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WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU
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BECAUSE WE SEE CHRIST IN YOU
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Deacon Mike Boyd Sr.
Deacon Charles Robinson
Patricia Freedman, DRE, 653-4101
Betty Sloven, Secretary, 653-8279
Jack Molyneaux, Finance Council
Tom Hopper, Facilities Rentals, 653-2314

The Academy at St. Polycarp
(Pre-School)
499 W. South Street
Nancy Koska, Director, 653-1496

WE CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST
5 pm Saturday, 8 & 10:45 am Sunday
(10 am June-August)
8:30 am Tuesday-Friday
10:30 am Tuesday, DE Home for Chronically Ill

WE FORM ADULTS & YOUTH IN FAITH
Christian Formation Office, 653-4101
Judy Lamborn, DRE’s Assistant
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Baptism classes are held on the 1st Saturday each month. Call Deacon Charlie at 653-4654 to register. Baptisms are held on the 2nd Sunday during Mass and on the 4th Sunday after Mass.

WE CELEBRATE FORGIVENESS
Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm Sat. or by appointment in Fr. Jim’s office. No matter how long you may have been away, you are always welcome back!
Image of St. Polycarp is from an original oil painting by Sean Faust which hangs in Mother Drexel Hall

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 receive envelopes. We mail contribution envelopes and have two collections every Sunday for diocesan & parish ministries.

WE GATHER FOR PRAYER
Eucharistic Adoration in St. Ann Chapel, 9 am – 9 pm Tuesday
Sacred Heart Devotions, 9 am 1st Friday
Divine Mercy Devotions, 3 pm Friday, September-May

BVM Sodality
Lorraine Marshalewski  653-2278

Knights of Columbus
Br. Vincent Council  Pablo Resto  270-3072
Columbian Squires  Rich DeZao  677-1999
4th Deg. Assembly  Jim Ward  492-1668
Columbiettes  Mary Lois Barnas  653-2617

Holy Cross Elementary  674-5784
St. Thomas More Prep  697-8100

Diocesan Vocation Office
Rev. Norman Carroll  573-3113
www.CalledByTheLord.com

Help With Pregnancy  698-9311
Post-Abortion Help  472-0649
jdzielak@ccwilm.org

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.

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St. Polycarp Church
Palm Sunday 2016

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7 pm

Good Friday
Divine Mercy 2:30 pm
Liturgy of the Passion & Death of Our Lord 3 pm

Holy Saturday
Blessing of Food 10 am

The Easter Vigil
in the Holy Night 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord
Masses 7:30 am
9:30 am
11:30 am

Palm Sunday
of the Lord’s Passion
Palm Sunday
March 20th, 2016

Dear People of God,

I hope and pray that all is well with you and your loved ones during this grace filled season of Lent!

As we enter this highpoint of our Church year, we are pulled in many directions. Our world tells us that it is a week like any other. There are things to get done that just will not wait. Schedules pull us with that constant allure of instant gratification in the here and now. If we are not careful, we miss the implications of the term ‘Holy Week.’

This designation of time is among the earliest of our Church. From the initial years of discipleship, the recollection of the events that led to the Paschal Mystery have been paramount in our journey of faith. This week is like no other! In this week, the gates of heaven were opened by the unparalleled love of God.

This week we must resist the temptation that the devil gives us to ignore its importance. Prayer, contemplation and meditation will not just happen. We must make them a focus, so we can appreciate the mystery of our salvation. Only then can we move beyond a focus on the surface of this world to the realities that transcend time and space. Otherwise, we become like those initial disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane. We become drowsy by the concerns of this world and fall asleep to the presence of God among us.

Please consider the many opportunities for prayer that abound in our Liturgical schedule. Also consider inviting someone else to join in this part of our faith journey. Finally, please be mindful that many visitors will be joining us for services this week. It is important that they experience God’s love thru our hospitality.

May we be disciples that remind our world of the holiness of this week!

Fraternally,

[Signature]

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LITURGY

Bread & Wine for the Eucharist are given for candidates & catechumen.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in thanksgiving to Father Paul for a successful retreat.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann Chapel burns for children suffering from chronic illnesses.

Musicians next weekend are Linda on the organ at 5 pm, Roxanne on the harp at 8 am and Radiance of Joy at 10:45 am.

Let Us Pray For Our Sick

Week I  Frances Abernathy, Pam Hendrickson
Week II  Raelaine Swanner, Samantha Lane
Week III Donald Mood, Alvin Williams, Irene Mozder, Gabrielle Perrotti
Week IV Brenda Staub Lust
Week V  Joan Petro
Week VI

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Helen Dingee, Jack Dingee’s mother.

