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Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Charles Robinson (Retired)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday—Friday 8:30 am (see inside note)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays 9:00 am—9:00 pm St. Ann Chapel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30 - 3:30 pm or by appointment

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Appreciation Dinner ~2019

Baptism: Pre-Baptismal class is required. Arrangements are to be made in advance by contacting Deacon Charlie at (302) 653-4654.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least one year prior to the date. Contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the parish office.

Vocations: For Priestly and Religious vocations contact Rev. Norman Carroll at (302) 573 – 3113.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): RCIA is for adults who are in need of Baptism, who were baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic, or who were baptized Catholic and desire First Eucharist and /or Confirmation. For more information contact the Christian Formation Office by phone or email.



**WELCOME VISITORS &
NEW PARISHIONERS!**

Please contact the office or visit our website to register in our Parish.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019

LET US PRAY

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 18
NO MASS

Tuesday, February 19
8:30 Marie Nardone - Judy Lamborn
10:30 DHCI Communion Service

Wednesday, February 20
8:30 Catherine, William, Jack & Roseann Wallace
- Terri Dunn

Thursday, February 21 **Salnt Peter Damlan**
NO MASS

Friday, February 22 **The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**
NO MASS

Saturday, February 23 **Salnt Polycarp**
4:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, February 24 **Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**
10:30 Robert Tracey - Coldiron Family

We Pray for Our Sick ~

Week I Sophia Wilson, Deirdre Moor, Matt Kiernan,
Donald Hreha, Lorraine Macasevich,
Tyler Stokes, Caleb O'Brien

Week II Michelle Collier, Terry Mance

Week IV Linda Blow, Kathryn Buxton, Lucinda Buxton,
Robin Miller, Nick DiMattio, Ron Pleasanton,
Margaret Saporito

Week V Sister Ellen Gerlach, Austin & Dylan Dean,
Laura Saporito, Bennie Paoella, Steve
Chambers, James Jackson, Frank Bleyer,
Michael Russo

Week VI Brice Haywood, Mary Carey, Joe Donofrio,
Richard Weber

We Pray for Our Deceased ~

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
And let the perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*



Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given in prayer for an increase in vocations.



Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in loving memory of Geraldine Hreha, at the request of Margo Orlando.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns in prayer for those who are battling cancer.

Tuesday, February 19th - Bread and wine are given in loving memory of Paul Hendrix, at the request of Lorraine and Danny Marshalewski.

Wednesday, February 20th - Bread and wine are given in loving memory of Paul Hendrix, at the request of the BVM Sodality.

Saturday, February 23rd - Bread and wine are given in prayer for the wedding anniversary of Krystyna & Leon Kabzinski.

Eucharistic Adoration - 9 am-9 pm Tuesdays, Chapel
Flame of Love Rosary - 7 pm Thursdays, St. Ann Chapel
Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3 pm Fridays, St. Ann Chapel
Rosary before 8:30 am Mass

PRAYER CHAIN - To request prayers or to be part of our Prayer Chain, contact Laverne at laverne427@icloud.com or (302) 653 - 8064 with prayer requests.

LITURGY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!
ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 6
MASSES 8:30 AM & 7 PM



**THE DEANERY LENTEN
RECONCILIATION SERVICE IS AT HOLY
CROSS CHURCH, DOVER ON MONDAY,
APRIL 8, AT 7 PM.**

The Lent/Holy Week/Easter schedule can be viewed on our Parish calendar at www.saintpolycarp.org/calendar

IMPORTANT - WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

There will be **no 8:30 am Mass on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays** at St. Polycarp Church
Please pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood!

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS will take place on Friday, March 1st at 8:30 am. All parishioners are invited to join the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality & the Columbiettes for Rosary, Sacred Heart Novena, Novena in Honor of our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Benediction. All parishioners are invited.

FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY

From Jesus to Elizabeth, "All are invited to join my special fighting force. The coming of my Kingdom must be your only purpose in life. My words will reach a multitude of souls. Trust, I will help all of you in a miraculous way". He continued, "Do not love comfort. Do not be cowards. Do not wait. Confront the storm to save souls. Give yourself to the work. If you do nothing, you abandon the earth to Satan and to sin. Open your eyes and see all the dangers that claim victims and threaten your own souls."

