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The Silver Lake Deanery
Of
The Diocese of Wilmington

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Frank Weber



Pastoral Council—Kathy Curlett

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, Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 8:30 am.

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RECONCILIATION

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

PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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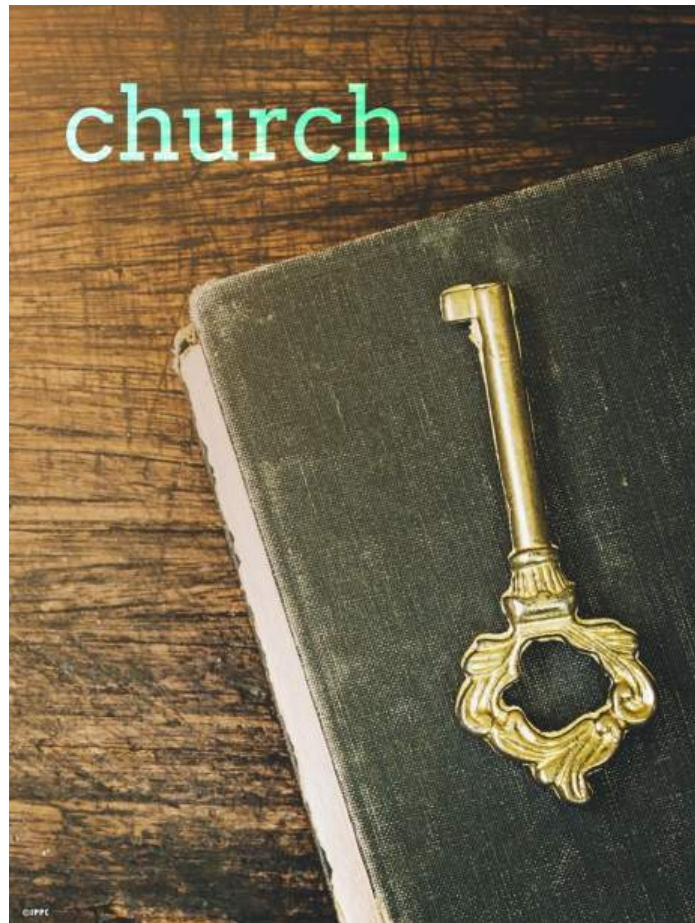
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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

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church



21st 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.

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.

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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2023

CHANGE THE WORLD: BECOME CATHOLIC!

INQUIRY SESSION: MONDAY, AUGUST 28th



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 an Inquiry Session: Monday, August 28th, at 6:30 pm

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

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

We're having a PICNIC at St. Polycarp!



Join us for Fellowship, Food, and Fun on Sunday, September 17th, following the 10:30 am Mass. Please bring a side dish to share and a chair to relax on. The Knights of Columbus will provide hotdogs and hamburgers. Water and Rita's Italian Ice will also be available to everyone. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Curlett at (302) 222 – 9326 or Joyce Tolson at (302) 448 – 9678.

ST. POLYCARP

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Religious Education Classes - Grades PK - 9

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



LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 26

4 pm Ben Walters
Theodore Trala
Jeffrey Marino

Blessed Virgin Mary

- Chuck Miller
- Chip & Pat Reinbold
- Marge & Bob Marino

Sunday, August 27

10:30 am Charles Cassidy, Jr.
Walter Cecil Ireland, Jr.
Janyce Pajeroski

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Deanna Lail
- Jimmy & Toni Hewes
- Judy Lamborn

Monday, August 28

NO MASS

St. Augustine

Tuesday, August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30 am Benjamin Helmick - Paul & Michele Bonsignore
Living Intention - Janet Alexander - SVDP

Wednesday, August 30

8:30 am Parishioners

Thursday, August 31

NO MASS

Friday, September 1

NO MASS

First Friday

Saturday, September 2

4 pm Lorraine Donnelly-Biggs
Grace Howard
Stephen Chambers

**Blessed Virgin Mary/
First Saturday**

- Neda Biggs
- Mary Grace Hutchinson
- Carol Donahue

Sunday, September 3

10:30 am Wilbert R. Petrilla
Vicente D. Lim, Jr.
Barbara Dashiell

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Diane & Mike Dellinger
- Dee Lim
- Carol & Jack Molyneaux

Week of August 27th

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in remembrance of Anna Elizabeth Leverage Coefre at the request of Kathryn Duncan.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for victims of the wildfires in Maui.

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 two months (eight weeks) unless other arrangements have been requested.

Lyllie Deter, 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

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 (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

~ How has your faith been strengthened by the successors of St. Peter, past or present?

~ Who do you say Jesus is?

~ How do you give witness to who Jesus is in your daily life?



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

WILL YOU BE THERE?

This past June, we entered the 2nd Year of the National Eucharistic Revival. This is the Year of Parish Revival. Last year was the Year of Diocesan Revival. The Year of Parish Revival will end with the culmination of the National Eucharistic Congress. This event will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Lucas Oil Stadium from July 17th – July 21st, 2024. They are expecting approximately 80,000 people to attend. The cost per person is \$375.00 (this does not include meals, lodging or transportation). If our parish can get 15 parishioners or more to attend, the cost drops to \$299.00 per person. **If you are interested in attending this magnificent event, please call Kathy MacDonald at (302) 653 – 8976 and leave me a voice mail or see Kathy after Mass.**

At the National Eucharistic Congress, the Church will draw into a deeper intimacy with our Eucharistic Lord, allowing our eyes to be opened and our hearts to be set on fire with his love.

The whole Congress will be an experience of prayer: a liturgical act offering the Catholic Church—those in attendance in Indianapolis as well as across the country—to the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. This reconsecration will result in a massive outpouring of grace and renewed missionary sending as participants are moved to share the Eucharistic love of the Lord “for the life of the world” (John 6:51).

