

# ST. POLYCARP CHURCH

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Of  
The Diocese of Wilmington**

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Frank Weber



Pastoral Council—Kathy Curlett

Finance Council—Kevin Titus



## 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.

[www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE)

## RECONCILIATION

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

## PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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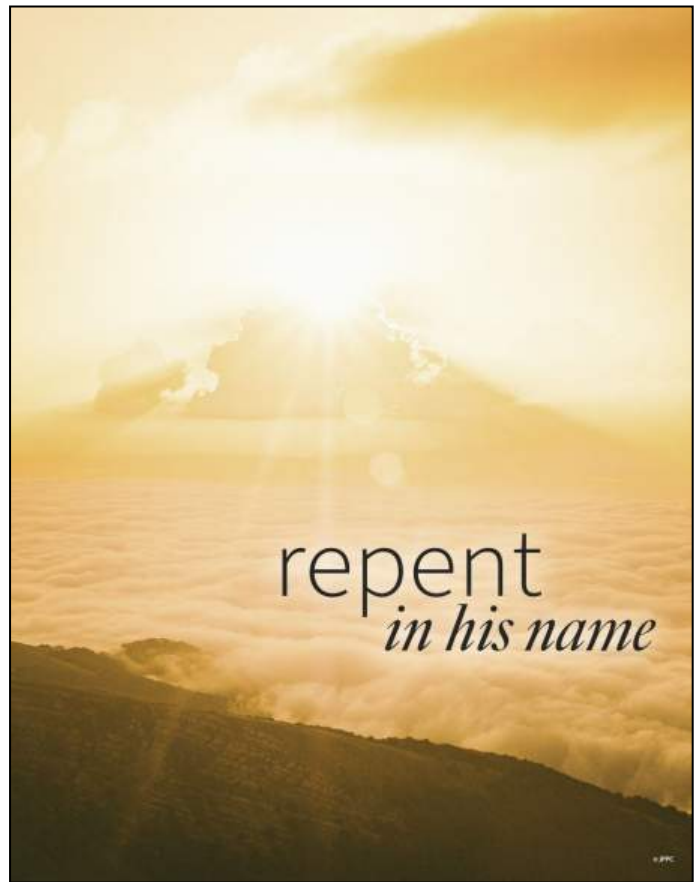
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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](http://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](mailto: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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Pinnacle, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

# Third Sunday of Easter

## April 14, 2024

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ Has there ever been a time that ignorance or spiritual blindness, kept you from seeing God at work in your life?
- ~ How do you feel about the idea that we have an advocate in Jesus when we're struggling with weakness and sin?
- ~ How have you experienced the peace of Christ this Easter season?

### LET US PRAY

### Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 13	St. Martin I
4 pm Easter Novena	
Sunday, April 14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter
10:30 am Jonathan Patrick Robbins	- Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Acosta
Artemus Washington	- Lori & Andy Ostrowski
Peg Staiber	- Barbara Kaczorowski
Monday, April 15	
No Mass	
Tuesday, April 16	
8:30 am Geraldine Burke	- William & Jessica Burke
Philip Spellman	- Betty Sloven
Wednesday, April 17	
8:30 am Vicente D. Lim Jr.	- Dee Lim
Healing Intention- Marie Tabasso	- Barbara Kaczorowski
Thursday, April 18	
No Mass	
Friday, April 19	
No Mass	
Saturday, April 20	
4:00 pm John Saber Family	- Rita Brown
Stephanie McDowell	- Joe & Marie McDowell
Chester Stachecki	- Janet Anderson
Sunday, April 21	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
10:30 am Brenda June DiMichele	- Deacon Frank & Debbie Weber
Monique Travis	- Chuck & Erica Taylor
Win Him Eng	- Betty Pingol

#### 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](mailto: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.

Amanda Acord, Susan Scaggs, Fr. Tom Flowers, J. R. Peck, Josefina Ocasio, Diana Bullins, Kenny Bullins, Bobby 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

### LITURGY

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION This Saturday - April 13<sup>th</sup>



Following the prayer after Communion, Fr. Jim (or the visiting priest) will place the Blessed Sacrament (Host) in the Monstrance. The Blessed Sacrament is then incensed while the "O Salutaris / O Saving Victim" is sung. (Found inside the back cover of Breaking Bread.) Out of reverence for Jesus, please do not leave the church as the blessed sacrament is being placed in the monstrance. Silent prayer then begins. (Please do not leave before Fr. Jim exits the Church. When you do leave, please leave silently.) At the end of the hour, one of our Eucharistic Ministers will repose the Blessed Sacrament from the Monstrance to the Tabernacle.

