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In
The Silver Lake Deanery
Of
The Diocese of Wilmington

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Frank Weber



Pastoral Council—Ken Eckard

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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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

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A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 god-parents. 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: Contact 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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ How has God brought you comfort and consolation during a difficult time?
- ~ When have you experienced God's goodness?
- ~ How has Jesus revealed his identity as the "living bread" in your life?

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS, OCTOBER 5, 2024

Ocean City (MD) Convention Center

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



Catholic Diocese of Wilmington
2024 EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
OCT. 5, 2024 OCEAN CITY, MD

Join us for the Diocese of Wilmington's Eucharistic Congress, which will take place on October 5, 2024, at the Ocean City Convention Center. The theme, "The Eucharist: The Source and Summit," invites us to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist. The day will include a keynote address by Bishop Richard Henning of the Diocese of Providence, faith-based vendors, a ministry fair, and breakout sessions tailored to various interests and age groups. There will also be opportunities for Adoration and Reconciliation.

Register now for this spiritually enriching event!
For additional information and registration, visit
www.cdow.org/EucharisticCongress

2024 DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, September 28th

You are invited to join Bishop Koenig and parishioners from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore at the annual Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage on Saturday, September 28, 2024 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church, 12 Winder Road, New Castle, Delaware.



Come and hear keynote speaker, Father Sabastian White, O.P., Editor-in-Chief of Magnificat Magazine. The day includes morning Mass, Rosary, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration and Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. Visit the over two-story tall stainless steel Our Lady Queen of Peace statue created by master sculptor Charles Parks, which is located next to the church. For more information visit www.cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage or facebook.com/CDOWMarianPilgrimage. A great way to prepare your heart for the October 5th Eucharistic Congress in Ocean City!

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 10	St. Lawrence
4 pm Living Intention- Helga LaSana	- Neda Biggs
Joan Peculski O'Drain	- Sue Orlando
Stephen & Catherine Corso	- Janet Anderson
Sunday, August 11	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am John Contini	- Cathy & Mike Burke
Father Tom Flowers	- Sue Orlando
Ruth Staub	- Sue Orlando
Monday, August 12	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
No Mass	
Tuesday, August 13	SS. Pontian & Hippolytus
8:30 am Parishioners	
Wednesday, August 14	St. Maximilian Kolbe
8:30 am Margaret McGuirk	- Joan Werres
Sylvia Vessels DuRoss	- Jim DuRoss
4 pm Assumption Vigil Mass	
Thursday, August 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am Mass	
7 pm Mass	
Friday, August 16	St. Stephen of Hungary
No Mass	
Saturday, August 17	Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 pm Edward Saber	- Rita Brown
Joe Orlando	- The Orlando Family
Wedding Anniversary of Jeff & Marcia Johnson	- Jeff & Marcia Johnson
Sunday, August 18	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Father Tom Flowers	- Andres & Phyllis Ortiz
Phillip F. Voshell	- Jack & Carol Molyneaux
Diane Kravitz	- Alice Sokolowski

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.

Janet Girello, Nick Sarro, Joe Wisnewski, Anne Borgman, Margaret Williams, Liam Travers, Henry Humphres, Jimmy Wiggins, William Neilson, William Green, Carol Timmons, Alison Seewald, Bob Reeder, Lauren Travers, Marguerite Maguire, Lisa Wisnewski, Kathleen Gianjullo, 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, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Cathy Connell, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Andrea Laws, Angel Grasso, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Holly Powell, Lily Griffiths, Patty Moon, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, Jaci Stokes, and residents of Pinnacle and DHCI.

We Pray for our Deceased

Connie Keen

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 number is: 1-701-802-5254/PIN: 1747300#.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays, 11 am – 8 pm – Chapel; and 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.

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Church teaches that after Mary died, her body and soul were assumed (taken up) to Heaven.

The Church has celebrated The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary since the sixth century. Pope Pius XII declared this essential teaching a dogma of the Church in his apostolic constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus*, in 1950. This dogma states: "*the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory*". Pope Pius XII, in the apostolic constitution, writes multiple times that Mary died before being assumed into heaven.

