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Of
The Diocese of Wilmington

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Frank Weber



Pastoral Council—Kathy Curlett

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am

LIVE STREAM MASS: Saturdays at 4pm,

Tuesday & Wednesday at 8:30 am.

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30–3:30 pm or by appointment

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Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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EASTER VIGIL 2024

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH!

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us today. If you are new to the parish, please consider registering. Forms can be found at the Church doors or online at www.saintpolycarp.org.

THE SACRAMENTS OF OUR CHURCH

Baptism: Catechesis is provided for parents and godparents. Contact the Parish Secretary to register.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or completing the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation), contact Deacon Frank at the Parish Office or email DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org.

Marriage: Formation is provided for couples. Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance. Contact the Parish Office.

Vocations: Rev. Norman Carroll at (302) 573 – 3113

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Nursing Home Communion Services: DHCI, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Pinnacle, 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:15 pm.

For Funerals: Contact the Funeral Home of your choice. They will then coordinate with the Parish Office.

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy April 7, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~What is one thing the Church could do to better exemplify the unity and love of the early Christians?
- ~How would you define mercy?
- ~When have you experienced the Lord calling you to deeper faith and trust?

THIS WEEKEND 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.)



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

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 6	Easter Saturday
4 pm Mass Easter Novena	
Sunday, April 7	2 nd Sunday of Easter
10:30 am Easter Novena	
Monday, April 8	The Annunciation of the Lord
No Mass	
Tuesday, April 9	
8:30 am Easter Novena	
Wednesday, April 10	
8:30 am Easter Novena	
Thursday, April 11	St. Stanislaus
No Mass	
Friday, April 12	
No Mass	
Saturday, April 13	St. Martin I
4:00 pm Easter Novena -	
Sunday, April 14	3 rd Sunday of Easter
10:30 am Jonathan Patrick Robbins	- Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Acosta
Artemus Washington	- Lori & Andy Ostrowski
Peg Staiber	- Barbara Kaczorowski

Week of April 7th:

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in memory of Constancia Alday, at the request of William & Jessica Burke.

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.

Fr. Tom Flowers, J. R. Peck, Josefina Ocasio, Diana Bullins, Kenny Bullins, Bobby Bullins, Shirley Bullins, Teresa Tier, Bridget O'Connell, Maureen Robinson, Diane Kravitz, Robin Husman, Millie 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.

Fr. Dan Gerres, Joan Peculski, Harold M^cAllister, Sandra Knowles, Eleanor Schammel

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 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>

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE



Congratulations to Ethan, Allie and Ansley, our Easter Basket Winners at the Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday!

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

PFL (Parish and Family Life) met on Thursday, March 21st. Here are a few items that were discussed:

- We just finished our St. Patrick's Day Parade!
- We welcome representation at our next Town Event which will be the 4th of July Parade. (More information will come).
- The Committee is underway planning our next Parish Quarter Auction in the Fall!

Parishioners are welcome to attend our meetings held the 3rd Thursday each month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th. If you would like to attend, please reach out to Deanna Lail at dlail14@comcast.net or (302)535-2957.

KOC FRATERNAL BENEFITS

Brother Vincent Council 7517 is hosting a Fraternal Benefits Night on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm, in Mother Drexel Hall. Learn how the Knights of Columbus help protect Catholic families, proclaim the faith, and help those most in need in local communities and across the world. With the Knights, you can address your family's insurance needs while supporting an organization that contributes to charities that align with our shared Catholic faith. The Knights of Columbus has products available that can benefit KofC families, our parishioners and the public including non-Catholics. Pete Marsico, our General Insurance Agent, will be the presenter. Please reach out to Pete, at Peter.Marsico@KOF.C.ORG or his office at 609-927-5189 to register.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

THANK YOU!

The Respect Life Ministry wishes to thank all who donated and assisted with the Easter Basket drive for the residents at DHCI. Special thanks to Traci Bruno and her Girl Scout Troops. We collected, filled, wrapped and delivered 36 Easter Baskets as well as one laundry basket full of items. This was a huge success and will be a yearly thing!



