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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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Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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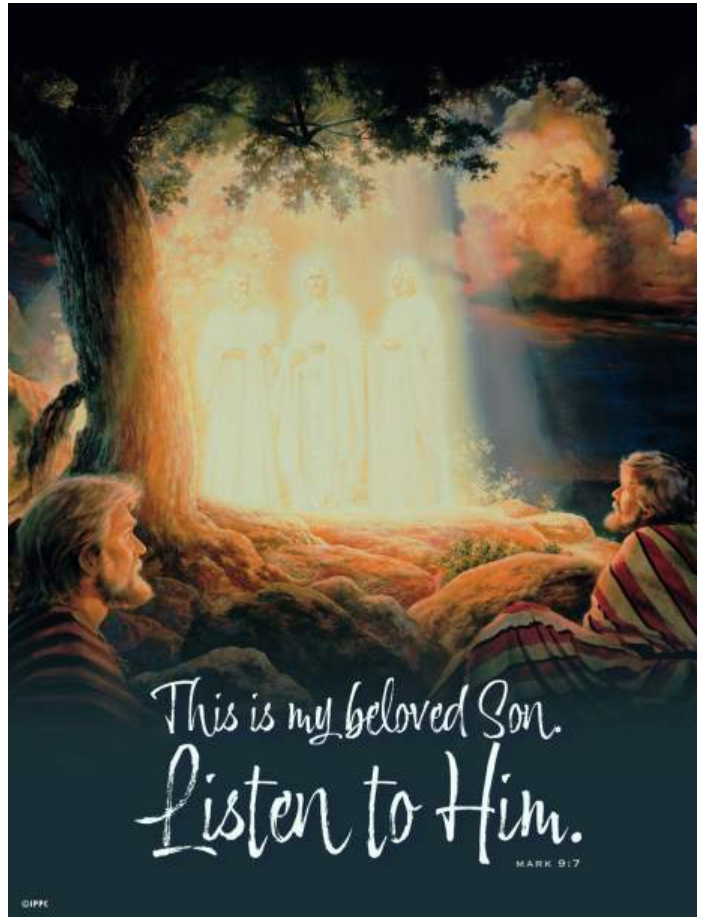
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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

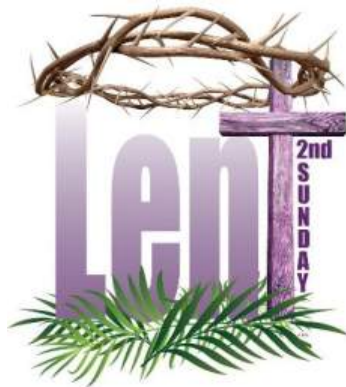
Marriage: Formation is provided for couples. Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance. Contact the Parish Office.

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.



February 25, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~What does it mean to you that we have a God who “did not spare His own Son but handed him over for us” (Romans 8:32)?
- ~How have you received strength from God to face future challenges or difficulties?
- ~How are you being invited to listen more carefully to Jesus this Lent?



STATIONS of the CROSS
& Benediction

St. Polycarp - 7 pm on Fridays in Lent
St. Dennis - 5 pm and 7 pm (Hispanic) on Fridays in Lent.



Saturdays, 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm at St. Polycarp
Sundays, 7:00 am – 7:30 am at St. Dennis
Deanery Lenten Penance Service – Thursday, March 21st
at 7 pm at Holy Cross, Dover
(several priests will be available to hear confessions)
Reconciliation Monday, March 25th -
Monday of Holy Week
3 pm – 5 pm at St. Polycarp
6 pm – 8 pm at St. Polycarp
3 pm – 5 pm at St. Dennis
6 pm – 8 pm at St. Dennis (Fr. Oscar –
Confession in English and Hispanic)

