WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS  (Check weekly calendar for changes to schedule.)
Monday—Friday  8:30 am

EUCHARISTIC 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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St. Vincent de Paul Society (302) 264-6630

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.


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 Deacon Frank at (302) 653-8279 or DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8 2020

FRIDAYS IN LENT – ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT
Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Roman Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. – USCCB

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS AT 7pm
Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays during Lent at 7 pm in the Church. Come join the parish community as we reflect on Jesus’ passion and suffering as His immense love for each one of us.

Stations at St. Dennis
Fridays at 4 pm (English) and 7 pm (Spanish)

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE
MONDAY, MARCH 30TH AT 7pm
at HOLY CROSS in DOVER
Several Priests will be available to hear confessions.

UPDATED WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
There will NOT be 8:30 am Masses at St. Polycarp on the following days:
- Monday March 9th
- Thursday March 12th
- Friday March 13th
Monday – Friday 8:30 am Masses are scheduled to begin again on Monday, March 16th

There are Masses on Thursdays and Fridays at St. Dennis in Galena at 8:30 am.

LET US PRAY
Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given in prayer for our seminarian, Adam Bauer.
Our Sanctuary Lamp In Church burns in loving memory of Donald W. Hreha, at the request of Mary Ann Gooding.
Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns in prayer for members of the Knights of Columbus.
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, email Laverne at laverne427@icloud.com or call her at (302) 653 – 8064

Mass Intentions for the Week

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We Pray for Our Sick

Week I Dawn Stachow, Margaret Saporito, Robert Stromczer
Week II Sophia Wilson, Deirdre Moor, Lorraine Macasevich, Jimmy Callahan, Kevin Liselli, Denis Callahan, Allen Huttick, Evelyn Phillips, Christine & Dale Masten, Francis Joyce
Week III Linda Blow, Ron Pleasanton, April Doyle
Week IV Michelle Collier, Terry Mance, George Davidson, Edward Ryan, Marty Kingston, James Caruso
Week V Jay Schuman, Deacon Charlie Robinson, Ed Stachow, Andy Kloepfer
Week VI Austin & Dylan Dean, Theresa Devine, Mary Agnes Kennedy, Laura Gilmore, Angela Gilson, Violet Farkas

We Pray for Our Deceased

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

LITURGY

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Congratulations to the newest member of our Parish Family:
Lucas Arnaldo Adames Perez!
Welcome to Our Parish Family
February Newly Registered
Arnaldo & Delilah Perez Adames, Luis & Lucas

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK
The Chrism Mass will be at Holy Cross on Monday, April 6th, at 7 pm.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM
Holy Thursday: April 9th
No 8:30 Mass either parish
7 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper at St. Polycarp, only, followed by Adoration until 11 pm.

Good Friday: April 10th
No 8:30 am Mass either parish
3 pm Passion of the Lord at St. Dennis only

Holy Saturday: April 11th
No 8:30 am Mass either parish
No Confessions either parish
8 pm Easter Vigil at St. Polycarp only

MASSE TIMES FOR EASTER SUNDAY
Easter Sunday: April 12th
8 am at St. Polycarp
10 am at St. Polycarp
8 am at St. Dennis
9:30 am at St. Dennis
11 am at St. Dennis (Spanish)

VOCATION CHALICE - PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
"When one prays for vocations, one learns to look with the wisdom of the Gospel at the world and at the needs of life and the salvation of every human being."
(Pope John Paul II)

Nothing is more powerful than prayer and your prayers are very much needed! Everything you need is provided. If you can take home the Vocation Chalice for a week to pray for vocations, call or text Alice Gaston at (302) 670 – 7924 or sign up from the website.

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Arrive 15 minutes before your mass time and pick up (or drop off) materials in the sacristy.

LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS
Deacon Frank led us in the opening prayer. Under formation, Cheryl Thomas summarized an article on the importance of a personal prayer life for the lay ministers of the Church. It said that committees may become too "task oriented" and should develop a more reverent relationship with the Church. We discussed the attributes of a powerful prayer life and what we can do to encourage that among our ministers and the assembly. Kathy MacDonald read an excerpt from the book “How Deep the Mystery – Meditating on the Words of the Mass. Other sources were discussed for further formation. We also discussed the length of the Cantor Announcements.

Under the Liturgy Planning Calendar, we talked about the Feast of St. Polycarp, the Rite of Sending, the burning of the palms and Ash Wednesday. The theme for Lent is Baptismal and Penitential. The Blessing of Lectors will take place next year on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, which is now called the Sunday of the Word of God. The ministry guidelines are now completed and reviewed.

The Sodality asked for approval to hold the Rosary Rally at St. Polycarp on Saturday, October 10th. The May Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 3rd. The Parish Council reported that the Parish Appreciation Dinner was a success.

