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The Diocese of Wilmington

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,

Tuesday & Wednesday at 8:30 am.

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RECONCILIATION

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

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.

Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~Where do you see kindness and truth meet?

~What paths in your life do you need to seek God's help in straightening this Advent?

~How can you emulate the humility of John the Baptist, who proclaims, "One mightier than I is coming after me."



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Saturday – December 9th
following the 4 pm Mass

Following the prayer after Communion, Fr. Jim will place the Blessed Sacrament (Host) in the Monstrance. The Blessed Sacrament is then incensed while the "O Salutaris / O Saving Victim" is sung. (Found inside the back cover of Breaking Bread.) Silent prayer then begins. (At this point, Fr. Jim leaves the Church. Please do not leave before Fr. Jim exits the Church. When you do leave, please leave silently.) At the end of the hour, one of our Eucharistic Ministers will repose the Blessed Sacrament from the Monstrance to the Tabernacle.



The Sacrament of

Reconciliation

St. Polycarp – In addition to Saturdays from 2:30 – 3:30 pm, Confessions will be heard following the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays during Advent: December 10th, 17th, and 24th.

Deanery Penance Service

Thursday, December 14th, at 7pm
Holy Cross Church, Dover

Several Priests will be present to hear Confessions.

Reconciliation Monday

Monday, December 18th, 3 pm - 5 pm and 6 pm - 8 pm
St. Polycarp Church and St. Dennis Church

Two priests will be present during each session.

LET US PRAY

Intentions

Saturday, December 9	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
4:00 pm Mildred S. Lux	- Rita Brown
George Reuter	- Kathleen Reuter
Catherine Corso	- Chuck & Erica Taylor
Sunday, December 10	2nd Sunday of Advent
10:30 am Chrystalie Bruso	- Riordan M ^o Donald
Vincente D. Lim, Jr.	- Dee Lim
Grace Howard	- Josie & Rudy Cinco
Monday, December 11	St. Damasus I
NO MASS	
Tuesday, December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 am Parishioners	
Wednesday, December 13	St. Lucy
8:30 am James Kinsella	- Nancy Kinsella
Patricia Stuiber	- Barbara Dean
Jean Blankenship	- Barbara Dean
Thursday, December 14	St. John of the Cross
NO MASS	
Friday, December 15	
NO MASS	
Saturday, December 16	
4:00 pm Jack & Jared Grove	- Carol Grove
Catherine Corso	- Judy Lamborn
Sunday, December 17	3rd Sunday of Advent
10:30 am Jack & Jared Grove	- Carol Grove
Luigina & Preston Pendarvis	- The Pendarvis Family

Week of December 10th:

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for all who have lost loved ones this year.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Saint Ann's Chapel burns for an increase in vocations.

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.

Wally Wargo, Diane Bullins, Bridget O'Connell, Ava P, Robin Husman, Milli Burris Alvarez, Jack Barnas, Margaret Sevellina, Lyllie Deter, Leon Walczak, John Ruane, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Bob Gallihar, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Patricia Capobianco, Barbara Hynson, Charlotte Konesky, Tina Kelley, Cathy Connell, 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

Advent ~ Anticipate & Hope

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, 9 am – 8 pm – Chapel, 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.

LITURGY



Christmas is a time to reflect on the blessings of family and shared togetherness. We exchange gifts as an act of love and appreciation, but there is no greater gift we can give than the gift of the Holy Mass. Although a loved one may no longer be present to share this time with us, let us remember that, now more than ever, they rely upon us for their spiritual well-being. Take a moment to show your affection by praying on their behalf. Living or deceased, the best gift you can give is the gift of the Mass. Please use the Christmas Novena envelope to show your loved ones they have not been forgotten.

BE BRAVE, ANSWER THE CALL



On January 29, 1973, the instruction *Immensae caritatis* was issued by Pope Paul VI. With this instruction, the diocesan bishop was given permission to designate lay men and women to distribute the Eucharist as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Are you a Catholic living in harmony with the teachings of the Church?

