolycarp.org

STEWARDSHIP

Collections	<i>Received</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Over/(Under)</i>
May 21st	\$7,349	\$6,500	\$699
2nd Collection – Diocese-Priests Retirement	\$1,805		
Poor Box	\$ 258		

50/50 On May 21, 2017 # 1397 was dawn; Ann Marie Saporito won \$24.50. Next week’s prize is \$24.00.

eGiving Program

St. Polycarp has partnered with Faith Direct to make it easier for you to be a good steward and to support our parish. Go to our website 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!

This Week in Our Parish	
Sun. May 28	
Mon. May 29	Memorial Day = OFFICE IS CLOSED
Tues. May 30	
Wed. May 31	
Thurs. June 1	11 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 7 pm K of C 3 rd Degree (Hall) 7 pm RCIA (Library)
Fri. June 2	9 am Altar Guild I
Sat. June 3	8 am Columbiette Officer Installation (Church, Hall, & Classrooms) 12:30 pm Baptismal Class (Library)

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