



St. Polycarp Church

55 Ransom Lane, Smyrna, Delaware 19977

www.saintpolycarp.org

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor
Deacon Frank Weber

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm &
Sunday 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION

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

DHCI / PINNACLE

Communion Services

LIVE STREAM MASS: Saturdays at 4pm,
Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 8:30 am.

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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, for those who desire to become Catholic, or for those who were baptized Catholic and desire First Eucharist / Confirmation. Contact Deacon Frank at (302) 653-8279 or DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org

2nd Sunday of Easter /
Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 16, 2023

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

I will pour out My Spirit



Saturday, April 15, 2023 1:00 pm

Church of the Holy Cross

Most Reverend William Koenig, D.D.

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Estella **FRANCIS** Trias

Austin **SEBASTIAN** Yourek

*Let us pray to the Holy Spirit, to move more powerfully
in us and the lives of our newly Confirmed!*

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~ When have you experienced the peace and forgiveness of Jesus?

~ Why is it significant that Jesus' risen body still bears the marks of crucifixion?

~ Does your faith depend more on "seeing" or on trust? Why?

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 15 Easter Saturday

4 pm Easter Novena

Sunday, April 16 2nd Sunday of Easter

10:30 am Easter Novena

Monday, April 17

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 18

8:30 am Easter Novena

Wednesday, April 19

8:30 am Easter Novena

Thursday, April 20

NO MASS

Friday, April 21

St. Anslem

NO MASS

Saturday, April 22

4 pm Easter Novena

Sunday, April 23 3rd Sunday of Easter

10:30 Deacon Charles Robinson

Suzanne Cuncic

Jimmie Dykes

- The Robinson Family

- Robert Cuncic

- Laverne Dykes

Week of April 16

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in memory of Geraldine Burke at the request of Bill and Jessica Burke.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for the Knights of Columbus.

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 two months (eight weeks) unless other arrangements have been requested.

Grace Wagner, Ron Pleasanton, Beth Lightcap, Thea Berg, Patricia Capobianco, Barbara Hynson, Charlotte Konesky, Eileen Fox, Maryann Allison, Ashley Mullins, Tina Kelley, Cathy Connell, Allen Ruff, Kevin Skaggs, Bobby Bullins, Jen McCade, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Beth Kelly, Andrea Laws, Kaysie Borgman, Angie & Al Grasso, Lana Reed, Rick Dean, Catherine Corso, Jeff Johnson, Erica White, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Teresa Tier, Holly Powell, Rob Tuxward, Billy Killen, George Kayati, Andrew Cella, Jr., Lily Griffiths, Rob Miller, Patty Moon, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, Ruth Staub, Jaci Stokes, and residents of Pinnacle and DHCI.

We Pray for our Deceased

Rev. Edward M. Aigner

Joan Swackhammer

Robert Corbin

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.

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

Eucharistic Adoration – Tuesdays, Noon – 8 pm – Chapel

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

Divine Mercy: Fridays at 3 pm – Chapel.

PASTORAL COUNCIL



The Pastoral Council is currently searching for new candidates for our next council elections. Please contact Kathy Curlett at kathleencurlett19@gmail.com or (302) 222 - 9326, if you would like to check us out and perhaps volunteer to join us.

LITURGY

APOSTLE'S CREED

We will pray the Apostles' Creed during the Easter season beginning today. The Apostles' Creed can be found in the Breaking Bread Hymnal on page 10.

Praying the Apostles' Creed, instead of the usual Nicene Creed, more closely reflects our baptism in Christ, as well as, catechizes the assembly regarding the holiness and full baptismal character of the Easter season. Our call is to the continuing conversion begun in baptism. It is a call that requires vigilance that our heart does not wander from the voice of our God.

CHALICE MINISTRY



The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. The hope is that through prayer, our parish may become a source of vocations to serve the diocese and the Church. Call or text Alice Gaston if you can take home the vocation chalice for a week of prayer, (302) 670 - 7924.

April 16th, 10:30 am - Pete Sanphy

Deacon Formation Information Nights



New class of
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INCULTURATION



DATE: May 21, 2023

TIME: Following the 10:30 am Mass

PLACE: Mother Drexel Hall

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PLEASE RSVP

no later than May 8th, 2023

SEATING IS LIMITED

To RSVP, please call or email:

Fatima Evangelista (609)876-9440

stpcfatima@gmail.com

Josie Cinco (302)653-4926

josie.a.cinco@gmail.com

WHAT IS INCULTURATION ?

Inculturation in the Catholic Church is adoption of Christian teachings, encouraging of different culture and values while safeguarding the integrity of the Gospel. While people immigrate to different parts of the world, bringing with them their unique local traditions and values that enables them to keep and celebrate their unique Christian identity. Come and join us and learn how the Filipinos adopted and accepted the Catholic religion as an alternative to their indigenous beliefs and allowed Christianity to prosper in the Philippines.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

UPDATES FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE MARCH 2023

Erica Taylor, our PSR Coordinator, represented PSR at I Love Smyrna School District Day on March 11. A good number of people stopped by to say hi. A few families took information about our program. Next year Erica hopes that more St. Polycarp Committees will join her at this event.