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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION UPDATES - MARCH 2024

~ All PSR classes participated in our Annual Lenten Almsgiving Service during a class in March. Each class was assigned a specific food item. All food donated was given to the Smyrna/Clayton Food Pantry at St. Peter's. The baskets were overflowing. Our families are so generous.

~ Our Faith with Friends faith-sharing group that meets on Sunday mornings during PSR classes is winding down to its last few sessions. This group will pick up again at the beginning of the new PSR school year – same time, same place. Details will be posted in August.

~ **FORMED** - As of Feb 23, 2024, we have 233 registered users, 11 new users since November 2023. Since 1/1/23, our users have watched 1,906 unique videos with 66,444 minutes watched.

Most watched **FORMED** videos:

Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent
Presence
The Search
Padre Pio Miracle Man

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. If you would like, bring a treat to share. 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.

CONFIRMANDI - PILGRIMAGE CROSS WALK

Many people may not have seen the day of our Pilgrimage as a "beautiful day". Indeed, the rain steadily came down and wind came in gusts, but it didn't stop us from following the Pilgrimage Cross through the streets of Wilmington. Our Confirmation students, along with their sponsors and catechists conquered the weather through faith and prayer and complete focus on what they were set out to do. The spiritual journey and powerful experience everyone gained that day turned what most people saw as a dreary day into a "beautiful day". Please continue to pray for our 16 Confirmandi who are excited to be confirmed on April 20.



FINANCE COUNCIL

SAVE THE DATE
ST. POLYCARP'S 5th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER
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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.

HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE & ELSEWHERE

DELAWARE STATE COLUMBIETTES' LADIES RETREAT at St. Jude Parish in Lewes, 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.

PADRE PIO - MINI RETREAT

at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Wilmington
Tuesday, April 16th, 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Please join us for an informational session and hear up-close and personal experiences by Father John Aurilia O.F.M., PhD. Fr. John was the secretary to Saint Padre Pio in 1967. He will share his remarkable experiences with Saint Pio. For questions, contact Rita McDowell at mcdowell@ihm.org or 302-438-9739. To register, contact Lisa Krueger at lkrueger@ihm.org or 302-762-5550.

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
March 24	\$4570.34	\$32	\$4602.34

SECOND COLLECTIONS

PSR	Parish Maintenance	Rice Bowl	CRS & Latin Am.	SVDP Poor Box
\$520	\$135	\$104.40	\$10	\$53
Holy Land Shrines	Easter Flowers	Easter Novena	Easter	Mother's Day
\$25	\$211	\$170	\$910	\$35

MARCH eGIVING

Offertory	Poor Box	Holy Days	Religious Retirement	
\$11,145.50	\$798.50	\$297	\$507	
Easter Flowers	Easter Novena	Rice Bowl	CRS & Latin Am	Parish Utilities
\$282	\$275	\$208	\$197	\$418

Collection information from Easter Sunday will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

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.

Text "Enroll" to (302) 202-2251 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, April 6 Divine Mercy Sunday 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Following Mass - Divine Mercy Chaplet - prayed directly after Mass (Church)
Sunday, April 7 Divine Mercy Sunday 9 am NO PSR - NO CLASS, NO PSR ONLINE 10:30 am MASS 10:30 am BVM Corporate Communion 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Following Mass - Divine Mercy Chaplet - prayed directly after Mass (Church) Following Mass Agape (Hall/Kitchen)
Monday, April 8 11:30 am BVM Sodality (Hall/Kitchen) 12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library) 6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)
Tuesday, April 9 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) 6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Library) 7 pm NO PSR - NO CLASS, NO PSR ONLINE
Wednesday, April 10 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Professional Staff Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)
Thursday, April 11 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 pm Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting (Library)
Friday, April 12 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, April 13 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS - Member of Pastoral Council to speak at Mass Following Mass - Adoration (Church)

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