Are you at least 18 years old?

Have you received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation?

Are you sufficiently mature to perform the duties of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass or to the sick and homebound?

These are the qualifications needed to be considered for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

If this is a ministry you feel God calling you to, please contact Cindy Kennedy at Kennedy-078@msn.com.

Formation and training will begin early January.

December 24th is both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve.

MASSES FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Saturday, December 23rd at 4 pm
Sunday, December 24th at 10:30 am.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24th at 4 pm and 9 pm
Monday, December 25th at 10 am.



Advent is a time of preparation. Just like parents in every time and every location prepare for the birth of their child, Mary and Joseph did their best to welcome the Holy Child in the humble surroundings where our Lord entered the world. Wouldn't this be the

ideal time to proclaim the birth of our Savior by decorating our Church with all the splendor befitting the birth of the King of Kings? During this Advent season, please consider using the Christmas flower envelope to help us proclaim our joy as we rejoice in the birth of our Lord.

ADORATION IN ST. ANN'S CHAPEL

Tuesdays from 9 am to 8 pm.

We need adorers to fill the following time slots:

Tuesday Mornings - 9:30, 10:00, 10:30

Tuesday Afternoons - 2:30, 3:30

Please consider signing up to fill one of these openings.

Contact Cheryl Thomas at (302) 363 – 0404 or salcrest7@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

THE VOCATION CHALICE

The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. The Chalice is taken home with a promise to pray for vocations during that week. Call or text Alice Gaston at (302) 670 – 7924 if you can take home the vocation chalice for a week of prayer.

Family/Person	Weekend	Mass time
Donna Adams	December 10	10:30 am
Stephanie Roch	December 24	4:00 pm



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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Advent Greetings from the CRE,

You may have noticed the beautiful artwork at the entrances to the church. The posters displayed are the top two winners from our Sunday PSR classes (grades PK/K – 4) and the top two winners from our Tuesday PSR classes (grades 5-8) for the Annual Deacon Charlie Memorial Advent Poster Contest. Maureen Robinson and her family judged the 66 posters on December 1. What a difficult job that was!!

Sunday PSR Winners

- 1st place **Shane Stilwell - 1st Grade**
- 2nd place **Brisa Pizana - 2nd Grade**

Tuesday PSR Winners

- 1st place **Khloe Mickulus - 8th Grade**
- 2nd place **Kiara Okpara - 6th Grade**

First place winners will receive \$75 towards tuition next year and second place winners will receive \$50 towards tuition next year.

All the students did a wonderful job! It is a real treat to see the creativity of our students shine through for this activity each year. Be sure to stop by the hall to see all the posters displayed during Advent.

Advent is when we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Use this time of waiting to focus on what's most important in your life. Challenge yourself to do something different. Spend some extra time with Jesus in Adoration, attend daily Mass, or simply build upon your daily prayer life. Whatever you do, strengthen your relationship with Jesus so that His coming will bring you more joy and excitement than you ever thought possible on Christmas Day.

Advent Blessings,

Erica Taylor

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: EARLY DEADLINES

BULLETIN DATE	SUBMISSIONS DUE
December 24	December 12, by end of day
December 31	December 19, by end of day
January 7	December 26, by end of day

Email all submissions to:

submission@saintpolycarp.org

VISIT BULLETIN OVERFLOW for details on events & for things that we just don't have room for in our bulletin.
<https://saintpolycarp.org/overflow/>

SOCIAL CONCERNS

THE SMYRNA/CLAYTON MINISTERIUM FOOD PANTRY

Bins are located under the coat rack in the hallway outside of the Mother Drexel Hall for your donations. The pantry is in need of cereal, juice boxes or pouches, peanut butter and jelly, hamburger helper, tuna helper, canned tuna, sloppy joe sauce (Manwich), boxed spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, vegetable beef and chicken noodle soups, macaroni and cheese (just add water single servings), and Chef Boyardee canned pastas. Please NO CANNED vegetables or beans are currently needed.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

COLUMBIETTES COOKIE WALK 2023



Purchase delicious homemade cookies lovingly baked by our Columbiettes after Masses next weekend. Many varieties to choose from. Only \$1 per bag!