This is just one of many messages given to Elizabeth Kindelmann. Please join us on Thursday nights in the chapel, as we pray the Flame of Love Rosary. For more info, call or text Roxanne Wharton #302-242-6484
Roxsmb@gmail.com

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Were you at Mass last weekend?



"I am a little pencil in God's hands. He does the thinking. He does the writing. He does everything and sometimes it is really hard because it is a broken pencil and He has to sharpen it a little more." — Mother Teresa, The Joy in Loving: A Guide to Daily Living

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

From Susan Varani, Your DRE

On Saturday February 23, 2019, Salesianum School in Wilmington, Delaware, is offering SACRED, a day of adult catechesis and spiritual growth, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The day begins with breakfast, includes lunch, and ends with a Mass that satisfies the obligation that all Catholics have to go to Mass on Sundays. SACRED is geared to parents/guardians and educators. During SACRED, there are a number of sessions on different topics. Participants can choose to go to presentations on two topics.

For more information about the day and to register for it, go to <https://sacred.salesianum.org/> You can find out what SACRED means there, too.

Our Candy Sale is providing pleasurable eating experiences for many. Are you really saving some of those delicious bars for Valentine's Day or for Easter, or has the temptation to gulp them down been too strong to resist? There are still some bars left for those who have not enjoyed the chocolate yet, but they are becoming fewer and fewer.

A big thank you to each of you who has sold a bar or more and to each of you who has bought a bar or more. A special thanks to these who offered to sell the bars at the doors of the church in the bitter cold on February 2 and February 3. A humongous thanks to Angela Gibson for coordinating the Candy Sale, and to her helpers, who will remain anonymous for the time being.

For our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) to grow into an even richer community of faith than it is already, we need more catechists. As an RCIA catechist, a person shares his or her faith experience and communicates to others the beauty and the Truths of the Catholic faith. RCIA catechists do that with those who want to know more about the Catholic faith and are interested in becoming Catholics, and with those who were baptized, but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation yet.

Please consider becoming an RCIA catechist. If you are at all moved to do that, please go before the Lord in prayer and ask Him if He is calling you to this ministry. It will enrich you as well as those with whom you share your faith.

CATECHETICAL DAY -

ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS CHRIST

Catechetical Day with Bishop W. Francis Malooly will be held on Saturday, March 23, at St. Thomas More Academy. Bishop Malooly will individually recognize DREs and Catechists celebrating significant anniversary years. The day includes refreshments beginning at 8:30 am and lunch at 12 noon. The Presenter is Father Christopher Walsh. The day concludes at 2 pm. The final registration deadline is Friday, March 1st. Please go to www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay2019 to find out more about the day and how to register.

BIKE-A-THON UPDATE

On October 14, 2018, our PSR students participated in our annual St. Jude Bike-a-thon. As always, the event was successful! We had 33 riders who toughed it out through the rain and cool temperatures that day. Way to go!! We also had 4 youth volunteers and many parent volunteers that helped out during the event.

All donations have been collected, counted, and sent to the hospital. We are happy to report that we exceeded our goal once again and raised a total of \$4279.00. This is our highest amount raised to date! Not only did the PSR students raise money for this great hospital, the entire parish helped as well. What a blessing it is to see how generous our PSR families and parishioners are to such a great cause!!! The children at St. Jude needed us and we delivered!!! A BIG Thank You goes out to everyone who helped make our Bike-a-thon a success!

Raised at Masses.....\$840.00
Raised by PSR students.....\$3,439.00
Grand Total.....\$4,279.00

Our Grand Prize Winner, for the 2nd year in a row, is William Crossland. William is a 4th grade PSR student. He raised \$1,430.00. Unbelievable!!! Way to go William!

VOCATIONS

Can you take it? Jesus warns us in today's gospel that some will hate us and persecute us because of our relationship with the Son of Man. Have you been taking stock of *your* relationship with the Lord? How is *your* life fitting in with *His* goals? Is He calling you to serve His people in a particular way – maybe as a priest, a deacon, a sister or a brother? If you think God might be calling you to the priesthood or to religious life, call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations !

SOCIAL CONCERNS



The **Smyrna – Clayton Food Pantry** is asking for canned chicken, beef stew, canned pasta, apple sauce, and coffee. Remember the coupons (no need to clip). The boxes are located at all of the Church doors. Please no expired food.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is aware of a local immigrant family who needs a sponsor in order to proceed with the citizenship process. If you are willing to assist this family as a sponsor, please contact SVDP at (302) 264 - 6630. Thank you!

SHEPHERDS PLACE NEEDS OUR HELP

Shepherds Place (1362 South Governors Ave, Dover) provides relief to families (women or men with children) who are in distress or dire economic situations without regard to age, race, creed, or sexual orientation. Shepherds Place has 30 beds in total, to provide short term (up to 30 days) emergency shelter during the day and nights. They work to reduce the degree of homelessness in Kent County.

I'm asking for your assistance to help Shepherds Place. They are in need of the following items:

PERSONAL ITEMS: Body Wash, Boys or Girls clothing - sizes 2 T and up, Pull-Ups - diapers - size 6, Women's (new) underwear - sizes 5 or 6 or 7, Juice Boxes for kids
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Comet, Bleach, Lysol, Paper Towels, Trash Bags- Kitchen size

Items for Shepherd's Place are collected here at St. Polycarp in one of the marked TUBS under the coat rack in the hallway, near the hall and will be delivered to them when the tub is full.

Thank you and God bless you.
Lillian Fambach

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE



*Do you like your life but crave a little time for yourself? **Brother Vincent Columbiettes** invite the ladies of the parish to our **2019 LENTEN RETREAT** being held on Saturday, March 9th – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM in Mother Drexel Hall. Come away from the busyness of life for a day of spiritual enlightenment and discover the voice of God who longs to speak to your heart. Sr. Julia Keegan, OSF is returning to be our presenter this year. Contact MaryLois Barnas 302-388-3332 or BrotherVincent7517@comcast.net to reserve your seat.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Bring the family to the Brother Vincent Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 17th following the 10:30 AM Mass. Eggs, bacon, French toast and much more. Donations accepted.

FIRST PRETZEL SALE OF THE NEW YEAR



The Knights of Columbus will be selling **SOFT PRETZELS** on the weekend of February 23rd and 24th. Philly soft pretzels will be available after both the Saturday and Sunday Mass. Still only \$1 each.



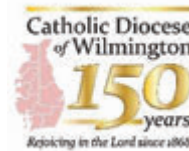
THE ST. PATTY'S DAY SOCIAL

will take place on Saturday, March 16th. More details to follow in future bulletins!



Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality would like to thank all parishioners who supported our Soup and Bake Sale on January 26 and 27th. Your help is gratefully appreciated.

150 YEARS



The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington was established in 1868 and comprises 56 parishes, 18 missions and 36 schools serving the State of Delaware and the nine counties of Maryland's Eastern Shore. The diocese is in the midst of its year-long 150th anniversary celebration that will conclude on March 3, 2019. More information is available at www.cdow.org.

This weekend's edition of The Dialog will feature a Tribute to our Priests. As part of their ongoing coverage of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150th anniversary, The Dialog will publish photos of diocesan and religious order priests active in parish and diocesan ministry. Pick up your copy after Mass this weekend.

ARCHIVES EXHIBIT

The Archives of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington will present a special exhibit in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese. The exhibit will take place on **Sunday, February 24th, from 12 pm to 3 pm** in the Family Center of Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Church (10 Old Church Road in Greenville, Delaware). The exhibit will feature dozens of items and documents going back to the 1600s when the first Catholic Europeans arrived in present-day Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. **The exhibit is free and open to the public.**

DIOCESAN 150TH ANNIVERSARY MASS - MARCH 3RD
 Our Sesquicentennial Year is ending! You are cordially invited to join Bishop Malooly at the Diocese of Wilmington's Sesquicentennial Closing Mass on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South Broom Street in Wilmington. Gather with Catholics from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore to celebrate the conclusion of our year-long anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington by Blessed Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1868.