The Music Ministry will be singing the Heritage Mass for Lent. The Kyrie and the Agnus Dei will be chanted. The Memorial Acclamation will be “Save Us Savior” and the closing hymn will be “Jesus Remember Me”. We welcomed Bonnie McCloe to our Liturgy Meeting, as she is head of our Sacristans.

Our meeting ended with the Prayer for Vocations. Please prayerfully think about coming to one of our meetings to discuss any ideas or suggestions you may have concerning our Liturgy! Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 10th, in Room 7 at 6:30 pm.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The SMYRNA – CLAYTON FOOD PANTRY
Spam, beef stew, rice, apple sauce and juice. Do not forget to bring in your coupons (no need to clip). The boxes are located in the vestibule and under the coat rack in the hallway. Please no expired food.

The Catholic Relief Service (CRS) Rice Bowl Box are available for pickup in the vestibule and at all Church exits.

Please fill the Rice Bowl box with your loose change. Please return your CRS Rice Bowl box to the Church by April 12th (Easter Sunday).

Volunteer for Hospice
Compassionate Care Hospice (CCH) is looking for volunteers to provide visits to home hospice patients in Kent and Sussex Counties. The CCH serves patients who are living at home, in assisted living facilities, and in skilled nursing facilities. The volunteers provide respite for caregivers and companionship for patients. CCH is also in need of Veteran volunteers to help us care for and honor our nation’s Veterans. Training provided. To learn more contact the volunteer department at (302) 856 – 2659. Volunteering just a little of your time can make a huge difference.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE - SPRING CAMPAIGN

The 40 Days for Life Dover Spring campaign continues through Sunday, April 5th. Throughout the forty days, everyone is welcome to participate. Come join us in prayer at the Planned Parenthood in Dover as your personal time and schedule permit you to do so. To learn more, visit the "40 Days Dover" webpage at www.40daysdover.com.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE NOTES

The CFC met on February 19th. A couple of the points discussed were:

A pilgrimage bus trip to the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA, has been approved for a Saturday in May or June. The date will be confirmed shortly. This scenic destination is filled with the peace and prayerfulness of the saint who bore the five wounds of Christ’s Passion for fifty years, who was able to bilocate, whose presence is made known by the scent of roses and violets, who had visions of angels and demons, and who was canonized after inexplicable cures were attributed to his mediation. Only the cost of the bus will be charged for this trip. Details will be provided ASAP.

Parishioners would like to have speakers, retreats, and Bible studies. All are being seriously researched by the CFC. Budget is, of course, an issue, as is the need for facilitators within the parish. Several ideas are being considered and will be presented to the Pastoral Council for input and approval.

THE PRE-SCHOOL ACADEMY

Our Preschool Academy is now accepting registration for a new class for the fall 2020. Our state certified pre-school accepts children ages 3 and 4.

For information, contact Nancy at (302) 653-1496 or Theacademy@saintpolycarp.org

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE - NEXT SUNDAY

Join the St. Polycarp Parade Ministry in honoring St. Patrick in the upcoming Smyrna/Clayton St. Patrick’s Day Parade next Sunday, March 15th!

Line Up: St. Polycarp Church at 1 pm
Parade Start: 2 pm
End: North Smyrna Elementary School
Contact Kendra Friel at (302) 354 – 3902 or nyx25@comcast.net if you would like to lend a hand!

MAINTENANCE

As most of you know, we have two dumpsters in the back parking lot; one for trash and one for recycles. In the last month, we have incurred extra charges on both dumpsters because 1) plastic bags were in the recycle dumpster (and are NOT recyclable for this type of dumpster) and 2) the trash dumpster was left overflowed with garbage to the point where the lid did not close and bags were left on the ground in the surrounding area of the parking lot. These charges are above and beyond what we budget for this service.

If you are placing recycle material in the dumpster, please read the notice of acceptable items that is posted on the front of the dumpster. In any given week, we have various events and activities at our parish that utilize our dumpsters. Please help us maintain our facilities in a clean, compliant manner. Also, please remember not to park in the spaces in front of our dumpsters on weekdays. The dumpsters cannot be emptied if cars are parked in front of them. Thanks for your cooperation!

PASTORAL COUNCIL

COME! LOOK! ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP!

The Pastoral Council is hosting a ministry expo and everyone is invited. Please visit the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 21st, following the 4 pm Mass, and Sunday, March 22nd, following the 10:30 am Mass.

Fellow parishioners will be present to share with you our wonderful ministries and the works that they do. Let us celebrate the life of our parish by sharing our gifts to build up and foster each other, our Church and each mission. Let us invest our time and talents by working together to build up the body of Christ, our Church for we are His hands and feet. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

As always from the past, delicious snacks and drinks from our different ministries is shared throughout the hall.