For more information, visit

<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

CHALICE MINISTRY – PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. 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.

Family/Person	Weekend	Mass time
Irwin	Sept. 3	10:30

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Greetings from the CRE...

As you can imagine, things are ramping up in the Christian Formation Office as preparations for the new PSR year are well underway. We are excited for the new year to begin!

As always, I am extremely blessed and grateful for all of you for your continued support and prayers. You are a wonderful example of what the *Body of Christ* exemplifies. Our faith tells us that God will always provide. He does and He did!! Alleluia!

- ALL PSR positions have been filled! A BIG thank you to those who heard God and answered His call.
- We asked for “Wish List” items and within days they began showing up. Your generosity is overwhelming and much appreciated.

St. Polycarp parishioners NEVER disappoint! As you may remember, last year we introduced our “Envelope Fundraiser”. This fundraiser is to raise funds to help support the rising costs of running our program and to aide in tuition assistance for our families in need. The support we received was magnificent!! We will kick off this fundraiser the weekend of September 9th and 10th. Keep an eye out for our display boards at all the entrances to church. Make sure to grab an envelope or two to help support religious education for our youth. What envelope will catch your eye this year?

With sincere appreciation,

Erica Taylor



Would you like to learn more about Jesus?
Come learn more about your faith with friends.
Thursday, September 7th, from 6 pm - 8 pm in Room 7



Looking forward to seeing you!
Ashley Wilson (302) 535 – 4118

Join your friends for this
Adult Faith Formation Opportunity.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PASTORAL COUNCIL AUGUST 2023 MEETING NOTES



- The Pastoral Council is busy working on our Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 17th, following the 10:30 am Mass. Hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, Rita's water ice, bottled water, and some desserts will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share. We will have a Bounce House, Face Painting, and many games for all ages.
- Our Annual Forum will not be held in September this year. The Pastoral Council had voted to move it to Sunday, January 21st, following the 10:30 Mass. The Annual Forum is where Parishioners will gather to find out about the accomplishments, over the past year, of our parish councils/committees and staff, give input on the wants/needs of the parish, and get an update on the Synod.
- The Parish is on its way to getting new signage all around our campus grounds. There will be upgraded signage at the St. Polycarp statue area, no parking, fire lane, one-way signs, and directional signs to various places on campus.
- Our back parking lot needs repair. Work is being done to find a contractor to re-mill, re-asphalt, seal, and stripe the lot.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE



With summer vacations coming to an end, pretzels are back. The Knights of Columbus will be selling pretzels after Masses this weekend, August 26th and 27th. Pretzels are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Your support is greatly appreciated. Your support helps us with our good works.



Save the Date!
Parish & Family Life
1st 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 15th. All-in Paddles will be \$45 after Friday, September 15th. 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 or Linda Montuori at (302) 270 – 5347 or lindamontuori@yahoo.com.

FAITH AND CHARITY APPEAL



2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal

Congratulations! We've reached our **PLEGGED** goal! To date, our parish has pledged \$62,660.88!! Total collected towards the pledge amount is \$47,013.54. 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.

It is important that everyone follows through with payments on pledges. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your payment reminder mailings.

If your household has not participated, it's not too late! As a parish community, we are asked to assist our brothers and sisters in overcoming obstacles, guided by the light of Christ and the strength of our unity. Please prayerfully consider a donation and help Shine the Light of Christ throughout our Diocese. (Pledge cards can be found in the pews and at the doors of the Church.)

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Saturday, September 2 at 11:00 am
St. Francis Xavier Shrine at Bohemia Mission
640 Bohemia Church Road in Warwick, MD
Father Paul Mast will be the presider.

17TH ANNUAL NUN RUN/WALK

Saturday, September 9th
Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan Residence
185 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713
5K Walk/Run (begins 9 am)
For more information or to register, visit
<https://www.nunrun5k.org/>.

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON'S MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop Koenig for the Diocese of Wilmington's Marian Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 7th, at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. For more information, ~ visit <https://www.cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage/> or <https://www.facebook.com/cdownmarianpilgrimage/>.

BISHOP'S 5K (Run/Walk)

Saturday, November 18th, 8 am to 11 am
at St. Mark's High School

(2501 Pike Creek Road Wilmington, DE US 19808).

To learn more or to register for this event, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/TheBishops5K>.

For information on additional events, visit www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow

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.

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.

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 26	12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Following Mass - K of C Pretzel Sale outside of Church entrances
Sunday, August 27	10:30 am MASS Following Mass - K of C Pretzel Sale outside of Church entrances
Monday, August 28	6:30 pm RCIA Session (Library)
Tuesday, August 29	8:30 am MASS 9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 9 am Adult Faith Formation- Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)
Wednesday, August 30	8:30 am MASS 6:30 pm Finance Council (Library)
Thursday, August 31	10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)
Friday, September 1	3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, September 2	12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for the Labor Day holiday.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



DISASTER RESPONSE - WILDFIRES IN MAUI



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FINANCE COUNCIL

**ST. POLYCARP PARISH
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BUFFET DINNER
Sunday, September 10th**



The Annual Golf Tournament will be at Garrison Lake Golf Club, 101 West Fairways Circle, Smyrna, DE on Sunday, September 10th. \$130 per individual golfer includes lunch, Green fee, Golf Cart, on course beverages including beer, complimentary gift bags, prizes for best teams, long drive/closest to pin, followed by a buffet dinner.



Don't golf? Join us for a delicious Buffet Dinner for just \$40.00 per person in Mother Drexel Hall at Saint Polycarp Church.

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



COLLECTIONS

Figures from last weekend's collections will be posted in the September 3rd Bulletin.

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