



# St. Polycarp Church

55 Ransom Lane, Smyrna, Delaware 19977

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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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

## RECONCILIATION

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Times



**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 Parish Office by phone or email.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!**

**Please contact the office or visit our website to register.**

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 21, 2018

### PASTOR'S PEN

*Dear People of God,*

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

*In my 31 years of doing construction projects for the Diocese, I have never seen any go the way that was originally conceptualized. Some would blame this on the devil being at work, Others credit the Holy Spirit with being involved. Whatever the case, (and I've seen both) St. Polycarp is not spared from the reality.*

*For three years now, we have been progressing toward accomplishing our goal of putting a new pitched roof on our hall. Because of the kind bequeath from Ed Brown, Jr., we hired an architect to assist us in transferring the weight properly using a rather complicated system of trusses. This, while costly, would upgrade our facility and eliminate the drainage problems that have plagued us for decades.*

*With the recent installation of our new HVAC system, our Facilities Planning Committee was ready to focus its attention on the next stage of turning our dreams into reality. Then yet another reality presented itself.*

*Over the last few years the heating units in our PSR and office building started to fail sequentially. We were able to replace three of them from our operational funds. This depleted any surplus that we had in our budget. Further, there are still three more units in the facilities that were constructed in 2002. Since they too have reached their life expectancy, they will need to also be replaced. Additionally, there are two more units in the Rectory in the same state of anticipated failure.*

*Finally, while we have already replaced one of the corresponding air conditioning units, the rest will soon require attention.*

*It is not wise stewardship to continue to pursue such a costly roof project when we have more basic needs on our campus that require the funds entrusted to our care. Our Finance Council will continue to guide us in properly caring for our*

*buildings and preserving the beautiful heritage that has been handed on to us.*

*Our Facilities Planning Committee likewise understands the wisdom of altering the old construction plans. They have been working with Quality Exteriors, who has maintained our present roof for years, to design a new state of the art flat roof on our hall. This will also include demolition of any non-functional items on the roof. Since this will begin soon, please be attentive to workers and machinery on our campus. Safety is no accident!*

*While this is somewhat disappointing, we have not eliminated the dream of a pitched roof. We will preserve the drawings and blueprints for a time when God gives us the funds to do the transformation. In the meantime, we will be dry and wonderfully climate controlled.*

*May God continue to bless us and care for us as we strive to build His Kingdom!*

*Fraternally,*



*Rev. James D. Hreha  
Pastor*

### LET US PRAY

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Mon. October 22</b>	<b>St. John Paul II</b>
<b>8:30</b> Martin & Josephine Bauer	- Steve & Kathy Chambers
<b>Tues. October 23</b>	<b>St. John of Capistrano</b>
<b>8:30</b> William & Esther Steen	- Paul Bonsignore
<b>10:30 DHCI Communion Service</b>	
<b>Wed. October 24</b>	<b>St. Anthony Mary Claret</b>
<b>8:30</b> Patricia Freedman - Brother Vincent Columbiettes	on behalf of Vicky Bleyer
<b>Thurs. October 25</b>	
<b>8:30</b> Elaine Chambers	- Steve & Kathy Chambers
<b>Fri. October 26</b>	
<b>8:30</b> Brian Bauer	- Steve & Kathy Chambers
<b>Sat. October 27</b>	<b>Blessed VirgIn Mary</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b> Ordination Anniversary- Father James Hreha	- Laverne Dykes
<b>Sun. October 28</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
<b>10:30</b> Parishioners	

## We Pray for Our Sick ~

**Week I** Austin Dean, Dylan Dean

**Week II** Linda Blow, Florence Lepkowski, Michelle Collier, Thomas O'Drain, Declan Fullerton, Patrick Lewandowski

**Week III** Samantha Lane, Jimmy Callahan, Terry Mance, Denis Callahan, Chris Lutrell

**Week IV** Sister Ellen Gerlach, David Devinentis, Marie Nardone, Betty Campbell, Olivia Billert, Roger Blankenship

**Week V** Tom Kinkus, Gayle Doughten, Dottie McCracken, Mary Sponaule, Joan O'Drain, Gail Lewis Margaret Saporito, Ron Pleasanton, Gretchen Weber, Barbara McLaughlin

**Week VI** Donald & Geraldine Hreha, Sophia Wilson, Deirdre Moor, Lorraine Macasevich

## And Our Deceased ~ Genevieve Marvel

*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 victims of Hurricane Michael.



**Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church** burns in memory of Willee Hill, at the request of Susan Orlando.

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel** burns in prayer for those who suffer from depression.

**Bread and Wine for the Eucharist** are given in memory of Saturday, October 27 – John Romer, at the request of Theresa Devine.

**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](mailto:laverne427@icloud.com) or (302) 653 – 8064 with prayer requests.

## LITURGY

### MASS TIMES FOR ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

**Mass Times for the Solemnity of All Saints**  
(a Holy Day of Obligation):

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 5 pm (Vigil Mass)  
Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 am and 7 pm

**Mass Times for All Souls**

Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 am

### ALL SOULS NOVENA

November is dedicated to the souls in purgatory but it is incumbent on the living to pray for the deceased. It is a great act of love to pray for the release of souls from purgatory. They cannot help themselves and therefore must rely totally upon us to intercede for them. Ensure your loved ones are remembered during the entire month of November by enrolling them in our All Souls novena. Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

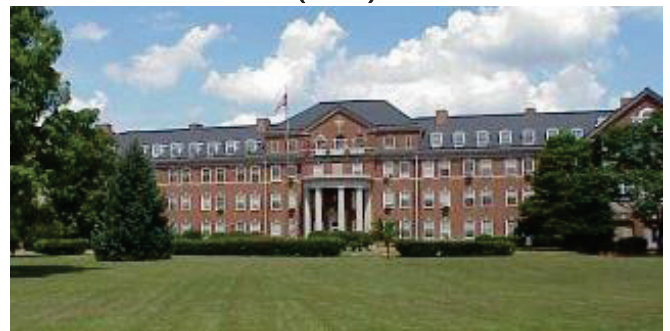


The committee met on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the upcoming school year. We will continue to offer CLOW at the 10:30 am Mass each week.

Occasionally, we will not have Children's Liturgy, when the children's presence at Mass is important, such as holidays and special occasions. Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. No registration is needed, but we do ask that you send your child with the intent to listen and learn.

**We continue to seek adults age 19 and older to sign up to lead or assist.** If you are interested, please email [KVLAMB78@gmail.com](mailto:KVLAMB78@gmail.com).

## DELAWARE HOSPITAL FOR THE CHRONICALLY ILL (DHCI)



The Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill on Sunnyside Road has been an outreach of St. Polycarp Church since our parish began. Mass is celebrated monthly on the first Tuesday of the month. Communion or Prayer Services are held on the other Tuesdays of the month. We are currently in need of volunteers to assist in pushing patients to where they will receive Jesus in the Eucharist. We are very short handed and are at risk of reducing our number of visits. The time commitment is between 1.5 to 2 hours per week. (Mass/Services begin at 10:30 am.) We also help out with seasonal hospital celebrations. All these events bring smiles and joy to the residents and to our team. Call Bridget and Jack O'Connell at (302) 653 – 0593 to join us. Thank you!

## PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY – October 28

Remember to pray for vocations to the Priesthood as well as prayers of thanksgiving for all Priests. Only the Priests have the ability to consecrate our humble and meager gifts of bread and wine offered during Mass and transform them into the Body and Blood of Jesus. (See Bulletin Overflow for more.)

## VOCATIONS

Have you ever felt weak? Today's reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus, our High Priest, can sympathize with us in our weakness because he himself has been tested in every way. In other words, the author is saying that Jesus, who is truly God, is also truly human. In our day and age, Jesus calls truly human people to minister to his people as priests, deacons and religious.

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Could he be calling you? Call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, at (302) 573 – 3113 or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org). Come see our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)

## SOCIAL CONCERNS



The **Smyrna / Clayton Food Pantry** is asking for bottled water, 16 oz. drink packets, canned chicken, individual peanut butter, and crackers. Do not forget to bring in your coupons (no need to clip). Boxes are located at all of the Church doors. Please no expired food.



### Birthright's Bottles for Babies Fundraiser

Bottles should be returned by the weekend of October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> or sooner. Boxes will be located at all of the Church doors.

**40DAYSFORLIFE** campaign is taking place at the Planned Parenthood Clinic in Dover September 26 – November 4. Call Marcinda for more information at (302) 697-7065.