BREAKFAST WITH JESUS



Come join us Sunday morning, December 17th, following 10:30 am Mass, for **BREAKFAST WITH JESUS**. Brother Vincent Knights of Columbus will be serving a delicious breakfast. Let us celebrate the upcoming birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. There is also a

strong rumor that St. Nicholas (Santa) will show up to check on the children. Breakfast is free (donations accepted).

"SAVE THE DATE"



Come join us on January 13, 2024, to **ROCK** in the New Year. Brother Vincent Knights of Columbus along with our Columbiettes is sponsoring a **ROCK AND ROLL TRIBUTE** with an evening of dinner and dancing. Mr. Charisma will be back to entertain us. Details to follow in future bulletins.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER

Mark your calendars! The Pastoral Council is planning a celebration for Saturday, February 10, 2024, after the 4 pm Mass. Check the bulletin and weekly updates for more information. We are looking forward to honoring our parishioners who volunteer in the many ministries here at Saint Polycarp Parish.

2023 FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to all those parishioners who contributed to the 2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. We are \$4,409.92 above the \$60,000 goal in pledges; **however, we have not yet met our goal in amounts collected.** If you've pledged, kindly ensure your payments are up to date. Your commitment matters greatly. Thank you for your continued support. *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. We invite those who haven't yet had the opportunity to give to the Appeal to join us in spreading the spirit of gratitude. Envelopes can be found at the doors of the Church You can also support the appeal online at www.cdow.org (click on "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal"), or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.*



CHRISTMAS WITH MARK TWAIN

Christmas with Mark Twain, a solo performance by Fr. Paul Mast, is set for Sunday, December 10 at 3 pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 319 E. Main St, Middletown, DE. Tickets are \$12.00 and include a Basket Raffle entry. There is no charge for students under the age of 18. Fr. Mast will sell signed copies of his book and refreshments will be served following the performance. Proceeds from the event benefit the restoration of St. Francis Xavier Shrine in Warwick, MD. Go to <https://bit.ly/TwainChristmas> for more information or to order tickets.

COLLECTIONS

Please consider signing up for eGiving. 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 generosity.**



COLLECTIONS - NOVEMBER 26

Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
\$3,361	\$11	\$3,372

Christmas Flowers	Christmas Novena	Christmas Offering	Holy Days	SVDP/Poor Box
\$95	\$10	\$85	\$70	\$110
Eucharistic Revival		Religious Retirement		
\$15		\$35		

Last weekend's second collection - Retirement Fund for Religious: A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of the elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

November eGiving				
Offertory	Poor Box SVDP	Holy Days	Military Services	Christmas Flowers
\$9,746	\$1,166	\$275	\$10	\$277



50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING!
NOVEMBER WINNER - \$49.50
Congratulations to Martha Alexander!
\$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/>
 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 am to 3 pm

Saturday, December 9 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS
Sunday, December 10 9 am PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1-6, 8) 10:30 am MASS 11:30 am Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)
Monday, December 11 12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library) 6 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes- Rosary (Library) 6:30 pm RCIA Session (Hall) 7 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes Meeting (Library)
Tuesday, December 12 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) 6:30 Liturgy Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rms. 3-6, 8)
Wednesday, December 13 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Professional Staff (Library) 6 pm Joint Pastoral & Finance Councils Christmas Party (Hall / Kitchen) 6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)
Thursday, December 14 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 7 pm Deanery Advent Reconciliation Service @ Holy Cross
Friday, December 15 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, December 16 10 am Girl Scout Holiday Meeting (Hall) 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Following Mass - Columbiettes Cookie Walk (Grounds/Hall)

Advent - Preparing The Way

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