

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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Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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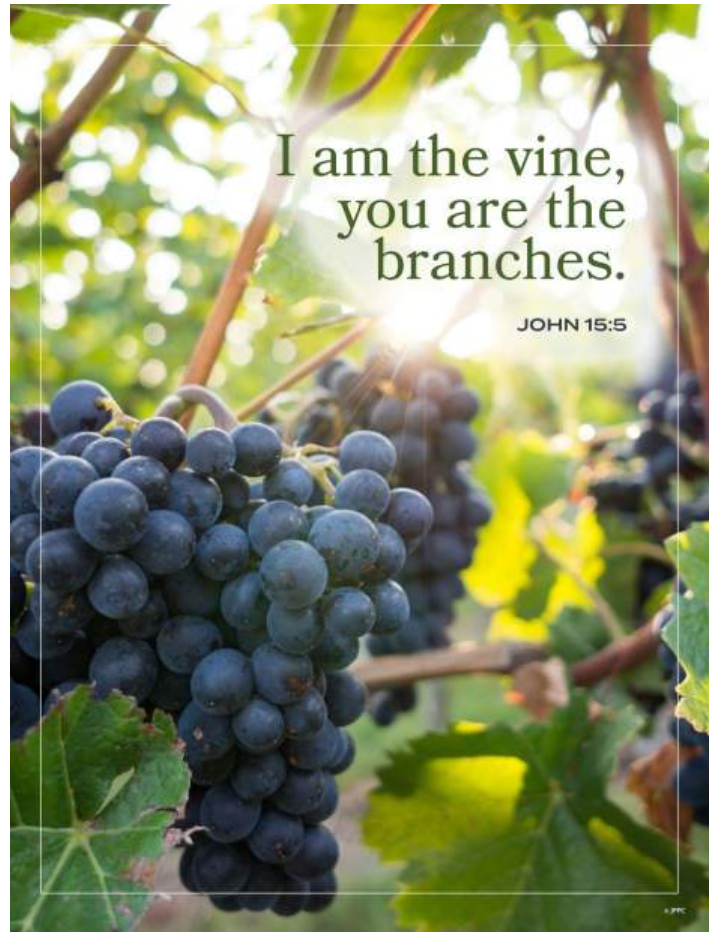
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I am the vine,
you are the
branches.

JOHN 15:5

FIFTH 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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter *April 28, 2024*

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ How has your discipleship been strengthened by the mentorship of another?
- ~ How are you called to move from “word and speech” to put your faith into action this week?
- ~ What helps you to stay connected to Jesus, the true vine?

CELEBRATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST

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



Saturday, April 27, 2024 4pm
Fr. William Trader

Macario Eli Abad
Connor Ciglinsky
Ariana Melesio
Isabella Melesio
Brisa Pizana

Sunday, April 28, 2024 10:30 am
Fr. William Trader

Gavin Dougherty
Daisy Eng
Jack Kramer
Sebastian Lelito
John (Jase) Reed

Rest in peace, Fr. Tom



Dear Family of Faith,

It is with heavy hearts we share that Fr. Tom Flowers, our beloved former pastor here at St. Polycarp, went home to God on April 17th. Fr. Tom was Pastor at St. Polycarp from 2002 to 2015.

Our Parish was blessed by his life, by his loving, caring nature, his wonderful story sharing, his keen sense of humor and by the example of his deep and everlasting love of God.

To read Fr. Tom's obituary visit:

<https://www.dohertyfh.com/obituary/RevThomas-Flowers>



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, next Sunday, 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. All are invited to bring a single flower or bouquet of flowers 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality.

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 27
 4 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
 St. Catherine of Siena

Monday, April 29
 No Mass

Tuesday, April 30 St. Pius V
 8:30 am Antonio Ronquillo - Betty Pingol
 For all the newly Confirmed - 7th Grade PSR
 Wilfredo Cuyco - Dee Lim

Wednesday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker
 8:30 am Living Intentions of Dee Lim - Dee Lim
 Those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society

Thursday, May 2 St. Athanasius
 No Mass

Friday, May 3 SS. Philip & James, Apostles/ First Friday
 No Mass

Saturday, May 4 First Saturday
 4:00 pm Margaret Burke - Janice & Roy Arrighi
 Angeline Arrighi - Janice & Roy Arrighi
 Preston & Luigina Pendarvis - Peters & Pendarvis Family

Sunday, May 5 6th Sunday of Easter
 10:30 am Michael Saber - Rita Brown
 Stephen & Catherine Corso - Janet Anderson
 Janyce Pajerowski - Richard Pajerowski

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in recognition of the newly Confirmed youth and adults from St. Polycarp and St. Dennis at the request of the 7th Grade PSR students.

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, J. R. Peck, Josefina Ocasio, Diana Bullins, Kenny Bullins, Bobby Bullins, Teresa Tier, Bridget O'Connell, Maureen Robinson, 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.