St. Polycarp's Pastoral Staff has agreed to renew our subscription to FORMED. Many ministries, including PSR, Connected in Christ, and RCIA use FORMED on a regular basis. Many parishioners use it on their own too. We have 187 subscribers. All Parishioners are invited to join. For a free subscription to FORMED, log on to FORMED.org, type in our zip code, 19977, and add your email for an account.

Our next Coffee Social for the Connected in Christ faith-sharing group is on Tuesday, May 9, following the 8:30 am Mass. Everyone is invited to have coffee and snacks and to do a little faith-sharing. We look forward to seeing some new faces in May!

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

Our Parish and Family Life Ministry meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. You are invited to join us! Our next meeting will be this Thursday, April 20th at 7pm in Room 7. Please RSVP to Deanna Lail at 302-535-2957 or dlail14@comcast.net. We Welcome your attendance!



Welcoming new Parishioners is an important part of our Parish. If you are able to assist Deanna Lail in this Welcome Ministry or maybe are new to our Parish we would like to get to know you! Contact Deanna at 302-535-2957 or dlail14@comcast.net

Can you help with our quarter auction? The Parish and Family Life (PFL) is planning a Fall Quarter Auction with assistance from other Ministries. We are searching for helpers and items for Auction that can assist in making this first time event possible and successful! If you have experience in hosting or possibly able to help in the process reach out to Chair Deanna Lail at (302) 535 - 2957 or dlail14@comcast.net.

WELCOME SPRING!

Time to think about ordering your
MEMORIAL BRICK!



Adding your **MEMORIAL BRICK** to the walkway of our Blessed Mother is a unique way to keep your memories alive. It is a way to remind us of all those special loved ones or occasions forever. If you would like to become a part of the walkway to our Blessed Mother, with your name or the name of a loved one, now is a good time to do so!

There are several ways to order your bricks. You can order through Faith Direct at: [Faith Direct MEMORIAL BRICK](#) (you do not need to sign up for Faith Direct), use the QR code below or return your form with payment of \$80 to St. Polycarp Church. Envelopes marked with "Memorial Brick" may be placed in the Offertory collection, delivered to the Parish Office (place in black box), or mailed to the following address:

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Smyrna, DE 19977

FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR PARISH
WEBSITE OR AT THE ENTRANCES INTO
THE CHURCH



HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

GALA FOR OLD BOHEMIA

The Old Bohemia Historical Society is hosting a Gala on Saturday, April 22 to raise money for the ongoing restoration and preservation of St. Francis Xavier Shrine and the Bohemia Mission, located in Warwick, MD. The evening starts at 6:15 PM with an hors d'oeuvres reception and open bar at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 371 E Main Street, Middletown, DE. Music will be provided by the Tim Laushey Quartet. Guests are welcome to attend Mass at St. Joseph Church at 5:00 PM. Tickets for the Gala are \$50 per person or \$80 per couple. Sponsorships and advertising in the program book are being offered. For ticket and/or advertising information, email OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com or call 302.545.2126.

For more information on this event or
other events in the area visit
www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow

FINANCE COUNCIL



Finance Council held their monthly meeting on the 21st of March. Below are the highlights.

Thank you to all of the parishioners who completed and returned their 2023 Offertory Reflection. We will use that as input to the annual budgeting process. That process is on-going with a completion and submission to the Diocese in June.

Please do not forget your Easter Novena and Easter Flower donations. There have been several bulletin announcements and you can go to Faith Direct to make your contributions also. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Our use of Memorial Bricks is slowing down. Please do not forget a loved one with a brick placed in our beautiful prayer garden.

We are working on funding for the items identified from the parishioners at our Parish Forum. Those items included:

- New signage on campus. You have seen prior bulletin announcements on the progress
- Church bathroom renovations. These would be in addition to the extensive repair to the lines completed earlier in the year
- Expanding opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration to be held in church.

And of course a reminder to utilize Faith Direct (<https://membership.faithdirect.net/DE831>) for your weekly offering, as well as reaching out to John Fcasni (609-529-1986) if you would be interested in joining the Finance Council.

COLLECTIONS

Figures from this week's collections will be posted in a future Bulletin.

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 [faithdirect/DE831](https://membership.faithdirect.net/DE831). Text-to-Give: Text "Enroll" to (302) 202 - 2251 or you can use this QR code.



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

Saturday, April 15 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 1 pm Confirmation at Holy Cross, Dover 2:30 Confession 4 pm MASS- (SVDP to speak at Mass) Following Mass - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) - K of C Soft Pretzel Sale (Church Doors)
Sunday, April 16 10:30 am MASS – (SVDP to speak at Mass) 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Following Mass – Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) - K of C Soft Pretzel Sale (Church Doors)
Monday, April 17 6:30 pm RCIA Sessions (Library) 6:30 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes- Rosary (Hall/Kitchen) 7 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes- Meeting (Hall/Kitchen)
Tuesday, April 18 8:30 am MASS 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 10:30 am DHCI Communion Service (at DHCI) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 12 pm – 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 1 pm CFC General Meeting & Executive Committee (Room 4) 6:30 pm Finance Council (Library) 6:30 pm Rehearsal for First Eucharist (Church & Hall)
Wednesday, April 19 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Baptismal Class Advance Registration Required (Room 7) 6:30 pm K of C Officers Meeting (Hall) 7 pm Columbiette Board Meeting (Library)
Thursday, April 20 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 7)
Friday, April 21 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, April 22 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS - First Eucharist at Mass

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