

# St. Polycarp Church

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## WE CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST - MASS

**Saturday, 4pm**

**Sunday, 10:30 am**

**Daily, Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am**

DE Home for Chronically Ill –

First Tuesday of the Month at 10:30am

Pinnacle – Second Friday of the Month at 1:00pm

## WE FORM ADULTS & YOUTH IN FAITH

Christian Formation Office/Religious Education -

(302)653-4101, dre@saintpolycarp.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults -

deacon.Mike.Boyd@gmail.com

Baptism classes are held on the 1st Saturday each month. Please call Deacon Charlie at (302) 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 - RECONCILIATION

**Confessions: Saturday, 2:30-3:30 pm** or by appointment. No matter how long you may have been away, you are always welcome back!

## WE GATHER FOR PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Ann Chapel -

9 am – 9 pm Tuesdays

Sacred Heart Devotions –

9 am 1st Fridays

Novena to the Miraculous Medal –

9 am 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays

Flame of Love – 7 pm Thursdays

Divine Mercy Devotions, 3 pm Fridays

Rosary before Daily Mass

## 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.



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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.*

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time September 24th, 2017

## A Message from our DRE

When our PSR students returned to school this month, they each received a very special box. In this box, they discovered their very own Offertory Giving Envelopes. These envelopes provide them with the opportunity to place their own gifts to God in the Offertory basket at Mass each week. The emphasis of this new stewardship program is not on money. Rather, the envelopes' design provides our students with a weekly opportunity to write good deeds and a way to share how they have lived their faith each week. The children are off to a great start. Twenty-two percent of the PSR students used their envelopes last week. We will share some of their good deeds in future bulletin and on the parish website.

Practicing stewardship as children prepares them for their adult role in the Church. There are many other benefits as well. The advertisements that children hear in the world often carry the underlying, subtle message that they are not good enough the way they are and therefore need to acquire a product to make them acceptable. In today's world, children are bombarded with materialistic messages that often lead to negative thinking. In Church, kids hear a different message - that God has already blessed them with all the gifts and talents they need. In fact, God has given them an

abundance of good things, and there is always something to share. Giving can make children happier. Stewardship encourages an *attitude of gratitude* – “*I have been blessed.*” “*I am happy to share.*” *It is impossible to be grateful and unhappy at the same time!*

At PSR the catechists teach the children that the weekly celebration of the Eucharist is the greatest celebration of all. Jesus invites them to come to it each week! As faithful young stewards, the PSR children can give their gift with love to the Lord. The opening of one simple offertory envelope box each week opens up a wonderful new way for our children to participate more fully in the Mass. It is all about gratitude. It is all about giving back. It is all about Jesus in the Eucharist.

*“Let the little children come to me for the Kingdom of God belongs to these.” -Matt.19:14*

### Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

All are invited to attend the **Parish Annual Forum** this weekend at Noon in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be available. The Annual



Forum is a Parish gathering with speakers from the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, and Parish Staff who will inform the parish community of the state of the parish and what they have been doing for the last year. An update on the “Hopes and Dreams” from last year’s forum will be included. After listening to the speakers, the parishioners will be asked for their “Hopes and Dreams” for the parish in the future.

***Please plan on joining in this important time for our family of faith. It is only together that we can build the Kingdom of God here at St. Polycarp.***

## LITURGY



Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given for increased vocations.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for all those suffering from depression.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns in prayer for the intentions of our musicians.



Flowers on the altar this weekend are given by Helen McCusker in memory of her husband, parents, and brother.

### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. September 25**  
8:30 Vincent Lim - Chris Kuntz
- Tues. September 26** *Saints Cosmas & Damlan*  
8:30 Joseph Dugan Jr. - Maureen Robinson & Barbara Cavett
- 9 am – 9 pm Adoration  
10:30 am DHCI Communion Service
- Wed. September 27** *Salnt Vincent de Paul*  
8:30 St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Thurs. September 28** *Saints Wenceslaus and Lawrence Rulz*  
8:30 Benjamin Hogan - Peggy O'Connor  
7 pm Flame of Love Rosary
- Fri. September 29** *Saints Michael & Raphael*  
8:30 Miguela Duran - Marie Aboyme  
3:00 pm Divine Mercy
- Sat. September 30** *Saint Jerome*  
8:30 Dan Gagnon - Peggy O'Connor  
2:30 pm Confession  
4 pm Steven Myers & Ruth Voshell - Tom & Joan O'Drain
- Sun. October 1** *Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time*  
10:30 Parishioners

### Feast of St. Vincent de Paul – September 27<sup>th</sup>

Come to the 8:30 am Mass this Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, to join the Vincentians of St. Polycarp in **celebrating Saint Vincent de Paul.**

*“How much our hearts should be on fire with love for this ministry of assisting poor people and for devoting ourselves earnestly to it, because the need is so great, and God expects this of us.”*

- Saint Vincent de Paul

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** has been putting these words into practice for over 180 years, since its founding by Blessed Frederic Ozanam. Members of the Society, or "Vincentians," are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need. Internationally, there are Vincentians in 150 countries. The Society in the Diocese of Wilmington consists of 35 local conferences in 32 parishes and 3 prison conferences. The Conference of St. Polycarp serves the needy in the Smyrna-Clayton area funded principally by our parishioners' donations.