### 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.



If you are going to be in a hospital or other medical or rehabilitation facility, make sure you let the facility know that you are Catholic so that they can put you on a Catholic list for the local Priests/Deacons/Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion to visit you.



Have you had a chance to admire the beautiful Easter decorations? Many thanks to our donors and to our Environment Committee who have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to beautify our church.



May is the month dedicated to Mary. Catholics all over the world honor the Mother of God by placing a crown of flowers on her head during a May Crowning Ceremony. In crowning Mary, we also thank Jesus for giving us His Mother to be our spiritual

mother. We can always turn to Mary in our times of suffering, as well as rejoicing.

Please join us outside, in front of the statue of Mary, on May 5, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass for a short ceremony to honor Mary "the Queen of Heaven".

It is tradition to bring flowers to Mary. Flowers represent a spiritual season of growth and new beginnings. If you so choose, you may bring single stem bouquets or single flowers the day of and place them in the baskets in front of the altar before Mass begins. Our young children of the parish will carry these flowers during the procession and will place them in front of the statue of Mary during the ceremony.

Everyone is invited to the May Crowning! Join us for lunch afterwards in the hall. The May Agape is hosted by Sodality.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION - CONNECTED IN CHRIST

is inviting parishioners of both St. Polycarp Parish and St. Dennis Parish to join us in the library after the 8:30 am Mass any Tuesday. We begin with prayer, then watch a video, usually from **FORMED**, and follow up with a discussion. We close with prayer by 11 am. Come and share your faith with us. If you have any questions, call Cookie Ruane at (302) 540 - 6429.

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION - FAITH WITH FRIENDS

Do you have the desire to dive into the divine but find yourself caught in the whirlwind of multitasking? Fear not, for the salvation of scheduling has arrived! Join us at 9 am in the library on Sunday, April 14 and/or Sunday, April 28.

### PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

#### 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. To register, please reach out to Pete at [Peter.Marsico@KOFCC.ORG](mailto:Peter.Marsico@KOFCC.ORG) or his office at 609-927-5189.

### 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](mailto:kathleencurlett19@gmail.com).

#### WHO IS ON THE CURRENT PASTORAL COUNCIL? Meet member Joyce Tolson.



Joyce Tolson and her husband, Ronnie, moved to Delaware from Forestville, Maryland in June 2006. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Joyce retired in 2020 after 33 years as a

Paraeducator in both Maryland and Delaware where she worked with students from Pre-K through 4th grade, mostly in Special Education. In Maryland Joyce served at Holy Spirit Parish as a CCD teacher (for over 25 years), and a CRE (Coordinator of Religious Education) for 3 years. She was also a member of the choir and Liturgy Committee, as well as the Pastoral Council. Here at St. Polycarp Parish, Joyce has served as a PSR teacher, PSR assistant, and on the Christian Formation Committee for several years. Currently, Joyce is the PSR PreK/K Catechist. She became a member of the Pastoral Council when Father Jim brought back the Council in November of 2015 and served as Recording Secretary during her 2+ terms. Joyce rejoined the Pastoral Council in June 2022 and is currently serving her second year as Recording Secretary.

## FINANCE COUNCIL

### OFFERTORY REFLECTION PROGRAM- THANK YOU!

Council GREATLY appreciates all the support received through the Annual Offertory Reflection Program that was held last month. Preparation of the FY25 Parish Budget is now underway. This Budget will be positively impacted by the Offertory Intentions we received

**THANK YOU!**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ST. POLYCARP'S 5th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER**  
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Need to contact St. Dennis Parish?  
(410) 648 - 5145 [www.stdennischurch.org](http://www.stdennischurch.org).

## SOCIAL CONCERNS



Roses, \$20/Dozen Roses, \$45/Twenty-five Roses (Bouquet)

Your help will truly make a difference! Thank you! We deeply appreciate your support!! You can also make a donation to Birthright of DE in lieu of roses. Our address is: 1311 North Scott Street Wilmington, DE 19806.

## FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL



The 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal will be conducted in parishes throughout the diocese next weekend. Once a year, our Bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. Your gift helps our Church to serve the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly.

As parishioners of St. Polycarp Parish, we are being asked to serve others by sharing our resources. Your generosity enables us to accompany our brothers and sisters in need.