LET US PRAY

Intentions

Saturday, February 24	
4:00 pm Ray Zaczek	- Kathy Zaczek
Sylvia Vessells DuRoss	- Jim DuRoss
Sunday, February 25	2 nd Sunday of Lent
10:30 am Amanda Rigor	- The Rigor Family
	Deceased members of the Garabiles & Rigor families
Monday, February 26	
NO MASS	
Tuesday, February 27	St. Gregory of Narek
8:30 am Louis Riccardi	- The Sloven Family
Wednesday, February 28	
8:30 am John Swiontak	- The Sloven Family
Thursday, February 29	
NO MASS	
Friday, March 1	First Friday
NO MASS	
Saturday, March 2	
4:00 pm Kathleen Donnelly	- Neda Biggs
Jessica Hopper	- Dieter & Joyce Raczkowski
Sherri Tonazzi	- Carol & Leon Walczak
Sunday, March 3	3 rd Sunday of Lent
10:30 am Carole D. Smith	- Diane & Mike Dellinger
Robert Laigaie	- Joanne Laigaie
Sister Maria Benedetta, SSJ	- The Watts 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 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.

Josefina Ocasio, Diana Bullins, Kenny Bullins, Bobby Bullins, Shirley Bullins, Teresa Tier, Bridget O’Connell, Maureen Robinson, Diane Kravitz, 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
Eddie Maycen

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>

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VOCATION CHALICE



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, located at the Church doors, 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.
- + 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!

Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards. ~USCCB

IS GOD CALLING YOU? "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!" Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His names as a priest or in the consecrated life? Listen to Him and talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (302) 573 - 3113 or by email at vocations@cdow.org.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE



SUPER BOWL PARTY FOR THE CHRONICALLY ILL

On Super Bowl Sunday, Brother Vincent Knights and Columbiettes provided hot dogs, pizza, wings, chips, and refreshments for the patients at the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill to enjoy while watching Super Bowl LVIII.



IT'S PRETZEL TIME

The Knights of Columbus will be selling soft pretzels after Masses this weekend, February 24th and 25th. Pretzels are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

LENTEN RETREAT

Fatima: Miracle of the Sun Crossroads
Saturday, March 2nd

Our Brother Vincent Columbiettes will be sponsoring a free Lenten Retreat right here at St Polycarp Church Saturday, March 2nd. All are invited to attend the 8:30 am Mass and then come to the retreat - FATIMA Miracle of the Sun Crossroads. It will identify two different paths that were taken after seeing the sun dance at Fatima. Our presenter, Alice Reis Israel, will once again bring her incredible remembrances of Fatima this time, via Zoom. We will begin at the crossroads and identify two paths taken which will help all of us understand our own spiritual journey.

There is no charge for this retreat, but we will be accepting donations. Coffee and danish will be provided before the retreat and a light lunch afterward. We welcome everyone to take this spiritual journey with us. Contact Anna Skinner for reservations: anna.skinz@gmail.com or (302) 883 - 5647.



St. Patrick's Day
Parade
March 17th
at 2pm

Parish & Family Life would love to have you walk in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with our banner and float to represent our St. Polycarp Church. If you are not able to walk in the Parade and have time to help decorate a float we would appreciate your assistance! Please contact Chairperson Deanna Lail at dlail14@comcast.net or 302-535-2957. Line up will begin at 1pm.

MARCH AGAPE - DATE CHANGE

March's Agape will be held Sunday, March 24th, in conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt by the Knights of Columbus. More details to come. There will not be an Agape on Sunday, March 3rd.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



Please pick up a rice bowl as you leave Mass today. Rice bowls are returned to Church at the end of Lent.

For more information, visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>.



THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

is collecting items for Easter Baskets for patients at DHCI. A box/bin is outside Mother Drexel Hall and will be available through Sunday, March 17th.

We were asked to go very easy on candy due to dietary issues. The patients cannot do actual jigsaw puzzles. However, items we can supply: Puzzle Books (Sudoku, Find a Word, etc.), stuffed animals, cookies, crackers, hand lotions, books, socks, and handmade crafts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email eckard.margie@gmail.com.

