

*He saw and
believed*

Easter Sunday



St. Polycarp Church

In the Silver Lake Deanery of the Diocese of Wilmington

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Deacon Frank Weber



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Masses: Saturdays at 4pm, Sundays at 10:30 am Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8:30 am

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~How does your life bear witness to Jesus' resurrection?

~What can you do to keep your mind and heart focused on heavenly things?

~What helps you to put your faith in Jesus even when you might not fully understand?

Welcome!

We're glad you're here!

*Thank you for joining us this
Easter Sunday as we celebrate the
Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

*We hope and pray that you join our family
of faith each week for our celebration of the
Eucharist and join in the many parish
activities that enhance our love of the Lord
and fellowship with one another.*

*If you would like to become a registered
parishioner, please contact Kathy at the
Parish Office (302) 653-8279 or complete the
fillable registration form on our website
www.saintpolycarp.org. Forms are also
available at the doors of the Church.*



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

a journey of faith

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Welcome to our Family of Faith!

Receiving the Sacraments of
Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation

Nita Kay Spadafino

Receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist & Confirmation

Danielle DeCormis

Kathryn Duncan

George Hutchinson

John Kravitz

Hermelinda Espinosa Morales

Maricela Perez Sanchez

Kenneth Shock

Enid Yonker

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday
7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Novena
Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8 am Mass - Easter Novena
10 am Mass - Easter Novena
Monday, April 1 Easter Monday
No Mass
Tuesday, April 2 Easter Tuesday
8:30 am Mass - Easter Novena
Wednesday, April 3 Easter Wednesday
8:30 am Mass - Easter Novena
Thursday, April 4 Easter Thursday
No Mass
Friday, April 5 Easter Friday/First Friday
No Mass
Saturday, April 6 Easter Saturday
4:00 pm Mass - Easter Novena -
Sunday, April 7 2nd Sunday of Easter/ Sunday of Divine Mercy
10:30 am Mass - Easter Novena

Week of March 31st:

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in memory of Preston & Luigina Pendarvis, at the request of the Peters & Pendarvis Families.

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 eight weeks unless other arrangements have been requested.

J. R. Peck, Josefina Ocasio, Diana Bullins, Kenny Bullins, Bobby Bullins, Shirley Bullins, Teresa Tier, Bridget O'Connell, Maureen Robinson, Diane Kravitz, Robin Husman, Milli Burris Alvarez, Lyllie Deter, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Bob Gallihar, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Cathy Connell, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Andrea Laws, Kaysie Borgman, Angel Grasso, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Holly Powell, Lily Griffiths, Patty Moon, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, Ruth Staub, Jaci Stokes, and residents of Pinnacle and DHCI.

We Pray for our Deceased

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

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

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

Rosary by Telephone: Tuesdays at 11 am. The dial in number is: 1-701-802-5254/PIN: 1747300#.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays, 9 am - 8 pm - Chapel, At the end of the 4 pm Vigil Mass, before the 2nd Sunday of the month.

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

Divine Mercy: Fridays at 3 pm - Chapel.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - April 3 We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society



Eddie Robert Maycen	Vicente D. Lim, Jr.
Ponnampalam Sabanayagam	Maureen McNamee
Deacon Charles Robinson	Charles Robinson, Jr.
Jose Crisostomo	Sophia Crisostomo
Mario & Rosina Chiusolo	Stephanie McDowell
Preston & Luigina Pendarvis	Alexander & Agnes Peters
Walczak Family	Antanavige Family
Jose Remigio	Flora Sevilena
Roberto Pingol	Petrilla Family
Robert H. & Carole D. Smith	Sylvia Vessels DuRoss
Delia Cantor	Amelia Ronquillo
William & Mary Etta Maycen	Joseph Gioiosa
Albino & Mary Gioiosa	Victor Chavez
Mary DePasquale	Kenneth & Margaret Burke
Louis & Angelina Arrighi	William E. Brown
Saber Family	

& for all those who have no one to pray for them.

THE GRACES OF DIVINE MERCY VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH & SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH



Do not miss this once in a year opportunity to receive complete forgiveness and punishment for our sins.

Our Lord Jesus told St Faustina "My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the

Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession* and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." Diary 699

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th and the vigil on Saturday, April 6th, please stay for about 10 minutes after Mass to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Literature will be provided so that you can follow along.

* (You can go to Confession up to 20 days before.)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Our Lord, Jesus Christ Has Risen!

Fr. Jim, Deacon Frank, Erica Taylor and all of the Parish Staff wish everyone a beautiful Easter day! Rejoice and be glad for Jesus has Risen! May today's celebrations bring you a renewal of inner peace and joy that reminds you and your family of God's endless love He has for all of us. May this love continue to stir up an abundance of excitement and happiness in your heart and in your home throughout the Easter Season. May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

Happy Easter

EASTER SUNDAY? EASTER OCTAVE? EASTER SEASON?

What does it all mean?