## PARISH & FAMILY LIFE



The Knights of Columbus will have their **Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**, after the 10:30 am.

### K of C 4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE FUNDRAISER

#### HOMEMADE CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS SALE

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, following both Masses. \$10 a quart. This event is sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly.

## CONVOCATION 150

Our parish will be represented by 28 parishioners! The participants will be experiencing: a community of welcome and hospitality; Catholic life and ministry as joyful; affirmation that ministry is directed toward all people and embracing excellence in our ministry and service.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### *From Your DRE*

Lucifer and Michael, Part 1: Lucifer's Mutiny (Part 2 will follow next week.)

Lucifer was the most brilliant of God's angels, more like God than any other creature. We could say that Lucifer fell in love with his own brilliance, the spiritual beauty God gave him. He decided that he was too magnificent to bow down even to God. Lucifer believed that he was too magnificent to obey anyone, even God. He wanted to be Number One himself, the one that everyone bowed down to. He coveted God's power and majesty. Lucifer wanted to have God's majesty himself instead of God having it. He coveted God's Godliness.

Other angels chose to follow Lucifer instead of following God. They got together in mutiny against God. They chose

not only to separate from God, but to oppose God and to help Lucifer draw souls away from God and make those souls obedient to Satan instead of to God. We call Lucifer "Satan." We call Satan and his followers "devils" or "demons."

From then until now, there is a battle between God and Satan for souls. God wants us to obey Him so that we can have the fullness of life that he created us to have, in communion with Him. His love for us is for our good. Saint Polycarp aligned with God and gave his life proclaiming the truth so that people could have the full life God wants for all.

All who do their best to do God's will are aligned with God. Satan wants us to follow Him because he wants to see God's plan destroyed and God's power cancelled. But Satan does not want to use that power for our good. He wants it for his glory. He wants us to be his slaves, for his own glory. All who do not care about the good of others and act accordingly are aligned with Satan.

## HAPPENING IN OUR DIOCESE

For more events and details visit **Bulletin Overflow** at [www.saintpolycarp.org](http://www.saintpolycarp.org)



### TRICK OR TREAT SAFE ZONE

Again this year, St. Polycarp Parish and Family Life will participate in the 2018 Trick or Treat Safe Zone on Market Street Plaza and JBM School on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6 pm - 8 pm. Those who helped last year had a great time and a front row seat to see the great costumes and interact with the children. We did have more trick or treaters than candy, so this year we are asking anyone who would like to contribute a bag of candy to use the bin (marked "Halloween") in the hallway. We want to make sure everyone gets a treat. Come out and share in the fun!!

If you would like to join in the fun, just show up – hopefully in a costume – and look for the St. Polycarp table. If you need additional information contact Joan O'Drain at 659 – 5317 or [busylady39@comcast.net](mailto:busylady39@comcast.net).



### 3<sup>RD</sup> BISHOP'S 5K RUN/WALK – NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

Come join the **St. Polycarp Flames!**

Please join Catholic Charities for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop's 5K Run/Walk from 9 am to 11 am on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at Glasgow Regional Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway, Newark, DE 19702. Join the "**St. Polycarp Flames**" team when you sign up! Pre-register for the event at <https://runsignup.com/RaceGroups/35468>.

All registered runners/walkers will receive a t-shirt, and be in the running for prizes. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities outreach efforts. Contact Lisa in the Parish Office for more information.

Saint Francis Healthcare presents **“THE SAINT JOHN’S BIBLE: FROM INSPIRATION TO ILLUMINATION”** on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm at the Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison Street, Wilmington.

The Saint John’s Bible is the first handwritten, illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey in over 500 years. This free lecture featuring Mr. Tim Ternes is offered as a community service of Saint Francis Healthcare. Information is available at [stfrancishealthcare.org](http://stfrancishealthcare.org).

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, OLD BOHEMIA COUNCIL 6543** will be hosting a **SPAGHETTI DINNER** at St. Joseph’s (Route 299, Middletown) on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls/butter, iced tea, coffee, and lemonade. The cost is \$10 per person. All proceeds go directly to the Knights of Columbus, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly. Please come out to make this a successful evening!

