

# ST. POLYCARP CHURCH

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Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Frank Weber



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am

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

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## RECONCILIATION

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

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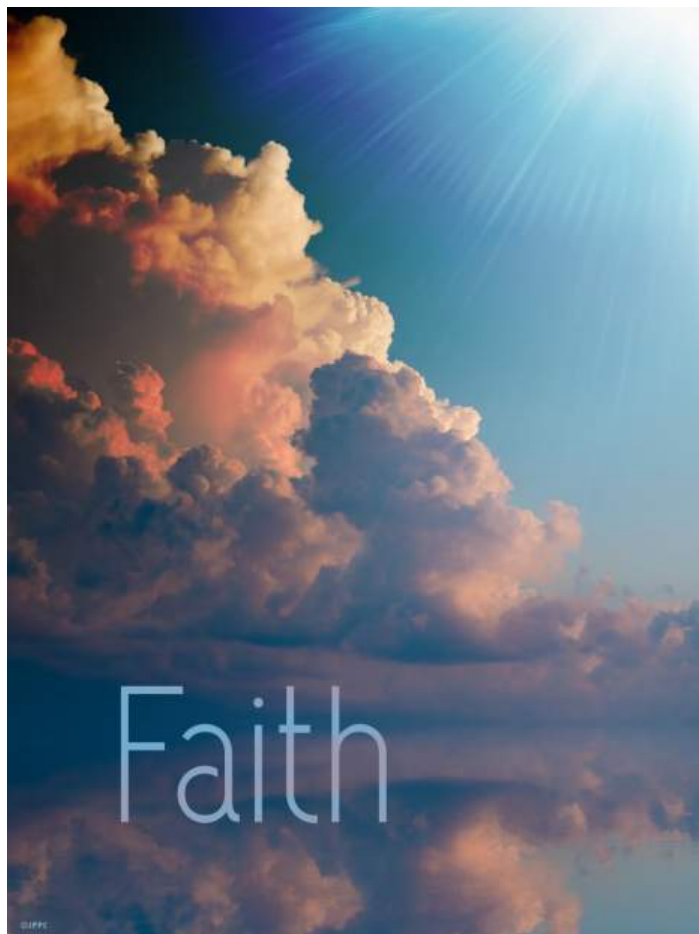
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## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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](http://www.saintpolycarp.org).

### THE SACRAMENTS OF OUR CHURCH

**Baptism:** Catechesis is provided for parents and god-parents. Contact the Parish Secretary to register.

**RCIA (Rite 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](mailto: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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Pinnacle, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 13, 2023

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>**

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, following Communion at the 4 pm Mass. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction lasting for an hour after Mass. In conjunction with the second year of the Eucharistic Revival, please plan to stay and spend some time with Jesus. If you stayed 5 minutes last time, maybe you could spend 10 minutes this time.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
**A Holy Day of Obligation**

One of the fundamental teachings of the Roman Catholic Church concerns the dogma of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – the belief that Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heaven.



**Masses at St. Polycarp:**

4 pm Vigil Mass on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 am Mass on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>  
7 pm Mass on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

Mass at St. Dennis, Galena, MD:  
7 pm Mass on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

The St. Polycarp Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**LET US PRAY**

*Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, August 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal / BVM**  
4 pm Mario & Rosina Chiusolo - Joe & Marie McDowell  
Margaret McGuirk - Joan Werres  
Living Intention Fr. Andre LaSana - Neda Biggs

**Sunday, August 13 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 am Edward Saber - Rita Brown  
Lillie Mae Lewis - Carol & Jack Molyneaux  
Grace Howard - Sue Orlando

**Monday, August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe**  
4 pm Vigil – The Assumption of Mary

**Tuesday, August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8:30 am Sister Maria Benedetta Boyle, SSJ  
- Mary Grace & George Hutchinson

7 pm  
**Wednesday, August 16 St. Stephen of Hungary**  
8:30 am Albino Gioiosa - Mary Ann Maycen  
Joe Orlando - Sue Orlando

**Thursday, August 17**  
NO MASS

**Friday, August 18**  
NO MASS

**Saturday, August 19 St. John Eudes**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**

4 pm Parishioners  
**Sunday, August 20 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 am Wedding Anniversary Jeff & Marcia Johnson  
- Jeff & Marcia Johnson  
Claire Ruane - George & Kathy Muller  
Victor Chavez - Roseann & Joseph Maguire

**Week of August 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church** burns for an increase in vocations.

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel** burns in prayer for those who beautify our church grounds.

