

ST. POLYCARP CHURCH

In
The Silver Lake Deanery
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.

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RECONCILIATION

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

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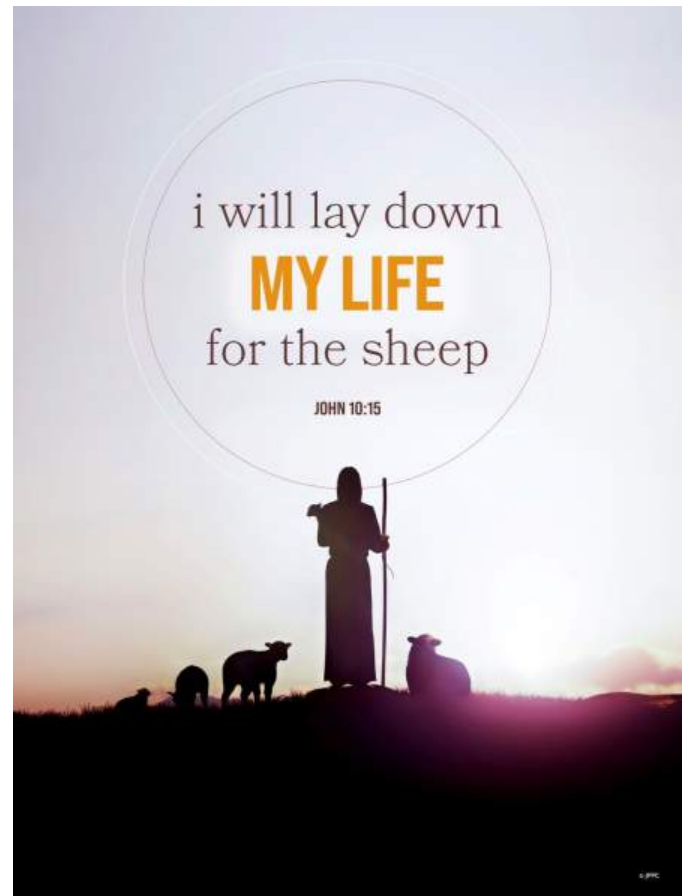
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." How have you experienced God working in paradoxical ways in your life?
- ~ What does it mean to be a child of God?
- ~ How are you being called to lay down your life for others, following the Good Shepherd?

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

I will pour out My Spirit



Saturday, April 20, 2024 1:00 pm
Church of the Holy Cross
Most Reverend William Koenig, D.D.
Bishop of Wilmington

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Peyton **ANNE** Wyatt

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



Join us in the spirit of unity and love as we launch our Faith and Charity Appeal under the theme "One Body, One Spirit in Christ". Inspired by the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we are reminded that we are all part of one flock. Our Appeal is an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of our community and deepen our relationship with God.

This Appeal is not just a call for financial support; it is an invitation to actively participate in the shared journey of faith. Each contribution, big or small, is a meaningful step towards building a more connected and vibrant community. As we come together in generosity, let us embody the essence of being one body and one spirit in Christ.

Help our parish show a good level of active participation.

We are all invited to follow the Good Shepherd's example and support one another on this sacred journey. One Body, One Spirit in Christ is an invitation to participate as a community in the 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this important campaign.

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



One Body, One Spirit in Christ

Heavenly Father, bind us tightly as One Body in Christ, infused with a singular Spirit of unwavering compassion.

In this annual Appeal, ignite a fire within us, compelling each heart to give generously.

May our actions resonate powerfully, offering hope to the hopeless, comforting the suffering, and strengthening our Catholic Faith Community throughout the State of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

As we stand united as a Catholic community, each participating heart becomes a beacon of transformative grace. Let our collective strength embody the love of Christ, forging an unbreakable bond in faith.

Amen.

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 20	
4 pm John Saber Family - Rita Brown	
Stephanie McDowell - Joe & Marie McDowell	
Chester Stachecki - Janet Anderson	
Sunday, April 21	4th Sunday of Easter
10:30 am Brenda June DiMichele - Deacon Frank & Debbie Weber	
Monique Travis - Chuck & Erica Taylor	
Win Him Eng - Betty Pingol	
Monday, April 22	
No Mass	
Tuesday, April 23	St. George & St. Adalbert
8:30 am Parishioners	
Wednesday, April 24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
8:30 am Deacon Charlie Robinson - The Robinson Family	
Nick Natali - The Sloven Family	
Thursday, April 25	St. Mark, Evangelist
No Mass	
Friday, April 26	
No Mass	
Saturday, April 27	
4:00 pm Roberto Pingol - Betty Pingol	
Clothilda Servio & Simeon Sampson - Karen Cacho	
Sunday, April 28	5th Sunday of Easter
10:30 am Vicente D. Lim, Jr. - Dee Lim	
Brenda June DiMichele - Kathy Gerstley and St. Joseph's Prayer Group	
Win Him Eng - Mr. and Mrs. Epi Aboyme	

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.