HAPPENING IN OUR DIOCESE

FEBRUARY IS STOCK THE PANTRY MONTH
 Participate in Catholic Charities semi-annual "Stock the Pantry" project throughout the month of February! You can support our most vulnerable neighbors by donating non-perishable food items at any Catholic Charities location. Gift cards to local grocery stores or cash donations are also accepted. You can find the nearest Catholic Charities service center by visiting www.cdow.org/charities, or calling (302) 655 - 9624. Those in need of food assistance should call the nearest Catholic Charities location.

COOKS FOR A CAUSE: Please join the **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** on February 24th from 3 pm - 8 pm at Feby's Fishery (3701 Lancaster Pike Wilmington, DE) for a fun filled evening and fabulous meal as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary of caring for the elderly poor in America!

A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to help the Little Sisters of the Poor. Reservations are preferred.

For details call Debbie Strengari, the Development Director Little Sisters of the Poor at (302) 368 - 5886, ext. 106 or Feby's at (302) 998 - 9501.



OUR LADY OF WILMINGTON - Additional elements!


Our Lady is clothed in a white garment signifying her purity, her virginity, her Immaculate Conception. The amber veil references her role as Queen of heaven and earth (amber being the color of a royal diadem),

We look forward to the day when we will be able to see this beautiful art work displayed on our campus!

STEWARDSHIP

	February 10	Black & Native American	Poor Box
Collections	\$5,476	\$746	\$349.20
eGiving	\$4,849		\$61.00
Total	\$10,325	\$746	\$410.20

Note: eGiving figures are reported twice a month.

Proceeds benefit PSR
 Envelopes available at the doors. Place \$1 in the envelope and complete the information. Prize is split 50/50 between the winner and our PSR (Parish School of Religion). Thank you for your support!

Date	Number Drawn	Winner	Prize - Next Week
February 3	1196	None	\$114.50

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 17 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Hall) 11:30 am Pancake Breakfast	
Monday, February 18 OFFICE CLOSED NO MASS 6:30 pm Columbiettes (Library)	
Tuesday, February 19 9 am Academy 3's 9 am Adoration 9 am to 9 pm (Chapel) 10:30 am DHCI Communion Service 12:30 pm Academy 4's 6:30 pm RCIA (cry room) 6:30 pm Finance Council (Room 7) 6:45 pm PSR Movie Night 7 pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 1-6, 8, Library, Hall)	
Wednesday, February 20 9 am Academy 3's 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting 12:30 pm Academy 4's 7 pm Facilities Planning Meeting (Library)	
Thursday, February 21 NO MASS 9 am Academy 3's 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 12:30 pm Academy 4's 6:30 pm RCIA (Library, Room 4) 7 pm K of C Social (Hall) 7 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)	
Friday, February 22 NO MASS 9:15 am Altar Guild IV (Church) 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel) 6 pm Girl Scout World Thinking Day (Hall)	
Saturday, February 23 10 am K of C 3 rd Degree Installation (Hall) 2:30 pm Confession K of C Pretzel Sale following Mass (Hall/Kitchen)	

A NOTE FROM FR. JIM - FRAUDULENT EMAIL

Over the last year or so, various members of our Parish have received fraudulent emails as part of a financial scam. Many folks here received an email asking for money from someone claiming to be me. So far no one that we know of has responded to these fake requests. However, the scams are becoming increasingly convincing and could possibly succeed if the person receiving the email is not paying attention. Therefore, as a reminder, I never conduct any financial business via email. Account numbers, credit card numbers, social security numbers, etc. are not to be shared through email. Any kind of financial request is made by personal contact. If you receive a scam email, please notify the Parish Office. Thank you for your diligence.

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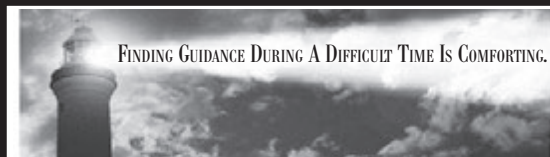
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When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul.
Psalm 94:19

"PEACE BE WITHIN THEE."
Psalm 122:8

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