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In
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,
Tuesday & Wednesday at 8:30 am.
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RECONCILIATION

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

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FIFTH 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.

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: 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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~When have you experienced Jesus' healing touch in your life?
- ~Why do you think Jesus prevented the demons he cast out from speaking about Him?
- ~In the midst of the busyness of His ministry, Jesus took time to pray. How do you make space for prayer in your life?



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is offered at the 10:30 am Mass the first and third Sundays of the month. (This month, February 4th & 18th)

Saint Blaise
Blessing
of the Throats



The **Blessing of Throats** will take place this weekend at both Masses. This will be a General Blessing.



The **Blessing of New Drivers** (of any age) will take place next Saturday, February 10th at the 4 pm Mass.

The **Blessing of Parish Ministries** will take place on Saturday, February 10th, at the Parish Appreciation Dinner.



Come join us! All are welcome as we come together to celebrate God's love for us this Sunday, February 4th, following the 10:30 Mass. This month's Agape is hosted by the Finance Council and Social Concerns Ministry.



Were you unable to attend last weekend's Annual Forum? Visit www.saintpolycarp.org/pastoral-council to view the information that was shared by our Pastoral and Finance Councils. While you are visiting that webpage, you can also view bios of the members of the Pastoral Council.

LET US PRAY

Intentions

Saturday, February 3	St. Blaise/St. Ansgar Blessed Virgin Mary - Hugh & Linda Jordan - The Marvian Family
4:00 pm Anthony Nuzzi Anthony Orlandini Nicole Ellen Steves Ponce de Leon	- The Taylor Family
Sunday, February 4	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Linda Montuori	- The Robinson Family
Monday, February 5	St. Agatha
NO MASS	
Tuesday, February 6	St. Paul Miki & Companions
8:30 am Parishioners	
Wednesday, February 7	
8:30 am Dean Hickman	- The Marvian Family
Those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society	
Thursday, February 8	St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita
NO MASS	
Friday, February 9	
NO MASS	
Saturday, February 10	St. Scholastica
4:00 pm Agnes Saber	- Rita Brown
Dean Hickman	- The Marvian Family
W. James Mayberrie	- Vickie Bleyer
Sunday, February 11	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am John Henry Brandt, III	- Fred & Theresa DiMeo

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.

Bridget O'Connell, Maureen Robinson, Diane Kravitz, Carol Timmons, Robin Husman, Milli Burris Alvarez, Lyllie Deter, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Bob Gallihar, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Cathy Connell, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Andrea Laws, Kaysie Borgman, Angel Grasso, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Holly Powell, Lily Griffiths, Patty Moon, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, Ruth Staub, Jaci Stokes, and residents of Pinnacle and DHCI.

We Pray for our Deceased Ronald Council

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, 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.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



The Knights of Columbus will be serving pancakes and sausage on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th, in Mother Drexel Hall, from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

From the Desk of the Grand Knight:

The word “Shrove” comes from the past tense of the Latin translation of “Shrive” which means to “confess one’s sins”. Shrovetide was once a time when many Christians devoted to confess one’s sins before the beginning of Lent. In Early Christian times, the Shrivng Bell would be rung calling the faithful to confession. Before the Lenten fast could begin in earnest, all edible temptations needed to be removed.

Augustine of Canterbury, a founder of the early Christian Church in Southern England, created rules to enforce Lenten fasting. Many of our current fasting requirements are based on these rules.

To remove edible temptations, Early Christians made pancakes to use up their supply of eggs, milk, and butter in preparation for Lent. Pancakes were served on the Tuesday prior to Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. This tradition became known as “Shrove Tuesday” or in later times, as “Pancake Day”.

In keeping with this early tradition, the Knights of Columbus will be serving pancakes and sausage on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th, in Mother Drexel Hall, from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. All are welcome. Bring your edible temptations to be shared by all.

God Bless all,
Jack Barnas (Grand Knight 7517)

PALMS TO ASHES



Palms from previous years are being collected! Place your old palm in the baskets in the vestibule or under the coat rack in the hallway. The burning of the old palm will

take place on Tuesday, February 13th at 7pm. The service begins in Church and ends with the burning of the palm outside, weather permitting. All are welcome to attend. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, falls on Wednesday, February 14th.

LENT

a time of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer



Ash Wednesday is February 14th

ST. POLYCARP CHURCH:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 13th 5 – 6:30 pm

Palms to Ashes Service

Tuesday, February 13th, at 7 pm

Ash Wednesday Mass with

Distribution of Ashes

Wednesday, February 14th, at 8:30 am and 7 pm

Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Fridays in Lent, beginning February 16th, at 7 pm

ST. DENNIS CHURCH (GALENA, MD):

Ash Wednesday Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Wednesday, February 14th

at 5:30 pm (Hispanic) and 7 pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent, beginning on February 16th

at 5 pm and 7 pm (Hispanic)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Next Saturday, February 10th



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at the end of the 4pm Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of the month. Please plan to stay and spend some time with Jesus.

Perhaps you can use the time before the Blessed Sacrament to reflect, ponder, and decide on what you will do or give up during the Lenten Season that is fast approaching.

