St. Polycarp Church
55 Ransom Lane, Smyrna, Delaware 19977
www.saintpolycarp.org

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptism: Pre-Baptismal class is required. Arrangements are to be made in advance by contacting the parish office.

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 Deacon Frank at (302) 653-8279 or DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org

WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!
We’re glad you’re here!
Please contact the office or visit our website to register in our parish.
July 3, 2022
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER**
- How can you incorporate praise for God in your daily prayer?
- Paul states that he will only boast in the cross of Christ. How is humility a necessity for the spiritual life?
- In the gospel, Christ sends his disciples out with only the peace of Christ. As a disciple, how can you emanate Christ’s peace?

**LET US PRAY**

**Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, July 2**
4 pm Father’s Day Novena

**Sunday, July 3**
10:30 am BVM Sodality

**Monday, July 4 - NO MASS**

**Tuesday, July 5**
8:30 am Charles Robinson Jr. - The Robinson Family
8:30 am St. Anthony Zaccaria/St. Elizabeth of Portugal

**Wednesday, July 6**
8:30 am Living Intention- Carol Donnelly - Neda Biggs
Those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, July 7**
8:30 am Benedict Cotilletta - Barbara Kaczorowski
8:30 am Living/Healing Intention- April Doyle - Ernesto DiMeo & Family

**Saturday, July 9**
4 pm Birthday Celebration- Maureen Robinson - Laverne Dykes

**Sunday July 10**
10:30 Iolanda Zikowitz - Richard Zikowitz

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church** burns in memory of Jimmy Biggs, at the request of Neda Biggs.

**Please Pray for Our Sick & Those In Need of Our Prayers**
To have someone’s name added to the Bulletin for prayers, please email submission@saintpolycarp.org or call the office and leave a message. Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks unless other arrangements have been requested.


**We Pray for our Deceased**
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Prayer Chain** – To request prayers or to be part of our Prayer Chain, contact Laverne at laverne427@icloud.com or (302) 653 - 8064.

**Eucharistic Adoration** – Tuesdays, Noon – 8 pm - Chapel

**Rosary by Telephone:** Tuesdays at 11 am. Contact Jill at (302) 653 - 3836 or jll_mercer@yahoo.com.

**Flame of Love Rosary:** Thursdays at 6:30 pm - Chapel.

**Divine Mercy:** Fridays at 3:00 pm - Chapel.

**FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – July 6**
We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society

Louis & Angelina Arrighi
Margaret & Kenneth Burke
Glenn Coldrion
Peggy Delargy
Joan & Roger Seyer
Edith Hines
Sarah E. Leager Leverage
Joseph Francis Duncan
Jimmy Dean Bender
Tammy Thompson
Robert Tracey
Sophia Tracey
Ann Comstock
William Doyle
Josephine Doyle
James Doyle
Mary Etta Maycen
William Maycen
Mary Gioiosa
Albino Gioiosa
William E. Brown
The Saber Family
Robert J. Alexander
Vincente D. Lim, Jr.
Ed Gerlach
Wilberto Macalalad

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.


**LITURGY**

**2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK**

**Opening This Thursday.**

It is a beautiful part of our Catholic tradition to have Masses celebrated for the repose of the soul of a departed loved one or for the living intention of an individual.

The New 2023 Mass Intention Book will open this Thursday, July 7th. You can reserve a Mass or Offering by calling the parish office between the hours of 9 am – 3 pm, or anytime via email at office@saintpolycarp.org.

- The Mass Intention is $10.00
- The Sanctuary Lamp may be lit for an entire week (Sunday through Saturday) either in the Church or Chapel for $10.00
- Bread and Wine Offering for daily Mass is $10.00
- Purgatorial Society Enrollment is $25.00 for Mass Intentions every 1st Wednesday for one year.

The Maximum number of mass cards and/or offerings is 6 per person since the availability of mass intentions and offerings is limited.

**VOCATION CHALICE MINISTRY**

"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. Please consider signing up to host the vocation chalice in your home for a week. Email, call, or text Alice Gaston 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.

**Altar Flowers**

Would you like to help beautify our Sanctuary in Church? If so, please sign up for a particular weekend by using our Flower Book located on the table in the Vestibule of the Church. Sign up by giving us your name and a contact phone number to reach you for your donation. Also, let us know what size arrangement you would like and the color of the flowers. Someone from our Liturgical Environment Committee will contact you ahead of time.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Visit [https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading](https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading) or use this QR code.

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**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

**Change the World: Become a Catholic!**

"Jesus then said to those Jews who believed in him, “If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8: 31-32)

Every July 4th, our country celebrates our independence and freedom. It’s a right... that we cherish as American citizens. One of those rights, is the choice of religious freedom. Today, many feel that this right is being challenged. More than ever, we are called to be witnesses of Christ’s Gospel. As Catholics, we feel we have the true “deposit of faith,” and wish to share it with others.

Is there someone you would like to invite to explore the Catholic faith--- someone unbaptized, or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition? Do you know someone who needs Confirmation and/or First Eucharist? Invite them to Mass and let them experience for themselves what our faith is all about. Perhaps, they will find that the Catholic faith offers them the freedom & truth that will guide them throughout their life.