### Let Us Pray ...

#### For Our Sick ~

- Week I** Donald & Geraldine Hreha, Michelle Collier, Joseph & Dorothy Eliz, Gordon Hollander, Donald Watson, Irene Bryk
- Week II** Rick Novak, Marie Nardone, Cletus A. Boyd
- Week III** Lorraine Macasevich, Maureen Robinson, Helen & Larry Armstrong
- Week IV** Betty Campbell, Mariann Pierson, Kathy Bruno, Jim Friel, Violet McKenna, Florence Scotto
- Week V** Ralph Mullins, Sylvia Liddle, Sophia Wilson, Bertha Hudson, Deirdre Moor, John Houghton, Wayne Pajet, David DeVincentis, Henry Passarotti
- Week VI** Samantha Lane, Paul Spirovich, Joe Dugan, Jimmy Callahan, Mary Fullerton

#### For Our Deceased ~

- Brenda Staub Lust- former parishioner  
Betty Campanella - cousin of parishioner Linda Calvetti

## SOCIAL CONCERNS



The **Food Pantry** is asking for beef stew, juice, Saltines, coffee and rice. Please, no expired food. Baskets can be found at the doors.

### RESPECT LIFE

Next weekend sign-up sheets for the **40 Days for Life** campaign will be available. This is the prayer and peaceful witnessing at Planned Parenthood from Sept. 27 – Nov. 5. Please give prayerful consideration to joining in this extremely important mission for God's defenseless unborn children. Contact: Marcinda Haedge: 302-697-7065.



How many times have you looked at the stained glass windows and wondered what the symbols in these windows mean?

What can we find in these windows? Through these windows we find the basics of our Catholic faith - the articles of Catholic faith. This list of twelve articles mirrors the Apostles' Creed, a prayer that sets our Catholic tenets. After reading the explanation of the window below, see if you can find the window described in the explanation.

**Article 1 / Window One:** *"I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"* is the first affirmation of the Apostle's Creed and the most fundamental item. This article speaks of man and the world in relation to God.

**Symbols:**

**Hand Of God** – God reveals His name by handing it down to become more accessible, intimate, and personnel.

**Sun & Sky/Green Land & Blue Sea** – God created the heavens (Sun & Sky) and the earth (Green Land & Blue Sea). The creation is the culmination of "all God's saving plans" and the "beginning of the history of salvation" that culminates in Christ (#280 – Catechism of the Catholic Church). "The earth" is the world of men, while "the heavens" represents eschatological glory (the Father in heaven and the saints and angels that surround God).

**Trinity/Triangle** – The faith of all Christians rests on the Trinity. God revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process will begin Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6:45 – 8:45 pm.

RCIA is for persons in need of Baptism, or for those Baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic, or for those Baptized Catholic's in need of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

For more information - Contact Deacon Mike at Deacon.Mike.Boyd@gmail.com or call the parish office.

### Parish School of Religion (PSR)

We welcome Mary Ann Czachorowski as our new Grade 7A catechist. Thank you, Mary Ann, for saying YES to this ministry.

**We are still in need of a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechist.**

Contact our DRE, Patricia Freedman, by calling the parish office (302 - 653 - 4101) or by email ([dre@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:dre@saintpolycarp.org)).

## HAPPENING in our DIOCESE

On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese of Wilmington is hosting its **Annual Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage** at the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., Contact Lorraine Marshalewski (302 - 653 -2278 or [marshalewski@live.com](mailto:marshalewski@live.com)) for more information.

**St. Dennis Church** (Galena, MD) – **Annual Pasta Dinner - Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** from 4 – 7 pm. Gluten free pasta will be available. The cost is \$10 advance ticket, \$12 at door. The cost for tickets for children 7 – 12 years old will be \$6, free for children under 7 years of age. Contact Joan O'Drain: 659 – 5317 or [busylady39@comcast.net](mailto:busylady39@comcast.net) at St. Polycarp or Jim Bricker 717 – 575 – 1235 at St. Dennis for tickets.

The **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima ROSARY RALLY** is on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm on the front lawn of **St. Dennis Catholic Church**. All are encouraged to attend.

**Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat** for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion will be held at the Franciscan retreat house, Wilmington, DE **October 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, contact Nan Freeman at 302 - 528 - 8313 or visit [rachelvineyard.org](http://rachelvineyard.org).



### Family fun! **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bishop's 5K Run/Walk**

Lace up your running shoes!