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is the ‘visible’ arm of the Knights of Columbus, which exemplifies the virtue of Patriotism. We strongly support our country, military, veterans, and first responders. All practicing Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. Come join our ranks and make a difference in your life, our community and parish.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be **November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, in Rehoboth Beach, DE.** For more information, visit our website at [www.wvme-delmar.org](http://www.wvme-delmar.org) or to register call Tony and Linda Massino at (302) 220 – 9833.

**BLACK TIE FOR WHITE COLLARS**

The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales (Wilmington-Philadelphia Province) invite you to a “Black Tie for White Collars” Gala on **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 7 pm to midnight at the Chase Center in Wilmington, DE.** The event benefits the Oblates’ various ministries as well as their retired priests and brothers. Tickets are \$150 per person and may be purchased online at [Oblates.org](http://Oblates.org) or by phone at (302) – 656 – 8529.

**SAINT THOMAS MORE ACADEMY (STMA)**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Beef and Beer on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6 pm. Adults \$15, Children Ages 6 to 19 - \$5, Ages 5 & Under are FREE. The Open Bar costs \$10 extra at the door. This event includes music, 50/50, Chinese Auction, and a raffle. The menu includes beef, potato salad, coleslaw, mac and cheese, salad and soda.

**ONLINE GIVING** - St. Polycarp now offers online giving. No more getting envelopes or tearing out checks during Mass. Visit [www.saintpolycarp.org](http://www.saintpolycarp.org) or [www.faihdirect.net](http://www.faihdirect.net) and use our church code: **DE831**

<b>Proceeds benefit PSR</b>			
<i>Envelopes available at the doors.</i>			
<i>Place \$1 in the envelope and complete the information. The prize is split 50/50 between the winner and our PSR. Thank you for your support!</i>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Number Drawn</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Next Week's Prize</b>
<b>October 7</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>\$407</b>

**REDNER’S MARKETS 1% Save-a-Tape Fundraiser** – Turn your food shopping into cash for our parish. Simply be sure to obtain and scan your Redner’s Rewards Card each time you shop. Bring your receipts to the Parish Office or just put them into the collection basket. Your receipts will generate cash for us.

<b>This Week in Our Parish</b>
<p><b>Sunday, October 21</b>                      Pancake Breakfast after the 10:30 am Mass                      9 am – PSR – ISP (Room 6)                      9 am – PSR Grades P-4 (Rooms 1-8, Library)                      10:30 am – Children’s Liturgy of the Word (Hall)                      5:30 pm – Confirmation Class</p>
<p><b>Monday, October 22</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, October 23</b>                      9 am – 9 pm – Adoration (Chapel)                      10 am - Finance Council Executive Officer                      10:30 - DHCI Communion Service                      12:30 pm – Academy 4’s                      6:30 pm – RCIA (Cry Room)                      6:30 pm – Social Concerns Committee (Room 7)                      7 pm – PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 1-6, 8, Library, Hall)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, October 24</b>                      9 am - Academy 3’s                      12:30 pm - Academy 4’s                      6:30 pm – Squires (Library)                      6:45 pm – Children’s Liturgy of the Word (Room 4)</p>
<p><b>Thursday, October 25</b>                      9 am - Academy 3’s                      12:30 pm - Academy 4’s                      6 pm – Girl Scouts #547 (Room 5)                      6:30 – RCIA (Library &amp; Room 4)                      7 pm - Flame of Love (Chapel)                      7 pm – Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting (Room 4)</p>
<p><b>Friday, October 26</b>                      9 am – Academy 3’s                      9:15 am – Altar Guild IV (Church)                      12:30 pm – Academy 4’s                      3 pm – Divine Mercy (Chapel)                      7 pm KOC Chicken &amp; Dumpling Prep (Kitchen)</p>
<p><b>Saturday, October 27</b>                      6 am – KOC Chicken &amp; Dumpling Prep (Kitchen)                      10 am Children’s Halloween Party (Hall)                      2:30 pm – Confession                      Chicken &amp; Dumpling Sale after the 4 pm Mass</p>

**STEWARDSHIP**

<b>October 14</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Poor Box</b>	<b>World Mission Sunday</b>	<b>Parish Maintenance</b>
<b>Collections</b>	<b>\$4272</b>	<b>\$181.50</b>	<b>\$720</b>	
<b>eGiving</b>	<b>\$4258</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$147</b>	<b>\$257</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8530</b>	<b>\$236.50</b>	<b>\$867</b>	

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