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, March 31st, celebrates Jesus' rising from the dead. Jesus has conquered death. Jesus is victorious over sin.

The Octave of Easter celebrates the joy of the Easter feast for eight consecutive days. The Octave of Easter begins on Sunday, March 31st (Easter Sunday), and ends on Sunday, April 7th (Divine Mercy Sunday).

The Season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday, March 31st, and will end on Sunday, May 19th, with the Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday. The Easter Season lasts for 50 days.

THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Pascal Candle is blessed and lit at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. The Pascal Candle will burn at Masses throughout the Easter Season. The candle is then lit only at Baptisms and Funeral Masses.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CONNECTED IN CHRIST



Come have coffee and refreshments with fellow parishioners on Tuesday, April 9th, following the 8:30 am Mass. This is an open invitation to all St. Polycarp and St. Dennis parishioners. We will be meeting in the library. Bring a treat to share if you would like. Find out what is going on every other Tuesday morning in the Adult Faith Formation CIC (Connected in Christ) group. If you have questions or would like to let us know that you will be there, call Cookie Ruane at (302) 540 - 6429.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone who is sick or homebound and not able to make it to Mass? We would love to give them the opportunity to receive Holy Communion in their homes. Please contact April Corrales at (302) 220 - 9616 or Lori Ostrowski at (302) 540 - 6522.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE



We will gather together on April 7th, the second Sunday of Easter, following the 10:30am Mass to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. All are invited. April's Agape is hosted by the members of Liturgy.

FINANCE COUNCIL

SAVE THE DATE
ST. POLYCARP'S 5th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER
SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024
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Dinner at St. Polycarp Church
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SEE YOU IN JUNE!

Dennis Skinner (papadskinz@yahoo.com) (302-981-8743) Anna Skinner (ANNA.SKINZ@gmail.com) (302-883-5647)

PASTORAL COUNCIL



The Pastoral Council is seeking new people to volunteer for our Pastoral Council. If you are interested in joining our current members in helping to discern, evaluate, and implement a set of goals for our parish, along with our Pastor, Father Jim, please contact Kathy Curlett at kathleencurlett19@gmail.com.

FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL



ONE BODY ONE SPIRIT IN CHRIST

As we joyously celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, the promise of everlasting life fills our hearts with hope. Following in His footsteps, we are called to embody a spirit of unity and compassion.

Mark your calendars for the weekend of April 20th and 21st, as our parish participates in the 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.

Theme: "One Body, One Spirit in Christ" In recognizing our unity as one body, we acknowledge the strength that comes from the Spirit of Christ among us. The theme echoes the essence of our collective journey, highlighting the interconnectedness of our community in the light of Christ's spirit. By participating in the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, you contribute to the support of more than forty pastoral, charitable, and educational programs and ministries that enrich and strengthen our diocesan community.

How Can You Participate?

1. Prayerful Support: Keep the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal in your prayers, asking for guidance and blessings for the success of our shared mission.
2. Financial Contribution: Consider making a financial contribution to support the vital programs and ministries that benefit our parish and the wider diocesan community.

Together, "One Body, One Spirit in Christ," let's make a meaningful impact on our community and continue to strengthen the bonds that unite us. Thank you for your support.

HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE & ELSEWHERE

DELAWARE STATE COLUMBIETTES' LADIES RETREAT AT ST. JUDE PARISH IN LEWIS, DE

The Delaware State Columbiettes invites all ladies to a retreat at St. Jude Parish on Saturday, April 13th. The featured speaker Kathy Ebner, Spiritual Director, MA will lead us through Mary's journey with Jesus. Please call Marie Mattson at (302) 313 - 5547 for more information and to reserve a spot. The registration deadline is Monday, April 8th.



Don't forget to check out our **Bulletin Overflow** for things that just didn't fit in this weekend's bulletin!

www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow

COLLECTIONS

Due to the early deadline for the Easter Bulletin by the publishing company, the collection information will appear in future bulletins.

The Second Collection this weekend is the Easter Offering. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Please consider signing up for eGiving. Recurring, catch up and one time gifts can be made. Visit faith.direct/DE831 or you can use Text-to-Give.

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or you can use this QR code for easy giving.



Thank you for your generosity and continued generosity.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information
Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 am to 3 pm

Saturday, March 30

7:30 pm Easter Vigil MASS

Sunday, March 31

8 am Easter Sunday MASS

10 am Sunday MASS

Monday, April 1

EASTER MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, April 2

8:30 am MASS

9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library)

11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)

4:15 pm Finance Council Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 pm K of C 4th Degree (Library)

NO PSR GRADES 5-8

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 am MASS

9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library)

1:15 pm Pinnacle Communion Service- Deacon Frank

6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)

Thursday, April 4

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

7 pm K of C 3rd Degree Business Meeting (Library)

Friday, April 5

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, April 6

Divine Mercy Sunday

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm **MASS**

Following Mass - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

The Office will be closed on Monday, April 1st and will reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd at 9am.

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