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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.

www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE

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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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

302-264-6630



20th 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 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: 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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER
 ~ How do you feel knowing that God invites us to feed at His table?
 ~ How does the Eucharist help us grow in wisdom?
 ~ What has deepened your understanding of the Eucharist and its power in your life?



**IT'S PRETZEL TIME!
 AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND!**

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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/CDOWMarianPilgrimage). A great way to prepare your heart for the October 5th Eucharistic Congress in Ocean City! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHcOBqsvU1o>



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS
 Use this QR code or visit <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 17	Blessed Virgin Mary
4 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 Sokoloski
Monday, August 19	St. John Eudes
No Mass	
Tuesday, August 20	St. Bernard
8:30 am Healing Intention- Cathy Chambers	- Cathy Chambers
The Bauer Family	- Cathy Chambers
Wednesday, August 21	St. Pius X
8:30 am Mary Beth Melia	- Dee Lim
Michael Powell, Jr.	- The Marvian Family
Thursday, August 22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
No Mass	
Friday, August 23	St. Rose of Lima
No Mass	
Saturday, August 24	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
4:00 pm Delia Cantor	- Betty Pingol
Sylvia Vessels DuRoss	- Jim DuRoss
Ruth Staub	- Mary Grace & George Hutchinson
Sunday, August 25	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Father Tom Flowers	- Carmen Lydia Nieves
Timothy Walker Wyatt	- Susan Walker
Diane Kravitz	- Alice Sokoloski

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.

Kathy Watts, Jesse L. Brooks, Nancy Melville, Janet Girello, Nick Sarro, Joe Wisniewski, 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 Wisniewski, 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

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, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS, OCTOBER 5, 2024
Ocean City (MD) Convention Center
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



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 to register, use this QR code or visit www.cdow.org/EucharisticCongress



SUPPORT THE EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS:
CALL FOR SPONSORS, VENDORS, AND
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

To make this event accessible to all, we invite you to support the Congress through various contributions:

Sponsors: *Businesses and organizations can help underwrite the costs of the Congress, ensuring a memorable experience for all attendees. Sponsor recognition opportunities are available.*

Vendors: *We welcome vendors who offer faith-based products, resources, or services to participate in the Congress. Share your offerings with thousands of attendees from across the region.*

Individual Donations: *Your generous contributions can help cover the costs for individuals and families who may not be able to afford the attendance fee. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference in bringing our community together. Join us in making the Eucharistic Congress a transformative experience for all!*

For more information on how to contribute or participate, please visit www.cdow.org/EucharisticCongress and click on Sponsorship Opportunities.

Thank you for your support in making this event possible for everyone. Let's come together to celebrate and deepen our love for the Eucharist! Sheila O'Hagan McGirl - 302-573-3121 or sheilamcgirl@cdow.org

LITURGY

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.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

The Mission Statement on our St Polycarp web site reads: Altar servers are responsible for assisting the clergy in the celebration of the sacraments, in particular the Mass. They are representatives of the congregation in direct and public service at the Lord's altar.



If your child has expressed a desire to serve Jesus and St. Polycarp Parish at the altar and if they have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please contact: Fran and Jim Walls. Our contact information is: Cell phone 302-359-9152, Email SmyrnaWalls@gmail.com. There will be training for new altar servers this Fall.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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



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



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 make any checks payable to St. Polycarp Church and put **PSR Wish List** in the memo line.

- 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
- Paper Towels
- Boxed Tissues
- Monetary Donations & Gift Cards --
(Amazon, Hobby Lobby, Walmart)

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

HOW DO I USE A QR CODE

When you encounter a QR code, you'll have to open your smartphone or tablet camera to find out more information. But you don't — and shouldn't — take a picture.

- 1. Point your camera at the code.** It doesn't matter whether you're holding your phone vertically or horizontally. Your phone can even read the code upside down if you see a piece of paper that's not facing you.
- 2. When your camera scans the QR code,** you'll see an icon or web address on your screen near the code. Tap it.
- 3. You'll go to the associated website** via your phone's web browser, which should launch automatically. Let's try it!



Hopefully, you have arrived at the St. Polycarp website!

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD CATHOLIC RETREAT:

September 20th-22nd. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by Friday, September 6th.

SCOTT & KIMBERLY HAHN COMMUNION OF SAINTS Family Life & the Eucharist

Study Scripture from the heart of the Church and dive into the riches of the faith! Don't miss Scott Hahn, Kimberly Hahn and the St. Paul Center in Landsdale, PA on Saturday, September 14th.

Location: Corpus Christi Catholic Church
900 Sumneytown Pike
Landsdale, PA 19446.

For more information and/or to register, use this QR code or visit:

<https://stpaulcenter.com/lansdale2024/>



RETRouvaille

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call (215) 766 - 3944 or (800) 470 - 2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.

Don't forget to check out our **Bulletin Overflow**
www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow

FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL



Thanks to your generosity, we have raised \$66,105.52 surpassing our goal in pledges and collected \$48,958.98 from 187 donors. It is important that everyone follows through with

payments on pledges. 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. Your contributions are making a significant impact on the ministries that serve our community and beyond.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to all who have participated in this appeal. Your support enables us to continue our vital work, strengthening our faith and community.



For those who have not yet participated, we invite you to support the ministries of our Church community. Your donation, no matter the size, is a meaningful way to participate in our parish and diocese's life and mission. Together, we can continue to share the love and light of Christ. Visit www.cdow.org/FAC to donate.

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
August 11	\$3292	\$26	\$3318

SECOND COLLECTIONS

SVDP/Poor Box	Holy Days
\$96	\$120
Cathedral of St. Peter	Church in Europe and Africa
\$55	\$2

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

Our second collection today 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 downtowncatholic.com. We thank you for your generosity.

Did you miss a weekly offering while on summer vacation? eGiving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for our parish to receive your weekly offering and other Church support. eGiving through Faith Direct will also save you time while helping our parish reduce our expenses. Recurring, catch up and one-time gifts can be made.



Getting started with eGiving is easy. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/DE831 or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757. You can also text "Enroll" to 302-202-2251 or you can use this QR code for easy giving.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

Saturday, August 17 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Following Mass - K of C Pretzel Sale (Church Doors)
Sunday, August 18 10:30 MASS 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Hall) Following Mass - K of C Pretzel Sale (Church Doors)
Monday, August 19 6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)
Tuesday, August 20 8 am CYM Retreat (Hall) 8:30 am MASS 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 10:30 am DHCI Communion Service (at DHCI) 11 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 1 pm CFC General Meeting & Executive Committee (Room 4) 6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting (Library) 7 pm Confirmation Parents & Students (Zoom)
Wednesday, August 21 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 6 pm Columbiette Board Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Baptismal Class Advance Registration Required (Room 7) 7 pm K of C Officers Meeting (Library)
Thursday, August 22 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)
Friday, August 23 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, August 24 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS

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