

# ST. POLYCARP CHURCH

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](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE)

## RECONCILIATION

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

## PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

302-653-8279

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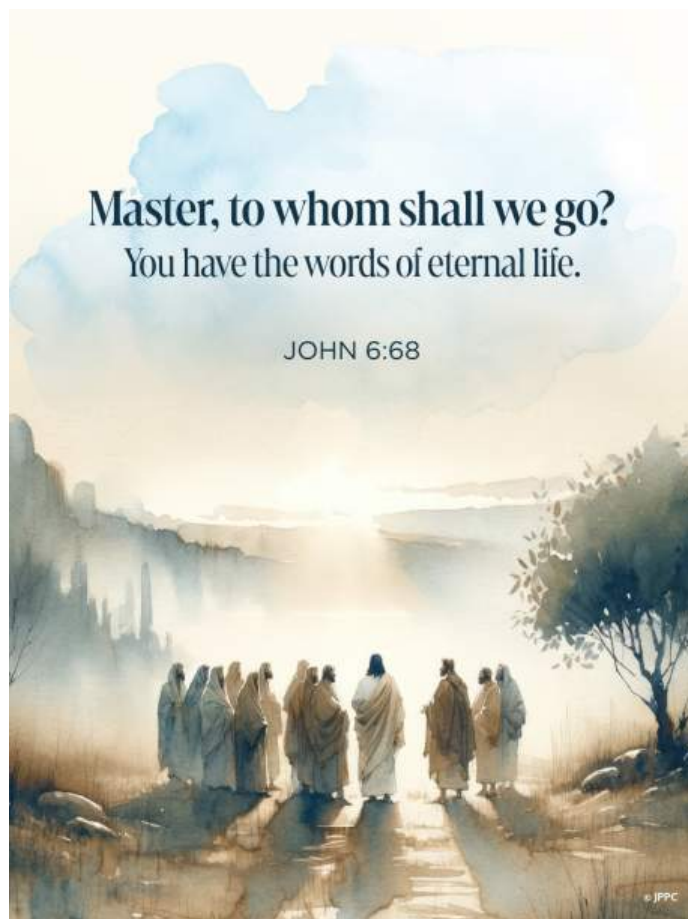
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*For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society*

**302-264-6630**



*21<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 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](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.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2024

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~ How are you being invited to choose to serve God at this moment in your life?

~ How has God shown you His goodness in the past week?

~ How has Jesus been a source of surety when your faith has been challenged?

### SAINT POLYCARP ANNUAL PICNIC

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

**We are having a PICNIC at St. Polycarp!**

Join us for Fellowship, Food, and Fun on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, following the 10:30 am Mass.

Come and enjoy the Bouncy House, Face Painting, and a visit from Spiderman. Please bring a side dish to share and a chair to relax on. The Knights of Columbus will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, and French fries.

Water and Rita's Italian Ice will be available for everyone. We will be selling 50/50 tickets so bring some cash. 1 ticket-\$1 or 25 tickets for \$20.



### 2024 DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

#### MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

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, DE.



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, located next to the

church. For more information visit [www.cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage](http://www.cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage) or [facebook.com/CDOWMarianPilgrimage](https://www.facebook.com/CDOWMarianPilgrimage). A great way to prepare your heart for the October 5<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Congress in Ocean City!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHcOBqsuV1o>



### LET US PRAY

### Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 24	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
4 pm Delia Cantor	- Betty Pingol
Sylvia Vessels DuRoss	- Jim DuRoss
Ruth Staub	- Mary Grace & George Hutchinson
Sunday, August 25	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Father Tom Flowers	- Carmen Lydia Nieves
Timothy Walker Wyatt	- Susan Walker
Diane Kravitz	- Alice Sokoloski
Monday, August 26	
No Mass	
Tuesday, August 27	St. Monica
8:30 am Timothy Thalheimer	- Joanna Thalheimer
Alphonse Capone	
Wednesday, August 28	St. Augustine
8:30 am Parishioners	
Thursday, August 29	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
No Mass	
Friday, August 30	
No Mass	
Saturday, August 31	Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 pm Katherine Radl	- Dieter & Joyce Raczkowski
Kazimiera Chrzanowska	- George & Kathy Muller
Andrew Romano & Family	- Carol Grove
Sunday, September 1	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Father Tom Flowers	- BVM Sodality
Maureen Enright	- Kathy Donnell & Marge Collum
Virginia M. Tatu	- The Trainer Family

#### 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 eight weeks unless other arrangements have been requested.

Jesse L. Brooks, Nancy Melville, 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

##### Philip Ulrich

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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

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

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



#### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

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

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



Registration is now open for Eucharistic Congress, Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Join us for the Diocese of Wilmington's Eucharistic Congress, which will take place on October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Ocean City Convention Center (MD). 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](http://www.cdow.org/EucharisticCongress)



The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. The hope is that through prayer, our parish may become a source of vocations to serve the diocese and the Church. Call or text Alice Gaston if you can take home the vocation chalice for a week of prayer, 302-670-7924.

It's easy:

- + Sign up for a week by calling/texting Alice Gaston 302-670-7924 or fill out the form 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. Prayers accompany the Chalice, if needed.
- + When your week is complete, bring back 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
Barbara Kaczorowski	September 8	10:30 am
Arrive 15 minutes before your mass time and pick up (or drop off) materials in the sacristy.		