Our parish target is \$61,500.00. Your financial support of the Appeal also provides funding for our parish since once achieving the goal assigned to our parish, once we are over goal, we receive 50% of monies collected for our own parish and ministry needs.

Please prayerfully consider your generous gift to this Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Kindly decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year and come to Church next week prepared to complete your pledge and offer your support to our parish, and the Diocese of Wilmington.

To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org); click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal," or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.



## HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE & ELSEWHERE

### FIGHT TO END PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Join St. Polycarp parishioners in support of parishioner Alison Seewald by participating in the Parkinson's Community Walk in Smyrna on April 20, 2024, at Big Oak Park, 417 Big Oak Rd. The walk begins at 9 am (8 am sign in). Register beforehand at <https://movingdaywalk.org/communitywalksmyrna>, and walkers donating \$25 will receive a T-Shirt. All are invited to walk. If you are unable to join us but would like to donate to the Parkinson's Foundation in support, visit <https://movingdaywalk.org/communitywalksmyrna>. All funds go to the Parkinson's Foundation. Contact Thelma Klase at 302-531-6028 [tjklase@verizon.net](mailto:tjklase@verizon.net) with any questions.

**PADRE PIO – MINI RETREAT**  
**at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Wilmington**  
**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:mcdowell@ihm.org) or 302-438-9739. To register, contact Lisa Krueger at [lkrueger@ihm.org](mailto:lkrueger@ihm.org) or 302-762-5550.

**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER**

The St. Thomas More Society Annual Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm, at the Wilmington Country Club. Honorees for this year's Dinner are Judges Thomas L. Ambro and Kent A. Jordan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Tickets to the Dinner may be purchased at [stms-wilmington.org](http://stms-wilmington.org).

**COLLECTIONS**

**OFFERTORY**

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
March 31	\$3738	\$35	\$3773.00
April 7	\$5313	\$11	\$5324

**SECOND COLLECTIONS- March 31 & April 7**

Holy Land Shrines	Easter Flowers	Easter Novena	Easter	Mother's Day
\$1139	\$73	\$205	\$16,236	\$212
PSR	Parish Maintenance	Rice Bowl	CRS & Latin Am.	SVDP Poor Box
\$183	\$40	\$84	\$10	\$429.50
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\$1	\$50			

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**Thank you for supporting our PSR!**

**WEEKEND UPDATES**

If you are not receiving the Weekend Update emails, please Contact Judy Lamborn, the Communications Director, in the Parish Office at (302) 653 – 8279 or email Judy at [communications@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:communications@saintpolycarp.org). The Weekend Update is emailed every Friday (some exceptions) around noon.

**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

<p>Saturday, April 13                      2:30 pm Confession  <b>4 pm MASS</b> - Member of Pastoral Council to speak at Mass                      Following Mass - Adoration (Church)</p>
<p>Sunday, April 14                      9 am-10:15 am Faith with Friends (Library)                      9 am PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1-6, 8)  <b>10:30 am MASS</b>                      Member of Parish Council to speak at Mass.                      12 pm Confirmation Interviews (Office)                      5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Hall)</p>
<p>Monday, April 15                      4 pm Confirmation Interviews (Office)                      6:30 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes- Rosary (Library)                      6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)                      7 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes Meeting (Library)</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 16  <b>8:30 am MASS</b>                      9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)                      9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library)                      10:30 am DCHI Communion Service (at DHCI)                      11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)                      1 pm CFC General Meeting &amp; Executive Committee (Room 4)                      6:30 pm Finance Council (Library)</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 17  <b>8:30 am MASS</b>                      9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library)                      6 pm K of C Fraternal Benefits Meeting Night with Columbiettes                      6:30 pm Baptismal Class- Advance Registration Required (Room 7)</p>
<p>Thursday, April 18                      10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)                      6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)                      6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)                      6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library)                      6:30 pm Parish &amp; Family Life (Room 7)</p>
<p>Friday, April 19                      3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)</p>
<p>Saturday, April 20                      1 pm Confirmation at Holy Cross                      2:30 pm Confession  <b>4 pm MASS</b>                      Following Mass – K of C Pretzel Sale at Church entrances</p>
<p>Sunday, April 21                      9 am-10:15 am Faith with Friends (Library)                      9 am PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1-6, 8)                      10:30 am MASS                      - Children's Liturgy of the Word                      Following Mass – KoC Pretzel Sale</p>

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