**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.

Leon Walczak, Muriel Richards, John Ruane, Jill Mercer, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Bob Gallihar, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Patricia Capobianco, Barbara Hynson, Charlotte Konesky, Tina Kelley, Cathy Connell, Jen McCade, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Beth Kelly, Andrea Laws, Kaysie Borgman, Angie & Al Grasso, Erica White, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Teresa Tier, Holly Powell, Rob Tuxward, Billy Killen, 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**

Greg G. Gaden

Lisa Stinson Cruson

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, 9 am – 8 pm – Chapel

**Flame of Love Rosary:** Thursdays at 6:30 pm - Chapel

**Divine Mercy:** Fridays at 3 pm – Chapel.

## LITURGY

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~ Where is it easiest for you to hear the whisperings of God?

~ What would you be willing to give up for others to come and to know Jesus?

~ What stormy sea is Jesus calling you to trust him in?

### CHALICE MINISTRY

#### PERSONS/FAMILIES NEEDED TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. It's easy:

- ✦ Sign up for a week by calling/texting Alice Gaston (302) 670 – 7924 or fill out the form (forms are located at all doors to 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.
- ✦ 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
Cuttingham	Aug. 13	10:30
Sanphy	Aug. 20	10:30
Irwin	Sept. 3	10:30

*“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38).*

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### CHANGE THE WORLD: BECOME CATHOLIC! INQUIRY SESSION: MONDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>



Is there someone you know who would like to explore the Catholic faith – someone unbaptized, or baptized in the Catholic or another Christian tradition? Do you know someone who needs First Eucharist and/or Confirmation? The Catholic faith can fulfill their desire for a closer relationship with Our Lord by participating in the RCIA process.

If interested, the parish will hold three Inquiry Sessions:

Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm (Library)

Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:30 am

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm

For more information, please contact Deacon Frank Weber at [DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org) or leave a message with the Parish office at (302) 653 – 8279.

## PSR WISH LIST

Our catechists are committed to teaching and helping our children grow in love and faith by donating their time all year. Our catechists often use their own money for supplies throughout the year. Please consider helping them out by purchasing an item or two from their wish list below.

All items can be dropped off Monday-Friday at the parish office between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m., anytime in the bins under the black drop box, or after Masses in the marked bins in the vestibule, and under the coat racks near the bathrooms, across from the hall.

- Plastic Folders with pockets
- Card Stock...white and color
- White Poster Board (11x14)
- Crayola Crayons (8 ct.)
- Colored Pencils (12 ct.)
- Dry Erase Markers (Expo Brand)
- Post It Notes
- Small White Envelopes (6 3/4")
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
- Boxed Tissues
- AA & AAA Batteries
- Linens for Prayer Tables

At least 5' x 4' (Liturgical Colors; green, purple, white)  
-Monetary Donations & Gift Cards (Amazon, Walmart, Target) are always appreciated.



ST. POLYCARP  
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)



Religious Education Classes - Grades PK - 9  
Registration is now open for 2023-2024

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, CRE (Coordinator of Religious Education) (302) 653 - 4101 or [dre@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:dre@saintpolycarp.org)



**BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE**

**AN UPDATE FROM THE  
BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (BMC)**



We welcome George Hutchinson as our Facilities Manager. George will be instrumental in managing major facility issues.

Have you noticed the new EXIT signs in the hall? The BMC installed 2 EXIT signs in the Mother Drexel Hall. One above the doors leading to the portico and the other above the doors leading to the PSR.

Also, we changed out all the fluorescent lamps with LED lamps in the PSR attic and basement ceiling light fixtures, 75 lamps in total. George was able to get free Type A LED lamps from Lowes as a charitable donation. Type A LED lamps can be used in florescent lamp fixtures with a ballast making the task easier since the ballast doesn't have to be removed.

We are always welcoming new members who can lend their time and talents to the Parish. The BMC meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Parish Library. Please contact me at 302-423-9732 or [mjpyle58@msn.com](mailto:mjpyle58@msn.com) if you are willing and able.