The RCIA process is for them. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for individuals who wish to continue their spiritual journey as members of the Catholic Church.

**We are united to Christ thru Baptism, and we are called to share the gift of our Catholic faith with others. You can... be the difference by simply asking.**

Please contact Deacon Frank Weber for more information at DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org or leave a message with the Parish office at (302) 653-8279.

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION – CONNECTED IN CHRIST**

**NEW STUDY BEGINS THIS TUESDAY!**

Connected in Christ is an adult faith sharing group that meets weekly, on Tuesdays, after Mass, at 9:15 in the Parish Library. We are just finishing up our study from Ascension Press, “Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible”.

Come join us this Tuesday, July 5th as we begin our next study from our new FORMED platform. For more information, please contact Cookie Ruane at 302-540-6429.
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Have your phone ready at Mass on the weekend of July 9 & 10 to sign up for free!
Please make sure that you pick-up a bulletin on your way into Mass next weekend!

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)
WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Every year we look to our parishioners to help us fill open positions and grow our PSR team. We are currently in need of:
- Assistants for Grades 6 & 8 (Tuesday evening)
- Two Desk Assistants (Tuesday evening)
- Greeter/Hall Monitor (Tuesday evening)
If you feel God calling you toward this ministry, please contact Erica Taylor, CRE at (302) 653 – 4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org.

BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION
St. Polycarp Church
We trust that God will touch the heart of someone to respond to our need for a Business Manager. Please spread the word, or perhaps it is you who He is calling! Interested candidates should have Business Management, Accounting and Bookkeeping experience with the appropriate educational credentials. Facilities management, or a willingness to learn, is also a necessary component of the position. Above all, the person must be willing to work collaboratively with our team of Professional ministries to build God’s Kingdom here at St. Polycarp.
This is a full time position. Inquiries should be sent to office@saintpolycarp.org.

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON
2022 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal
We’re not there yet! We’re still short of our goal but with everyone’s help we can do it! If you haven’t already done so, please consider supporting this year’s appeal. No gift is too small to help those in need. Pledge cards can be found in the pews and at the doors of the church. We will receive 50% of monies collected for our own parish once we surpass our goal. If you have not made your pledge, please fill out and return your pledge cards to ensure we meet our parish goal. Pledge cards are available at the doors of the Church.
Thank you to those who have already contributed to this year’s campaign and to those parishioners who have signed pledge cards. Your generosity in supporting this campaign enables the diocese to do the work of our Lord.

To learn more about the Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click “Giving” then “Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal” or scan this QR code with your cell phone.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)
Registering now for 2022-2023 Religious Education Classes
Grades P/K – Grade 9.
First Grade Children – In order to be eligible for 2nd Grade First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, your child must complete 1st Grade PSR or Catholic School. Register you first grader now!
7th and 8th Grade Children – In order to be eligible for Confirmation in Grade 9, your child must complete 7th and 8th Grade PSR or Catholic School. If you have a 7th grader, now is the time to register!
For more information, contact Mrs. Erica Taylor, Coordinator of Religious Education (302)653-4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org.
Visit our webpage at saintpolycarp.org/religious-education/
**RETROUVAILLE:**
**REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming weekend programs will be held August 19 - 21 and October 14 -16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

A **RACHEL’S VINEYARD CATHOLIC RETREAT** will be held the weekend of October 14-16, 2022. This retreat is for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or associated with someone who is (parent, spouse, friend), there is nothing to fear and so much to gain. For more info about this a beautiful and liberating opportunity, contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com, or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

**COFFEE HOUSE**
**HAPPENING ELSEWHERE**

**50/50 RAFFLE!** Proceeds benefit our PSR.
**Winner pulled monthly!**
June Winner – $32.00

**Congratulations to** Laverne Dykes!

Simply place $1 in an envelope (envelopes available at the doors) and mark 50/50 on the envelope along with your NAME and phone number. Place the envelope in the collection basket or drop off in the drop box. Winner gets half; PSR gets half! If you want to play more often, just put in whatever amount you like and we will enter you once a week for each dollar you send in! Thank you for supporting our PSR! Good luck!

**ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS!**
Mark your calendar now for our Annual Leadership Organizational Meeting on **TUESDAY, July 26**th, at 7 pm in Mother Drexel Hall.

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON . . .**
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 4th and on Tuesday, July 5th. Say prayers for our country asking God to watch over and guide our country.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**
For the most up-to-date information, visit https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/
Parish Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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Note: eGiving figures are reported twice a month.

The Second Collection this weekend is to aid the Catholic Church in Africa and the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Thank you for your generosity in helping the Church on other continents.

Please consider signing up for eGiving to ensure your contributions are received even when you are not here for Mass. Recurring, catch up, or one-time gifts (please indicate your intention) can be made. Visit faith.direct/DE831.

We now have Text-to-Give.
Text “Enroll” to (302) 202 – 2251 or you can use this QR code for easy giving.

Thank you for your generosity and continued stewardship.