**The Mass times for the Assumption are:
St. Polycarp Church (Smyrna, DE)**

Wednesday, August 14th, at 4 pm Vigil Mass

Thursday, August 15th, at 8:30 am and 7 pm

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, August 15th.

St. Dennis (Galena, MD)

Thursday, August 15th, at 8:30 am and 7 pm

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION CELEBRATION AT ST. DENNIS PARISH

153 N. Main Street, Galena, MD

Thursday, August 15th



This year, the 2024 Feast of the Assumption, will be a particularly special day at St. Dennis Church in Galena, MD – the 20th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Our Lady of Lourdes statue. Twenty years ago, the Knights of Columbus Fr. George Villager Council, along with many volunteers, built the grotto and installed the Our Lady of Lourdes statue in front of the St. Dennis School of Religion. The statue was blessed and dedicated on August 15th, 2004.

Coincidentally, this spring the Knights of Columbus Fr. Bradford Council at St Dennis Church, with

the help of the many volunteers, refurbished the statue and grotto.

To celebrate this special milestone, everyone is invited to gather around the grotto to pray the Rosary together before Mass. Following the Mass the congregation will process with Fr Jim who will bless the statue. Please mark your calendar and join your fellow parishioners as we celebrate the blessed occasion on Thursday, August 15th:

6:30 pm Pray the Rosary

7 pm Celebration of Mass and Blessing of the Statue

SPEND TIME WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday, August 10th

Jesus, how good it is to be here with you.

*Let me never lose sight of your glory,
no matter how much darkness may press on me.*

Let me live in your presence forever.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Eucharistic Adoration) will take place Saturday, August 10th, following the prayer after Communion at the 4 pm Vigil Mass. Please remember not to leave before Fr. Jim. When you do leave, please do so in silence.

SAVE THE DATE: ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 12 at Noon

Please join our parish, as well as thousands of Catholics, to publicly pray the Rosary during this annual event. Mary asked us at Fatima to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world and peace in our families. All are welcome as we publicly pray the Rosary at the outside statue of the Blessed Mother for our community to witness our faith.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

The vocation of the Society is to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His Compassion and Love. Vincentians show their commitment through person-to-person service and seeing the face of Christ in the people we serve.

For more information you may contact any of our members or Chuck Miller 302-270-4942. We meet monthly on the second Monday of the month in the Parish Library at 12 pm.

Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society at St Polycarp Church have assisted 73 families and individuals during January through June 2024. This help totaled \$16,056 and helped our parishioners and neighbors with rent, mortgage payments, utilities, medicine, transportation, and food. None of this would be possible without donations to the poor box and individual donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society. For assistance, please call 302-264-6630.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

PSR WISH LIST

PSR will begin again before we know it! As you can imagine, we are stocking our shelves and preparing for the students to arrive! If you can purchase an item from our **Wish List**, we would greatly appreciate it! Catechists tend to spend their own money on supplies for crafts. Gift cards or monetary donations are a great resource for these activities.

As always, we appreciate any help you can give to keep our costs down. Items can be placed in the marked bins in the vestibule, in the hallway under the coat rack, or under the black drop box. We can accept items during parish office hours too, between 9am and 3pm. Gift cards or monetary donations can be put in an envelope and placed in the collection basket. Please mark it **PSR Wish List**.

- Plastic Folders with pockets (No Prongs)
- Card Stock (white)
- Reams of colored copy paper
- Bulletin Board Paper Rolls (Bright Colors)
- White Poster Board (11x14)
- AA & AAA Batteries
- Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
- Boxed Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Monetary Donations & Gift Cards
(Amazon, Hobby Lobby, Walmart)



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) Religious Education Classes Grades PK – 9



Avoid Late Fees – Register by August 15th.

Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/religious-education/> for information and/or to print the registration form or you can use this QR code.



For more information, contact Mrs. Erica Taylor, Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) at (302) 653 – 4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

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

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE



IT'S PRETZEL TIME

The Knights of Columbus will again be selling soft pretzels after Mass on August 17th and 18th. Pretzels are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

SAVE THE DATE

SAINT POLYCARP ANNUAL PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Mark your calendars! The Saint Polycarp Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2024, after the 10:30 am Mass.