Please join the St. Polycarp team for the Bishop's 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at Bellevue State Park in Wilmington to benefit Catholic Charities. Last year was a great time! Our team placed in various categories. Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/RaceGroups/35468/Groups/404607> or go to <https://www.ccwilm.org/events/10/the-bishops-5k-runwalk/> for more information about the event. Hope you can join us!

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Please join **Msr. Dan McGlynn** and other friends for a **Cursillo Renewal Weekend** from Friday evening, October 20<sup>th</sup>, until Sunday afternoon, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$135 per person (2 overnight stays and 5 meals). **Registration closes on October 13<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Eileen at Jesus House & Renewal Center for more information: 302 - 995 - 6859 or visit [www.jesushousecenter.org](http://www.jesushousecenter.org).

## PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

**LAST CHANCE FOR THE RESERVED PARKING SPOT -** Deadline for Bids is Monday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm!

**SEATS AVAILABLE** for the **9/11 Museum Bus Trip** on **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. For information contact Joan O'Drain: 659 - 5317, [odrain709@comcast.net](mailto:odrain709@comcast.net), [busylady39@comcast.net](mailto:busylady39@comcast.net).

**St. Polycarp Parish Directory** - Be a part of our new Parish Family Directory! No purchase necessary. Each family that participates will automatically receive a free 8x10 and Directory, as well as several discount opportunities. Lifetouch photographers will be at St. Polycarp Oct. 20, 21, 22 & 23. Book the appointment date and time that works best for you. Go to the parish website at [www.saintpolycarp.org](http://www.saintpolycarp.org), click the picture from Lifetouch Photographers or register in person in the hall after masses this weekend. If you register prior to October 1st you will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 gift certificate towards any purchase. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Kennedy 653-7525.

**St. Polycarp Church 2017 Census** - Our Census begins this weekend! We are asking all families to update their information. There are three ways for you to complete our new registration form. You may fill out the registration form that is inserted in the bulletin this weekend and return it next weekend when you attend Mass (Please place them in the marked containers at the entrances to Church). Or respond to the email that will be sent tomorrow, Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a fillable registration form attached that you may complete and email it right back to our office. Or the third option is go to our website, [www.saintpolycarp.org](http://www.saintpolycarp.org) and fill out the registration form online. Please have your completed registration form submitted by October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office, 302 - 653 - 8279, or email, [office@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:office@saintpolycarp.org), with any questions. Thank you!

*These opportunities will help us be united as a parish family as we build the Kingdom of God together!*

## STEWARDSHIP

September 17	Offertory	Poor Box	PSR
Collections	\$4,450	\$191	\$1233
eGiving			\$410
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,450</b>		<b>\$1643</b>
Budgeted	\$7,225		
Over (Under)	(\$2775)		

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Matthew 6:21*

After the first 2 months of our fiscal year, our Fiscal Year-To-Date Budgeted Offertory is \$62,595 and our Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual Offertory is \$60,735, a shortfall of \$1860. As we grow in new and exciting ways, your continued support is much appreciated!

**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](http://www.saintpolycarp.org) or contact the office to sign-up or for more information.

### 50/50 - Proceeds benefit PSR

Date	Number Drawn	Winner	Next Week's Prize
September 17	1304		\$54.50

### This Week In Our Parish

#### **Sun. September 24**

9 am PSR Grs. P-4 (Rms. 1-8 and Library)  
11:30 am Annual Forum (Hall)  
5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Library)

#### **Mon. September 25**

12:30 pm Academy 4's  
6 pm RCIA Team (Library)

#### **Tues. September 26**

12:30 pm Academy 4's  
6:30 pm Social Concerns (Rm 7)  
7 pm PSR Grs. 5-8 (Rms. 1-6, 8, and Library)

#### **Wed. September 27**

9 am Academy 3's  
12:30 pm Academy 4's  
6:30 pm Squires (Library)

#### **Thurs. September 28**

8 am 9/11 Museum Trlp to NYC  
9 am Academy 3's  
11 am Seasons of Hope (Library)  
12:30 pm Academy 4's  
6 pm Girl Scouts #547 (Room 6)  
7 pm Knights Officers Meeting (Room 4)

#### **Fri. September 29**

9 am Academy 3's  
9:15 am Altar Guild V  
12:30 pm Academy 4's

#### **Sat. September 30**

2:30 pm Confession

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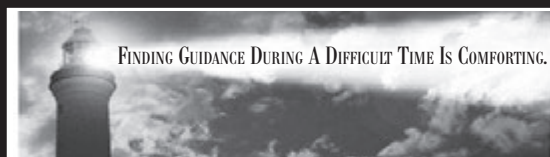
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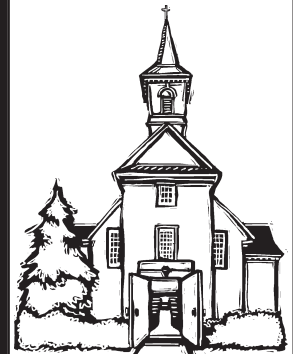
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