John Murray, 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

Edward Biter Jr.

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.

Let us pray for those children who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time on April 27th, April 28th, and May 4th.

LITURGY



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 5th, following the 10:30 am 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.

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.

“Just as the drop of water poured into the chalice at Mass mingles completely with the wine, so should your life become one with that of Christ.”

FRANCIS XAVIER NGUYEN VAN THUAN
The Road of Hope

VOCATION CHALICE MINISTRY



The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. At the end of Mass, the Chalice is taken home with a promise to pray for vocations during that week. The family would place the chalice in a prominent place in their home and would gather each day asking God to help raise awareness for vocations in our parish. Prayers accompany the Chalice if needed. At the end of the week, the family would bring the chalice back to church so the next family could take it home. The hope is that through prayer, our parish may become a source of vocations to serve the diocese and the Church.

It's easy:

- + Sign up for a week by calling/texting Alice Gaston (302) 670 – 7924 or fill out the form and place it in the collection basket.
- + Arrive 15 to 10 minutes before Mass- let the sacristan (the person who sets up for Mass) know you will be taking the chalice.
- + Father will call you forth at the end of Mass to receive the chalice.
- + Take the chalice home and display it in a prominent place.
- + Dedicate a prayer for vocations each day.
- + When your week is complete, bring the chalice and all accompanying materials back to Mass and drop it off in the sacristy for the next person or family to host for the next week.
- + Sign up again!

Family/Person	Weekend	Mass time
Iris Acosta	April 21	10:30
Adams	May 12	10:30
Garrity	May 26	10:30

Arrive 15 minutes before your Mass time and pick up (or drop off) materials in the sacristy.

Mother's Day Novena



We are part of this world today because our mothers have given us life. Each one of us has several special women who have enriched our lives: Grandmothers, Aunts, Cousins, Caregivers, Godmothers, Friends, and others. Living or deceased, the best gift you can give a loved one is the gift of the Mass. Please use the **Mother's Day Mass Remembrance** envelopes to enlist these special women in the masses offered by our parish.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit
<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CONNECTED IN CHRIST



is inviting any 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:

Only 2 more sessions until we break until September! Come join us Sunday, April 21st and Sunday, April 28th at 9 am in the library.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

IT'S PRETZEL TIME



The Knights of Columbus will again be selling soft pretzels after Mass on April 20th and 21st (this weekend). Pretzels are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



Birthingright of Delaware will host its Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale at our parish. Please support Birthingright's pregnancy services by purchasing roses after Masses on Mother's Day weekend which is May 10th – 12th.

Roses cost:

\$3/one Rose

\$5/three 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 Birthingright of DE in lieu of roses, our address is: 1311 North Scott Street Wilmington, DE 19806.

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

Need to contact St. Dennis Parish?
(410) 648 – 5145 www.stdennischurch.org

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.

FINANCE COUNCIL

FINANCE COUNCIL meets monthly to review the financial operations of our parish and related matters.

Here are some topics we discussed at our March meeting:

- Hall rental and role of a hall rental coordinator.
- New candle operations and related finances.
- The parish Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

**ST. POLYCARP 5th ANNUAL
PARISH BUFFET DINNER
AND
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024
GARRISONS LAKE GOLF COURSE
101 West Fairways Circle, Smyrna, DE 19977**

Golf at Garrisons Lake Golf Course
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Tee Off: at 1:00pm

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

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
April 14	\$3426	\$13	\$3439

SECOND COLLECTION - April 14

SVDP - Poor Box	Easter	Mother's Day	Parish Maintenance
\$438	\$150	\$75	\$50

Offertory	Received	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
February Total	\$33,177.68	\$36,550	(\$3,372.32)
Fiscal YTD	\$272,321.73	\$255,000	\$17,321.73

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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*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 20

1 pm Confirmation at Holy Cross

4 pm MASS - Appeal Weekend

Following Mass - K of C Pretzel Sale at Church doors

Sunday, April 21

9 am PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1-6, 8)

9 am Faith with Friends (Library)

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30 am MASS - Appeal Weekend

10:30 am - Hall reserved

Following Mass - K of C Pretzel Sale at Church doors

Monday, April 22

6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)

Tuesday, April 23

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 Social Concerns (Library)

7 pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 3-6, 8)

Wednesday, April 24

8:30 am MASS

6:30 pm Squires (Library)

Thursday, April 25

10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

Friday, April 26

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, April 27

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS - First Eucharist

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