Feasts, Liturgies & Prayer

Mon. March 21st  8:30  No Mass

Tues. March 22nd
8:30  George Dunn - Terri Dunn
9 am  Adoration in St. Ann Chapel
10:30 Communion Service

Wed. March 23rd
8:30  Shannon Leone
        - Jack and Carol Molyneaux

Thurs. March 24th  Holy Thursday
7:00  Mary Weckerly - Judy Lamborn

Fri. March 25th  Good Friday
2:30  Divine Mercy
3:00  Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord

Sat. March 26th  Holy Saturday
10:00 Blessing of Food
7:00 Easter Vigil

Sun. March 27th  Easter Sunday
7:30  Novena
9:30  Novena
11:30  Novena

YEAR OF MERCY

The Sacred Triduum is a 3-day observance of the Paschal Mystery. Thursday ends in silence and Friday begins & ends in silence. There can be no Masses, even for funerals – we receive Eucharist consecrated the night before. (The empty tabernacle is a stark sign of our Savior’s death.) Eucharist can be taken to the sick on Friday but on Sat. only as Viaticum (“food for the journey”) for the dying.

Our Paschal Candle has been purchased. If anyone would like to donate it in memory of a loved one, please call Betty in the office, 653-8279.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs".
Marriage Moment...
A grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die to produce much fruit. (Jn 12:24) What needs to die in you to bear fruit in your marriage? Pride? The desire to always be right? Wanting stuff your way? Avoiding decisions? Humble yourself today.

Parenting Pointers...
On “Good” Friday, we remember that Jesus experienced humiliation and the physical suffering of the crucifixion. Death is the ultimate letting go of self. Few of us will be in a position to surrender our lives for our faith through physical martyrdom, but letting go of pride and ego can be a spiritual martyrdom and not for the fainthearted. Take stock of your attitudes of pride, self-righteousness, and wanting to be right and important today. Help your children understand true humility.

This Week In Our Parish

Today
9am PSR Gr. 1-4 and PSR P/K & PSR II, 9:40 PSR Lenten Almsgiving, 10:45 Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 5:30 pm Confirmation

Mon.
9 am & 12:30 pm Academy, 6 pm Knights- 1st Degree, 7p Chrism Mass (Holy Cross)

Tues.
9am & 12:30 pm Academy, 7pm PSR Gr. 5-8, & RCIA

Wed.
9 am & 12:30 pm Academy, 6:30 pm Squires

Thurs.
Fri. 9 am Altar Guild IV, 4pm Decorate Church for Easter
Sat. 10 am Blessing of Easter Food

On March 10, 2016, the Pastoral Council held our monthly meeting. Since our start-up, we have spent the past few months forming the Council. Our current members are: Father Jim, Deacon Mike, Jack Barnas, Jim Bogan, Rick Burritt, Karen Cacho, Lillian Fambach, Patricia Freedman, Angela Gibson, Gregory Haven, Bruce Kelley, Gail Kelley, Cindy Kennedy, Judy Lahey, Chuck Miller, Peggy O’Connor, Tom O’Drain, Joan Peculski-O’Drain, Michael Pyle, Joyce Tolson and Tommy Watts. After completion of the monthly meeting, a short synopsis will be placed in our Sunday Bulletin.

The issues that were discussed at this meeting were:
- Prayer
- Formation - presentation on the Council’s duties and responsibilities
- Welcome Committee – planning a brochure for new parishioners
- Facilities Planning – progress and projections
- 2017-2018 (50 year anniversary)

If you have any questions, please speak with one of the Council members or call Judy Lahey at 302-535-3481.

Our Parish Office will be closed Holy Thursday & Good Friday.
Knights of Columbus
Upcoming Events


CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Anticipating the Easter Vigil....

Please pray for our Catechumens Amber Brellahan, Courtney Clark, and Jason Triviets as they experience their first Holy Week and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation at the Vigil Mass. In the hallway bulletin board, you can find out more about each of them and why they are pursuing the Catholic Faith. We hope you will join us at the Easter Vigil, Saturday evening at 7:30p.m. on March 26th. There will be a reception following the vigil so you can meet our new Catholics – come and meet real Saints!!

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Food Pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce, tuna, meal starters, bottled water and rice.

Code Purple is an emergency shelter for our homeless community that opens when the overnight temperatures reach 32 or lower. We offer a hot meal, a safe place to sleep at night, breakfast, food to go in the mornings, and clothing if needed. In order for Code Purple to open its doors to our homeless community, we rely completely on volunteers. Please contact Aimee Szikszay at aimeeholthaus@comcast.net if you can help out with this worthwhile mission.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society helps those in need in our community. If you are in need financially, please contact them directly at 302-264-6630. Their phone number appears on our regular bulletin cover.

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There was NO 50/50 winner (#1024) last week. The prize today is $165.50.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

The Polish Community of Wilmington is celebrating 1050 years of Polish Christianity. Please join us for a solemn Mass on Sunday, April 24th at 11:30 am in St. Hedwig Church. A luncheon will follow at the Sheraton Wilmington South ($30 per person). For more information and/or reservations, please call Krystyna Musik 302-239-5211, email krystynamusik@hotmail.com or call the Parish Office at 594-1400, ext. 0.
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