**Fr. Tom Flowers
 Diane Kravitz**

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 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.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - May 1
We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen**



Camilo Arguelles	Filomena Arguelles
Lucita Dico	Serbolo Edward Ibao
Win Him Eng	Sonja Ann Gilliard
Eddie Robert Maycen	Vicente D. Lim, Jr.
Ponnampalam Sabanayagam	Maureen McNamee
Deacon Charles Robinson	Charles Robinson, Jr.
Jose Crisostomo	Sophia Crisostomo
Mario & Rosina Chiusolo	Stephanie McDowell
Preston & Luigina Pendarvis	Alexander & Agnes Peters
Walczak Family	Antanavige Family
Jose Remigio	Flora Sevillaena
Roberto Pingol	Petrilla Family
Robert H. & Carole D. Smith	Sylvia Vessels DuRoss
Delia Cantor	Amelia Ronquillo
William & Mary Etta Maycen	Joseph Gioiosa
Albino & Mary Gioiosa	Victor Chavez
Mary DePasquale	Kenneth & Margaret Burke
Louis & Angelina Arrighi	
& for all those who have no one to pray for them.	

LITURGY

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.

St. Joseph the Worker is celebrated as an optional memorial for Wednesday, May 1st. This is St. Joseph's second feast day. The Church celebrates St. Joseph (the husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus) as the perfect example of work being holy. St. Joseph was a carpenter, he worked with his hands. Work can be used to spread the message of God's love to all.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - FAITH WITH FRIENDS:

Only one more session before we break until September!
Come join us Sunday, April 28th, at 9 am in the library.

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.

FINANCE COUNCIL



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
Enjoy a Delicious Buffet Dinner at St. Polycarp Church Mother Drexel Hall

Dinner: 6:00 pm
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Price for Buffet Dinner only is \$40.00 per person.

Golf Tournament: Starts w/lunch at 12:30pm
Tea Off: at 1:00pm

Here's what is included with your golfing experience:
Lunch, Green fee, Golf Cart, on course beverages including beer, complimentary gift bags, prizes for best teams, closest to line/closest to pin, and a buffet dinner at the church.

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(See reverse side for registration form or use QR Code)
Contacts: Dennis Skinner (papadskinz@yahoo.com) (302-981-8743)
Anna Skinner (ANNA.SKINZ@gmail.com) (302-883-5647)

SPRING IS HERE! Time to think about ordering your MEMORIAL BRICK!



After the cold dark days of winter, spring season brings new life. 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 forever.

Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Graduation!
Mother's Day, Father's Day! Honor family and friends!

Share a favorite quote, and more!

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:
<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/org/831>
Scroll down until you see "Memorial Bricks" (**you do not need to sign up for Faith Direct**), use the QR code below or return your form with payment of \$100 to St. Polycarp Church. Envelopes marked with "Memorial Brick" may be placed in the Offertory collection, mailed or delivered to the Parish Office (place in black box).

JOB OPENING AT ST. POLYCARP

We are in need of someone to take care of cleaning the offices, the Church and being the housekeeper at the rectory. Hours can be worked almost anytime - negotiable. This is a paid position, generally around 15 hours a week. This position can be split into separate positions.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Jim at (302) 653-8279 or email fr.hreha@saintpolycarp.org. Deadline to apply is May 1, 2024. A special thank you to Angela Gibson who has filled this ministry for the last several years.

CONCRETE REPLACEMENT WORK UNDER PORTICO

Please note: The portico and the doors under the portico will be inaccessible the week of May 6th. If you need to access the hall, chapel, library, or meeting rooms, please knock at the staff door. The staff door is the single door located to the left of the portico.

FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL



Embracing the gospel message, "I am the vine: you the branches – he that abide in me and I in him, the same bears much fruit. For without me you can do nothing. I am the way, and the

truth and the life. No man cometh to the Father but by me." Let us come together as one Body and one Spirit in Christ for our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Just as the branches bear much fruit when connected to the vine, our collective generosity will bring forth abundant blessings for our community. Your giving is not only a response to the call of Christ but a tangible expression of our interconnectedness. Let us unite in giving, knowing that without each other and without Christ, we can do nothing. Join the Appeal and be a vital part of the fruitful journey we share in faith and charity.

Thank you to everyone who pledged to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Your participation strengthens our community. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and at the doors of the Church and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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.



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

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
April 21	\$4343	\$25	\$4368

SECOND COLLECTION - April 21

SVDP - Poor Box	Easter	Mother's Day	Father's Day
\$80	\$60	\$323	\$44
Holy Days		Priest Retirement	
\$27		\$43	

Second Collection this weekend, April 27th and 28th, is for the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Thank you for your generosity to this collection which serves our entire diocese.

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 27 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS - First Eucharist
Sunday, April 28 9 am PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1-6, 8) 9 am Faith with Friends (Library) 10:30 am MASS - First Eucharist
Monday, April 29 6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)
Tuesday, April 30 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) 7 pm PSR Grades 5 - 8 (Rooms 3-6, 8, Hall)
Wednesday, May 1 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 1:15 pm Pinnacle Communion Service - Deacon Frank 6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)
Thursday, May 2 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 7 pm K of C 3 rd Degree Business Meeting (Library)
Friday, May 3 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, May 4 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS - First Eucharist

IS THAT YOU, FR. JIM?



If you receive **emails or texts** from Fr. Jim (or any other staff member) asking for favors, gift cards, gifts or stating something similar to "I am currently busy in a meeting now, no calls so just reply to my email.", please ignore and delete. If an email looks suspicious and you're not sure, give the office a call. Fr. Jim will never ask for gift cards through an email or text!

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