HAPPENING IN OUR DIOCESE

MUSICAL AT ST. THOMAS MORE ACADEMY

HONK! A musical tale of the Ugly Duckling will be playing at Saint Thomas More Academy (Magnolia, DE) at 7:30 pm on Friday, March 13th; 2 pm and 7:30 pm on Saturday, March 14th; and 2 pm on Sunday, March 15th. You are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online or at the STMA school office. For more information, (302) 697 – 8100 or drama@saintmore.org.

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ST. DENNIS CHURCH, GALENA MD

The Saint Dennis Fundraising Committee will be offering several homemade soup options for March. The Soup will be $8.00 per Quart. Pre-Order by contacting stdennischurch@aol.com or cathyliz59@gmail.com. Items may be picked up immediately after the 8 am mass on Sunday, March 15th.

March 15th – Maryland Crab (vegetable) & Tortilla

You can also pre-order Robin’s Famous Apple Cakes ($4) and Chocolate Chip Cookies ($5).

ANNUAL LENTEN FISH DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus Old Bohemia Council #6543 will be offering their annual Lenten fish dinners at St. Joseph’s Parish Hall in Middletown, Fridays in Lent from 5 pm to 6:45 pm. Adults cost $12, seniors and students cost $10, and children under 10 free. All take-out meals are $12.

ST. BERNADETTE’S TRICKY TRAY BASKET AUCTION

St. Bernadette Church (Harrington, DE) will be hosting a Tricky Tray Basket Auction to benefit the Religious Education Program, on Saturday, March 14th, at 6:30 pm, in the Hall. The doors open at 4 pm. Tickets are available at the door for a $5 donation or 5 canned goods (no expired donations accepted). For more Information, please call Patti at (302) 284 – 8695 or the Parish Office of St. Bernadette Church at (302) 398 – 8269.

CATHOLIC MEN’S FELLOWSHIP OF DELMARVA

The Catholic Men’s Fellowship of Delmarva will hold their 1st annual conference on Saturday, March 21st, at the Church of the Holy Cross in Dover from 8 am to 3:30 pm. The featured speakers include Jesse Romero and Father Ed Meeks via live-stream from Baltimore, and Kevin Wells, who will be speaking on-location in Dover. The conference theme is “The Holy Family/Your Holy Family.” Bring your son. Bring your dad. Bring your buddy. The tickets are $35.00 per person or $65.00 for a father and son going together. For more information and registration visit facebook.com/CatholicMensFellowshipofDelmarva.

GOD NEVER TIRES OF FORGIVING US; WE ARE THE ONES WHO TIRE OF SEEKING HIS MERCY.
- POPE FRANCIS -

STEWARDSHIP

The Second collection next Week (March 15th) is for Parish Untitles. Please be as genrous as possible. Thank you!

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Support our Parish School of Religion (PSR) 50/50 RAFFLE

50/50 envelopes are available at the doors. Pick one up as you come in. Place $1 in the envelope and complete the information on the front. Drop it in the collection basket. The prize is split 50-50 between the winner and our PSR! (If you don’t know your number – please call or email the office!)

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, March 8
9 am PSR Grades P-4 (Rooms 1-8, Library)
Girl Scout Sunday - Speak at Mass
10:30 am Children’s Liturgy of the Word (Hall)
5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Hall)

Monday, March 9
12:30 pm Academy Afternoon Class
6:30 pm RCIA Sessions (Room 4)

Tuesday, March 10
9 am Adoration 9 am to 9 pm (Chapel)
10:30 am DHCI Prayer Service
11 am Finance Council Executive Committee
12:30 pm Academy Afternoon Class
12:30 pm Ministerium (Library)
6:30 pm Liturgy Committee (Room 7)
7 pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 3-6, 8, Library, Hall)
7 pm Adoration Grades 5 & 7 (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 11
9 am Academy Morning Class
9:30 am Professional Staff Meeting (Library)
12:30 pm Academy Afternoon Class
7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)

Thursday, March 12
9 am Academy Morning Class
12:30 pm Academy Afternoon Class
6 pm Girl Scouts #547 (Room 5)
6:30 pm Maintenance Committee (Room 7)
6:30 pm RCIA Team Meeting (Room 4)
7 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

Friday, March 13
9 am Academy Morning Class
9:15 am Altar Guild II (Church)
10 am Pinnacle Communion Service
12:30 pm Academy Afternoon Class
3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
7 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14
2:30 pm Confession
5 pm Following Mass - St. Patrick’s Day Social (Hall/Kitchen)

Don’t forget to read “BULLETIN OVERFLOW” at https://saintpolycarp.org/this-weeks-bulletin/ for more information on events happening at St. Polycarp and at other parishes. To learn more about Lent visit https://saintpolycarp.org/lent/.

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