



St. Polycarp Church

55 Ransom Lane, Smyrna, Delaware 19977

www.saintpolycarp.org

Third Sunday of Easter

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 - 3rd Tuesday of the month 10:30 am

PINNACLE - 1st Friday of the month 10:30am
(Communion Services for Residents)

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

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Please join us for the Blessing of the St. Joseph Shrine
Saturday, May 13th following the 4 pm Mass

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

WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please contact the office or visit our website
to register in our parish.

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

CELEBRATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST

*Blessed are those
who are called to His Supper.*



Saturday, April 22, 2023 4pm
Fr. Daniel Gerres

*Angelina Brimson
Justin Brimson
Kameron Brimson
Daisy Burchett*

Sunday, April 23, 2023 10:30 am
Fr. Daniel Gerres

*Urijah Davis
Jacob Garbe
John Garbe
Mariela Hilarario
Dak Al Kamara*

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 22

4 pm Easter Novena

Sunday, April 23

10:30 am Deacon Charles Robinson - The Robinson Family
Suzanne Cuncic - Robert Cuncic
Jimmie Dykes - Laverne Dykes

3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday, April 24

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 25

8:30 am Parishioners

Wednesday, April 26

8:30 am John Saber Family
Confirmandi Class

Thursday, April 27

NO MASS

Friday, April 28

NO MASS

Saturday, April 29

4 pm Sylvia Vessels DuRoss
Kevin Corrigan
David Carlson

Sunday, April 30

10:30 am Vicente D. Lim Jr.
Antonio Ronquillo
Colleen M. Viands

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

St. Mark, Evangelist

- Rita Brown

- PSR 7th grade class

St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

St. Catherine of Siena

- Jim DuRoss

- Jeanne & Mike Presti

- MaryLou & Joe Bush

4th Sunday of Easter

- Dee Lim

- Betty Pingol

- Brother Vincent Columbiettes

Week of April 23

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for those who recently celebrated their First Eucharist.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for our PSR faculty.

Bread & Wine Offering:

Sunday, April 23rd, in memory of Deacon Charlie Robinson, at the request of Laverne Dykes.

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.

Diane Bullins, 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

Deacon Edward J. Danko

Nancy Liehr

Judith Trafka

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.

LITURGY

APOSTLES' CREED

We will continue to pray the Apostles' Creed during the Easter Season. (Breaking Bread, page 10).

CHALICE MINISTRY



The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to the 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 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 (found at the doors of the Church) 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. (Prayers accompany the Chalice, if needed.)
- + Dedicate a prayer for vocations each day.
- + When your week is complete, bring back 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!

Deacon Formation Information Nights



New class of
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FILIPINO - AMERICAN
INCULTURATION



DATE: May 21, 2023

TIME: Following the 10:30 am Mass

PLACE: Mother Drexel Hall

Learn more about our
CATHOLIC CULTURAL HERITAGE

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.

MAY CROWNING

Sunday, May 7th following the 10:30 am Mass



Please join us outside, in front of the statue of Mary, on May 7, 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. 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. Your flowers will be displayed around the statue of Mary for all to see!

Everyone is invited to gather around the statue of Mary for our May Crowning and then join us afterwards for lunch at our monthly Agape in the hall, hosted by Sodality.

BLESSING OF THE SAINT JOSEPH SHRINE

Saturday, May 13th following the 4 pm Mass



The Liturgy Committee, Sodality and Pastoral Council invite you to join us after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, May 13, 2023, as Bishop Koenig and Father Jim bless our outdoor shrine to Saint Joseph. After the blessing, please join us in Mother Drexel Hall for

refreshments and fellowship.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

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SOCIAL CONCERNS



The Respect Life Ministry is hosting a donation drive for homeless shelters in Kent County. These are men, women and family shelters. Boxes will be placed outside the Mother Drexel Hall for the donations from May 5th through May 14th.

Items needed include: cleaning wipes, dish detergent, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, paper towels, etc. Also personal hygiene items: shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, tooth paste, q-tips, etc. Men, women and children's socks are needed but **no other clothes will be accepted at this time**. Puzzles and board games in good condition may also be a good idea. Any questions? Email Margie Eckard at Eckard.margie@gmail.com. Thank you for your help and support.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE



St Polycarp Parish
Annual Spring Cleanup
Saturday, May 6, 2023
9 am – Noon

Come join us for the Annual Spring Cleanup. Please bring a rake, blowers, gloves and your friends. We need to clear fallen branches and limbs and pull weeds from flower beds and rock gardens.

We appreciate any amount of time you are able to give.

We need as many hands as possible. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please text or call Michael Pyle at 302-423-9732 or email him at mjpyle58@msn.com so we can know how many folks to expect.



**Catholic Diocese of Wilmington
2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal**

The 2023 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 Church, 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 \$60,000. Your financial support of the Appeal also provides funding for our parish. After achieving the goal assigned to our parish, we receive 50% of monies collected over our target 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.cdown.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal," or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.



COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
April 9	\$5223	\$7	\$5230
April 16	\$2591	\$11	\$2602

Collection	Easter	Poor Box
April 9	\$5358	\$368
April 16		\$288

eGiving reported monthly

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Recurring, catch up, or one-time gifts (please indicate your intention) can be made. Visit faith.direct/DE831.

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Thank you for your generosity & continued stewardship.

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 22 2:30 Confession 4 pm MASS 4 pm First Eucharist at Mass
Sunday, April 23 9 am PSR Grades P/K-4 (Rooms 1-6, 8) 10:30 am MASS 10:30 am First Eucharist at Mass 12 pm Baptism - (Church)
Monday, April 24 6:30 pm RCIA Sessions (Library)
Tuesday, April 25 8:30 am MASS 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 12 pm - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 6:30 pm Social Concerns (Library) 7 pm PSR Grades 5-8, (Rooms 3,4,6,8,Hall)
Wednesday, April 26 8:30 am MASS 6:30 pm Squires (Library)
Thursday, April 27 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)
Friday, April 28 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, April 29 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS - Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

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