*"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).*

**LITURGY**

**SEPTEMBER BLESSINGS**  
**AT THE 10:30 AM MASS**

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Catechetical Sunday  
 Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pastoral and Finance Councils  
 Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – Professional Staff

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT RETURN TO SCHOOL / WORK GIFT?**

Consider giving the Gift of Mass, lighting a candle, or having the bread and wine offered at Mass for your intentions. If you are interested, email the Parish Office at [office@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:office@saintpolycarp.org) or call 302-653-8279 and leave a message.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

"You have the words of eternal life." Could God be calling you to be a vessel of his eternal love and wisdom that guides and inspires others? Follow Him into a life of service to others as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at 302-573-3113 or via email: [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org).

**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](mailto:SmyrnaWalls@gmail.com). There will be training for new altar servers this Fall.

St. Dennis Parish  
 153 N Main St, Galena, MD 21635  
 410-648-5145  
[www.stdennischurch.org](http://www.stdennischurch.org)  
[stdennischurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stdennischurchoffice@gmail.com)

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

### PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS FROM THE AUGUST MEETING



- Planning for another fabulous **Parish Picnic** is underway. Please mark your calendars and enjoy the afternoon with your fellow parishioners. The Picnic is Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 AM Mass.
- We are still looking for someone to coordinate and facilitate a **new parish directory**. It has been over eight years since our last directory. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Curlett at 302-222-9326. We cannot move forward with this project without your help.
- Have you noticed the condition of the **outdoor Stations of the Cross**? These were created and installed in 2011 by an Eagle Scout. Sadly, they need to be removed due to damage and deterioration. If you donated one of the plaques, please contact George Hutchinson in the office at 302-653-8279, if you would like to keep it.

## FACILITIES PLANNING

The Facilities Planning Committee has been established and meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the hall. We are looking for parishioners with backgrounds in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, painting, and other construction expertise needed for our kitchen project. If God has blessed you with a gift you can share, please contact John Irwin, Executive Officer of Facilities Planning at 740-317-3617.



## 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](mailto:dre@saintpolycarp.org)



## EXPLORE THE BEAUTY OF RELIGIOUS LIFE WITH YOUR KIDS!

Join Marcam on an adventure as he visits the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Tennessee. Two joyful sisters guide Marcam through their motherhouse and chapel, offering a



glimpse into the beautiful and dedicated life of a religious sister.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/marcam-meets-the-nashville-dominicans-episode-11>

After watching this with your family, take a moment to discuss together the importance of religious vocations and the joyful dedication of those who serve God in this special way.

**\*Special Note:** For those of you who remember our former DRE, Patricia Freedman, Ms. Freedman was a valued and beloved member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, TN from 1988 to 2011. Please consider watching this in her memory.

To gain full access to **FORMED**;  
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~Enter our parish's zip code 19977

~Click on St. Polycarp Church

~Enter your name and your email address



## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### SMYRNA-CLAYTON MINISTERIUM FOOD PANTRY



is located downstairs at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 22 N. Union St., Smyrna. The pantry is open from 9:30 am to 10:30 am, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Here at St. Polycarp, we have containers for your food donations in the hallway outside of the Mother Drexel Hall. We collect food all year round. **Please no expired food.** Thank you for your continued generosity.

From: Dorris Wheeler  
(Pantry co-coordinator St. Peter's Church)  
To: Rev James Hreha

Please thank your congregation for the continual weekly donations to our Smyrna/Clayton Pantry. They give us exactly what we need and use every day for our clientele.

We appreciate Carol's efforts to get these donations to us, even on bad weather days!!

We are so very thankful for all your parishioners have done and do for us!!!

Don't forget to check out our **Bulletin Overflow**  
[www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow](http://www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow)

## 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!

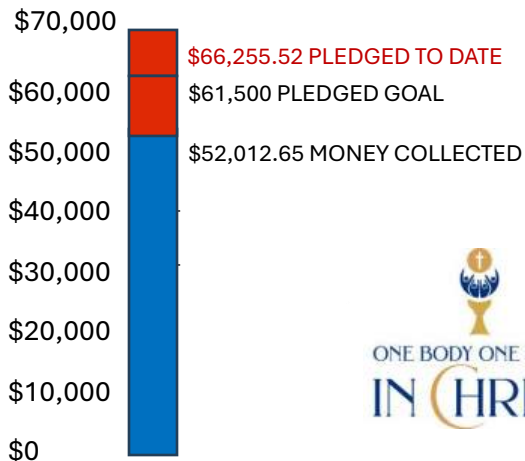


Hopefully, you have arrived at the St. Polycarp website!

## FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL

### Congratulations!

We're getting closer to our goal in money collected. 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



Thanks to your generosity, we have raised \$66,255.52 surpassing our goal in pledges and collected \$52,012.65 from 189 donors. It is important that everyone follows through with payments on pledges.. 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](http://www.cdow.org/FAC) to donate or use this QR code.



## COLLECTIONS

### OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
August 18	\$3508	\$4	\$3512

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

SVDP/Poor Box	Holy Days
\$37	\$6206
Cathedral of St. Peter	Parish Utilities
\$583	\$2

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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 24

2:30 pm Confession

**4 pm MASS**

Sunday, August 25

**10:30 MASS**

Monday, August 26

6 pm Quarter Auction Planning Meeting (Room 7)

6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)

Tuesday, August 27

**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 Social Concerns (Library)

Wednesday, August 28

**8:30 am MASS**

6:30 pm Squires (Library)

Thursday, August 29

10 am Pathway to Peace (Library)

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

Friday, August 30

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, August 31

2:30 pm Confession

**4 pm MASS**

The Parish Office at St. Polycarp will be closed on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, in observance of Labor Day. *Please remember to pray for our country amid your festivities and celebrations on that day.*

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