



# St. Polycarp Church

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## Fourth 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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 10:30 am

PINNACLE - 1<sup>st</sup> 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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First Eucharist

Saturday,  
April 22  
2023

First Eucharist

Sunday,  
April 23  
2023



**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](mailto:DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org)

**WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!**

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

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
*World Day of*  
*Prayer for Vocations*  
*April 30, 2023*

**MAY CROWNING**  
**Next Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>,**  
**following the 10:30 am Mass**



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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 and place it 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 our monthly Agape in the hall, hosted by Sodality.



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

All three readings today call us to follow Christ and live by His example. We are called to follow Jesus' example and abundantly share our time, talent, and treasure. We are called to generosity. By following Jesus, we are called to share His example with the world, serving others and bringing love, joy, hope, and healing. He came so that we may have life and have it abundantly.

The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, with its theme, Shining the Light of Christ reminds us to shine Christ's light in all that we do and share that light with those around us. We are challenged to bring Christ's healing, joy, love, and hope to all those we encounter, through acts of Christian Stewardship.

This weekend you are invited to participate in the 2023 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.cdw.org](http://www.cdw.org); click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal," or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.



**SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**  
**2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal Prayer**

Lord, You draw us together as a Church family to bring Your light to those on the margins, in need of love, hope, and joy.

You brought your light to the world, to free us all from the darkness. Now you call upon us to share that light in all that we do, bringing hope to the hopeless and comfort to the suffering.

You gave me the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please guide me in service, to shine your light in all that I do.

As I walk with compassion, lead me to those who are in need and guide me in my charity. Amen.

**LET US PRAY**

*Intentions for the Week*

<p><b>Saturday, April 29</b>                  4 pm Sylvia Vessels DuRoss                  Kevin Corrigan                  David Carlson</p> <p><b>Sunday, April 30</b>                  10:30 am Vicente D. Lim Jr.                  Antonio Ronquillo                  Colleen M. Viands</p> <p><b>Monday, May 1</b>  <b>NO MASS</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, May 2</b>                  8:30 am Mary Brady                  Robert Corbin</p> <p><b>Wednesday, May 3</b>                  8:30 am Vincent Rathgeber                  Those receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion - 7<sup>th</sup> grade</p> <p><b>Thursday, May 4</b>  <b>NO MASS</b></p> <p><b>Friday, May 5</b>  <b>NO MASS</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, May 6</b>                  4 pm Michael Saber                  Kevin Cacho Jr. &amp; Shantal Cacho                  Living Intention- Rev. Paul G. Mast</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 7</b>                  10:30 am Luigina &amp; Preston Pendarvis                    Claire Ruane                  Vicente D. Lim Jr.</p>	<p><b>St. Catherine of Siena</b>                  - Jim DuRoss                  - Jeanne &amp; Mike Presti                  - MaryLou &amp; Joe Bush</p> <p><b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>                  - Dee Lim                  - Betty Pingol                  - Brother Vincent Columbiettes</p> <p><b>St. Joseph the Worker</b></p> <p><b>St. Athanasius</b>                  - Tom &amp; Pat Barbas                  - Carol Donahue</p> <p><b>SS. Phillip and James</b>                  - Robert Mendelson                  PSR class.</p> <p><b>First Friday</b></p> <p><b>First Saturday</b>                  - Rita Brown                  - Karen Cacho                  - Judy Lamborn</p> <p><b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>                  - The Pendarvis Family                  - Jeanne &amp; Michael Presti                  - Dee Lim</p>
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**Week of April 30**

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church** burns for the healing intention of Noah Janney, at the request of Kathryn Duncan.

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel** burns in prayer for those on our Environment Committee, who beautify our Church.

**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 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**

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](mailto: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.

*FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society*



William E. Brown Vicente D. Lim, Jr. Deacon Charles Robinson Walczak Family Rosina & Mario Chiusolo Jose Crisostomo Orlando Family Camilo Arguelles Roberto Pingol Jimmy Biggs Terry Wilkins Esther E. LaSana Margaret & Kenneth Burke Peggy Delargy	Saber Family Sara Jean Brimson Carmela Tupia Luigina & Preston Pendarvis Ponnampalam Sabanayagam Sofia Crisostomo Lucita Dico Filomena Arguelles Antanavige Family Lorraine Donnelly Biggs Marga Darner Louis & Angelina Arrighi Glenn Coldiron Joan & Roger Seyer
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**LITURGY**

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER**

- ~ When have you been moved by the preaching at Mass?
- ~ How do you take time to hear the voice of God amid the noise of daily life?
- ~ How has God shepherded you through life?

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

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TIME: Following the 10:30 am Mass  
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**MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA MASS**

We are part of this world today because our mothers have given us life. Every 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.

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Linda Montuori (302) 270 - 5347 [lindamontuori@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamontuori@yahoo.com)

**BLESSING OF THE  
SAINT JOSEPH SHRINE**  
Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>  
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<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

This Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, is designated as the optional  
memorial of St. Joseph the Worker by the Catholic  
Church. St. Joseph and Jesus, both worked with their  
hands, since they were carpenters. The work / labor you  
do can be done in the service of love of God and in fact  
be the very means by which you introduce others to God.  
St. Joseph's life demonstrates the holiness and the  
dignity of human labor. Before you begin your work or  
labor, ask God and St. Joseph to bless it and to make it  
holy. "Go to Joseph with extreme confidence, because I  
do not remember having asked anything from St. Joseph,  
without having obtained it readily." ~ St. Padre Pio

**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 Friday,  
May 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:Eckard.margie@gmail.com).

Thank you for your help and support.

## BIRTHRIGHT OF DELAWARE'S ROSE SALE



Birthright of Delaware will host its Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale after Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Your help will truly make a difference! Thank you. We deeply appreciate your support!! You can also make a donation to Birthright of Del in lieu of roses!

## BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE



**St Polycarp Parish Annual Spring Cleanup**  
**Saturday, May 6 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](mailto:mjpyle58@msn.com) so we can know how many folks to expect.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

### PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS FROM THE APRIL 2023 MEETING

- Landscaping for the outdoor statue of Saint Joseph is almost complete! It will include the current pedestal, pavers, 2 benches, and some plants. Please join us, along with Bishop Koenig, on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, following the 4 pm Mass for the Dedication of the Outdoor Statue of Saint Joseph. Following the Dedication there will be an Agape in the Parish Hall.
- The National Eucharistic Revival has a website, National Eucharistic Revival: A Grassroots Response to God's Invitation, <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>. At the bottom of this homepage, you can subscribe to The Heart of the Revival Newsletter to find out what it is all about. You will receive "dynamic weekly reflections, videos, and resources from trusted voices in every corner of the Church designed to help you enkindle, rekindle, and deepen a living relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist."
- Our Parish and Family Life Committee is working hard on plans for our very first Quarter Auction, scheduled for Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Reservations will be required so please check our bulletin for more details soon. Volunteers are still needed, as are donations for items to auction. If you can help in any way, please contact Deanna Lail at [dlail14@comcast.net](mailto:dlail14@comcast.net) or (302) 535 – 2957.

## COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
April 23	\$10,244	\$31	\$10,275

April eGiving	Offertory	Poor Box	Holy Land Shrines	Easter
	\$11,179.50	\$722	\$170	\$1515

April eGiving	Mother/Father's Day Remembrance	PSR	Parish Maintenance
	\$305	\$375	\$470

*eGiving reported monthly*

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



*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

<b>Saturday, April 29</b> 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend
<b>Sunday, April 30</b> 9 am PSR Grades P/K-4 (Rooms 1-6, 8) 10:30 am MASS Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend
<b>Monday, May 1</b> 11:30 am BVM Sodality (Hall/Kitchen) 6:30 pm RCIA Sessions (Library)
<b>Tuesday, May 2</b> <b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 12 pm – 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 7 pm PSR Grades 5-8, (Rooms 3, 4, 6, 8, Hall) 7:30 pm K of C 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree (Library)
<b>Wednesday, May 3</b> <b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)
<b>Thursday, May 4</b> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Business Meeting (Library)
<b>Friday, May 5</b> 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
<b>Saturday, May 6</b> 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS 4 pm First Eucharist at Mass

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