Michael Pyle  
Building and Maintenance Committee Chair

**SHARE THE HARVEST**



The Share the Harvest Table is now under the Portico. This allows our parishioners to share their abundant yield from their gardens with their Church family.

All are welcome to share and receive.

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE**



**Save the Date!**  
Parish & Family Life  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Auction  
Friday, October 27, 2023

Doors will open at 5 pm. Auction starts at 6 pm. Proceeds raised will benefit Parish operational expenses and Ministry needs.

Discounted advanced purchase of All-in Paddles will be \$40 through Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

All-in Paddles will be \$45 after Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions or would like to make a discounted advance purchase, contact Darlene Sanphy at (302) 270 - 3915 or [darpete87@comcast.net](mailto:darpete87@comcast.net) or Linda Montuori at (302) 270 - 5347 or [lindamontuori@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamontuori@yahoo.com).

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**SAVE THE DATE - SAINT POLYCARP ANNUAL PICNIC**



Mark your calendars! The Saint Polycarp Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 am Mass.

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

**FAITH AND CHARITY APPEAL**

**2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal**

*We're waiting for the latest up-to-date information from the Diocese. If you have already donated to the appeal, Thank you! If you have yet to make a gift, please prayerfully consider participating. Pledge cards can be found in the pews and at the doors of the Church. Remember - If our parish exceeds the \$60,000 goal in paid pledges, we will receive back half of the money collected above the goal for projects around our campus. It is important that everyone follows through with payments on pledges.*

To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org); click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal," or simply scan this QR code.



## FINANCE COUNCIL

### ST. POLYCARP PARISH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BUFFET DINNER

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>



The Annual Golf Tournament and Buffet Dinner will be at Garrison Lake Golf Club, 101 West Fairways Circle, Smyrna, DE on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Do not golf? That is ok. Join us for a delicious Buffet Dinner in Mother Drexel Hall. For details, see the insert in today's Bulletin.

For more information and registration, contact Dennis Skinner at [papadskinz@yahoo.com](mailto:papadskinz@yahoo.com) or (302) 981-8743 and Anna Skinner at [ANNA.SKINZ@gmail.com](mailto:ANNA.SKINZ@gmail.com) or (302) 883-5647. You can also scan the QR Code found below.



### CHEER ON THE GOLFERS! – Sunday, August 13



If you can't join us for the St. Polycarp's 4th Annual Golf Tournament, how about sending the golfers YOUR CHEERS! Donation is only \$5 per square. Add your personal wish. Boards will be outside the Church on **Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>. Come with your \$5 and wishes!

## COLLECTIONS

Figures for last weekend's collections will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

July eGiving	Offertory \$10,984.50	Poor Box \$727	Churches in Europe \$120
July eGiving	Parish Maintenance \$410		Parish Utilities \$514

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 can be made. Visit [faith.direct/DE831](http://faith.direct/DE831).

We now have 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 stewardship.

## SECOND COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND, AUGUST 12/13 THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER

Our second collection this weekend will support the maintenance and ministry of our beautiful and historic Cathedral of Saint Peter. If you are not in a position to donate today, you can make a secure, online donation at [www.cdow.org/cathedral](http://www.cdow.org/cathedral). More information is available at [www.cathedralofstpeter.com](http://www.cathedralofstpeter.com). We thank you for your generosity.

The Cathedral of Saint Peter, 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.

### 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, August 12	12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession <b>4 pm MASS</b> Immediately following Communion - <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Sunday, August 13	<b>10:30 am MASS</b>
Monday, August 14	12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library) <b>4 pm MASS – Vigil Mass – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 6:30 pm RCIA Session (Library)
Tuesday, August 15	<b>8:30 am MASS - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 10:30 am DHCI Communion Service (at DHCI) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 1 pm CFC General Meeting & Executive Committee (Rm. 4) 6:30 pm Finance Council (Library) <b>7 pm MASS - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Wednesday, August 16	<b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 6 pm K of C Officers Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Baptismal Class- Advance Registration Required (Room 7) 7 pm Columbiette Board Meeting (Library)
Thursday, August 17	10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library) 6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 7)
Friday, August 18	3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, August 19	12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession <b>4 pm MASS</b>

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