IS GOD CALLING YOU? “Jesus went away to a scheduled place and prayed.” If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (302) 573 – 3113 or by email at vocations@cdow.org.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – February 7
We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen



Deacon Charles Robinson
Jose Crisostomo
Mario & Rosina Chiusolo
Preston & Luigina Pendarvis
Walczak Family
Jose Remigio
Roberto Pingol
Robert H. & Carole D. Smith
Delia Cantor
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Albino & Mary Gioiosa
Mary DePasquale
Louis & Angelina Arrighi
Saber Family
Sara Jean Brimson

Charles Robinson, Jr.
Sophia Crisostomo
Stephanie McDowell
Alexander & Agnes Peters
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Flora Sevillena
Petrilla Family
Sylvia Vessels DuRoss
Amelia Ronquillo
Joseph Gioiosa
Victor Chavez
Kenneth & Margaret Burke
William E. Brown
Vicente D. Lim, Jr.

& for all those who have no one to pray for them.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER

Due to limited seating for our Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, February 10, 2024, we are no longer taking online reservations. Please call Kathy Curlett at (302) 222 – 9326 to check availability.

We look forward to seeing everyone who has reserved their seats. Doors will open after the 4 pm Mass on February 10, 2024. Catering by the Smyrna Diner.

Please be aware that Adoration will be in the church after Mass on February 10th. We ask that you maintain a respectful silence in the hallway.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

DHCI MINISTRY IS IN NEED OF HELP

The DHCI* ministry is in need of assistance to help Deacon Frank with the 10:30 am Communion Service on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. If interested, contact Pablo Resto at pabloresto@msn.com or Anne Marie at theaterowl@yahoo.com. (*Delaware Hospital for the Chronically III, located in Smyrna)

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady Queen of Peace Assembly, is inviting the wives, including widows, of our 3rd and 4th degree Knights to enjoy dinner on Tuesday, February 6th, at 6:30 pm. The dinner will be held at St Polycarp in Mother Drexel Hall.

Please notify Tom Boscher or Jack Barnas if you are able to attend.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Do you have the desire to dive into the divine but find yourself caught in the whirlwind of multitasking?

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HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH (MIDDLETOWN) PRESENTS "WAY OF THE CROSS"

The Music Ministry of St. Joseph Parish will present a Cantata, "Way of the Cross," on **Sunday, February 18th, at 4 pm**, featuring the parish choir, cantors, and orchestra. "Way of the Cross" is approximately one hour long, followed by a simple Lenten soup and bread supper. The concert and dinner are free of charge; however, because of limited space, reservations are required for the dinner. To reserve a seat for dinner, please contact St. Joseph's Parish Office at (302) 378 - 5800 **no later than Friday, February 9th**.

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY - JANUARY 28, 2024

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
January 28	\$5057	\$110	\$5167

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Parish Utilities	PSR	Holy Days	St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box
\$1,068	\$167	\$10	\$124.69
Catholic University & Communications		Black, Native, Home Missions	
\$10		\$10	

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for the Black, Indian & Home Missions.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Please join us in welcoming the Little Sisters of the Poor to our parish next weekend. At Jeanne Jugan Residence in Newark, DE the Little Sisters offer hospitality and care for needy elderly men and women. The Little Sisters of the Poor depend greatly on charity to carry on their mission to the aged and infirm. Any assistance you can give will help them provide for the needs of the elderly entrusted to their care. To learn more about the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor see the website at www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org.

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The **2023 TAX STATEMENTS** were emailed Tuesday, January 23rd. If you did not receive one and would like one, please contact the office at (302) 653 - 8279 or email office@saintpolycarp.org. Thank you for your generous contributions throughout the year.



50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING!

JANUARY WINNER - \$42.00

Congratulations to Barbara Eng!

\$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, February 3

12 pm Environment Committee (Church)

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS - Blessing of Throats

Sunday, February 4

LAST DAY TO ORDER CHOCOLATE BARS

9 am PSR Grades P/K-4 Classes (Rooms 1-6, 8)

10:30 am MASS - Blessing of Throats

10:30 am BVM Corporate Communion

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Following Mass - Agape (Hall/Kitchen)

5:30 pm Confirmation Class

Monday, February 5

11:30 am BVM Sodality (Hall/Kitchen)

6:30 OCIA Session (Hall)

Tuesday, February 6

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)

7 pm KOC 4th Degree Wives Appreciation Dinner (Hall/Kitchen)

7 pm NO PSR Grades 5-8

Wednesday, February 7

8:30 am MASS

9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library)

1:15 pm Pinnacle

6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)

Thursday, February 8

10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

6:30 pm Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting (Library)

Friday, February 9

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, February 10

12 pm Environment Committee (Church)

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS- Little Sisters of the Poor to speak at Mass

Blessing of New Drivers of any age

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration

Following Mass:

St. Polycarp Parish Appreciation Dinner (Hall/Kitchen)

Blessing of Parish Ministries at the Dinner (Hall/Kitchen)

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