Our Pastoral Council and Parish Picnic Committee are once again planning a fun-filled event. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking up hot dogs, hamburgers, and French fries. You can sample some Rita's Water Ice served by our parish youth. Kids and the young-at-heart will enjoy the inflatable obstacle course, face painting by the Girl Scouts, and a visit from Spiderman!

50/50 tickets will be on sale- 1 Ticket for \$1 or 25 tickets for \$20



We are looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. Please call Kathy Curlett at 302-222-9326, if interested in helping.

IN & AROUND THE DIOCESE

FEAST DAY OF BLESSED FR. MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

The City of Wilmington Deanery welcomes you and your families to join us on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at St. Elizabeth Church, 809 S. Broom Street, to celebrate the annual feast day of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus. The Angelus will be prayed at 6 pm. The rosary will follow, and Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm. This event is hosted by Monsignor Grant Council, St. Thomas Council and the Knights of Columbus Color Guard. The Mass will be celebrated for the respect of human life.

SAVE THE DATE TO RUN/WALK IN NOVEMBER



The Bishop's 5K Run/Walk, benefiting Catholic Charities, is scheduled for Saturday, November 23rd, at 9 am at St. Mark's High School. Registration starts at 8 am. More information to follow.

FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL



UPDATE!

To date, our parish has pledged \$66,105.52! Congratulations on reaching and surpassing our goal in pledges! \$48,958.98 has been collected on those pledges, leaving \$17,146.54 still to be collected. It is important that everyone follows through with payments on pledges. Thank you to those households who have already paid in full and to those households who consistently send in payments. Once we reach our goal in collected donations, we will receive back half of the money collected above the goal for projects around our campus.



If you have not participated, please prayerfully consider participating in this annual event. Every gift counts, no matter how small. Pledge cards can be found at the doors of the Church. You can also give online at www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal", or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.

in all the parishes of the diocese. For more information and to make a secure online donation, visit www.downtowncatholic.com. We thank you for your generosity.

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 continued generosity.

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
August 4	\$5690	\$13	\$5703

SECOND COLLECTIONS

SVDP/Poor Box	Holy Days
\$138	\$172
Cathedral of St. Peter	Parish Maintenance
\$95	\$502

There will be a special collection for the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at all three Masses (4 pm Vigil Mass on Wednesday the 14th as well as the 8:30 am and 7 pm Masses on Thursday the 15th).

JULY eGIVING

Offertory	Poor Box/SVDP	Parish Maintenance
\$9,402	\$863.50	\$466
Parish Utilities	Church in Europe and Africa	
\$518	\$150	

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

The Cathedral of Saint Peter, in the historic Quaker Hill section of the City of Wilmington, is the Bishop's own parish and the center of Catholicism in our diocese. It was built over 200 years ago - 50 years before the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington - and continues with a small but dedicated parish community and school. In 2015, the diocese instituted an annual special collection to support the maintenance and ministry of our Cathedral. The collection will be held next weekend

50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING!

JULY WINNER - \$39.50

Congratulations to Erlinda Sabanayagam!

\$1.00 per chance! Proceeds benefit our PSR.

Simply place \$1 per chance in one of the envelopes found at the doors of the Church. Place the envelope in the collection basket or drop off at the office. Enter as many times as you like for the month! Each dollar gets you one chance for that month! Winner pulled monthly on the last Monday of the month! Winner gets half: PSR gets half!

Thank you for supporting our PSR!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information
Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>

Saturday, August 10 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS - Adoration
Sunday, August 11 10:30 MASS
Monday, August 12 12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library) 6 pm Girl Scout Volunteer Meeting (Hall)
Tuesday, August 13 8:30 am MASS 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Library)
Wednesday, August 14 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Professional Staff Meeting (Library) 4 pm MASS - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation 6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)
Thursday, August 15 OFFICE CLOSED 8:30 am MASS - The Assumption - Holy Day of Obligation 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 7 pm MASS - The Assumption - Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, August 16 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, August 17 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Following Mass - K of C Pretzel Sale (Church Doors)

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