Thanking everyone in advance for their help.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Bulletin Updates from the Pastoral Council for February



- Be sure to check out our Parish website, saintpolycarp.org, and look under "Ministries" to find "Pastoral Council". There you will find the slides from our 2024 Annual Forum to see what the Pastoral Council has been doing for the past year or so.
- Also, on that same website, under "Pastoral Council" you can find Bios of all our current Pastoral Council members.
- Elections for our Pastoral Council will be taking place in May. If you might be interested in joining with fellow parishioners to discern, evaluate, and implement a set of goals for our parish, along with our Pastor, Father Jim, please contact Kathy Curlett at kathleencurlett19@gmail.com.

ST. POLYCARP



Hope everyone remembered St. Polycarp's Feast Day this past Friday, February 23rd. **He is our Patron Saint!**

Did you ask him to help you this Lent so you can grow closer to and deepen your love for God, the Eucharist, the Church, your neighbor . . . ?

It is never too late to ask this martyr for his intercession and guidance. St. Polycarp knew a thing or two about remaining faithful as a disciple and a witness to God amidst the trials, tribulations, troubles, and sufferings of life.

HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE & ELSEWHERE

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY - INTERESTING FACTS

Did you know that African American Catholic, Augustus Hazeur, a parishioner of St. Joseph Church in Wilmington had two of his sisters join the religious order founded by Venerable Mother Henriette DeLille, one of the six African Americans who are being considered for sainthood? Henriette DeLille founded the order of the *Sisters of the Holy Family* in 1836 and Augustus's sisters became lifelong members. One of his sisters even became the Mother Superior of the order for two terms.

Did you know that a delegation of Black Catholics from the Wilmington Diocese was present at the Sixth National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) to hear Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman? Sister Thea Bowman is one of the six African Americans in the process of being canonized a Saint and spoke an inspiring message on that occasion at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. in 1987. The first Black Catholic Congress was held in 1889 and convenes every 5 years. This past year in 2023 the NBCC was held at the Inner Harbor in Maryland and a delegation of 28 people represented the Diocese of Wilmington.

"THE CHAIR"

About four years ago, DeSales Media came to our diocese and interviewed Bishop Malooly at the Cathedral of St. Peter for their series, "The Chair." The series tells the story of the Catholic Church in America today. It highlights each bishop, his cathedral, and important aspects of the diocesan history. Recently, DeSales Media has made the series available for free on YouTube. You can access the series here -

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLPu38Ui5dTDIXL2dAlmSBBROUBx6DMGVK>. To view the episode about our Diocese visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEjo2GtH-dM&t=51s>

**CONFERENCE OF THE
CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF MARYLAND**

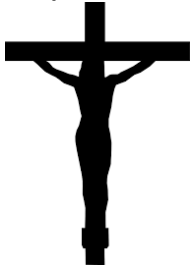
Men of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington are invited to participate in the 25th Anniversary Conference of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland on Saturday, March 9th, at Saint Philip Neri Church in Linthicum (Maryland). The theme for this year is "Jesus Christ - Yesterday, Today and Forever" (Heb. 13:8).

For additional details, visit

<https://catholicmensfellowship.com/> or contact Ed Roberts at edw.roberts.28@gmail.com or (443) 858 - 7504.

**LENT FAMILY DAY AT ST. DENNIS CHURCH
Sunday, March 17th**

All parishioners are invited to a Lent Family Day in the Religious Education building at St. Dennis Church (Galena, MD) on Sunday, March 17th, beginning at 9:15 am. The morning will begin with the Shadow Stations of the Cross, performed by the 6th-9th grade classes. After that we will learn about Holy Week and have related activities. Refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you there!



13TH CYM PILGRIMAGE

"BLESSED ARE THEY / BIENAVENTURADOS SON ELLOS"

The Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) Pilgrimage will be on Saturday, March 23rd, in Wilmington, DE. Join Bishop Koenig as he walks along the route. St. Elizabeth Parish will host the presence of the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit throughout that weekend, March 23rd and 24th. Registration closes March 17th.

For more information, visit

<https://www.cdowcym.org/events/detail/pilgrimage-2024>.

Email your questions to catholicyouth@cdow.org

COLLECTIONS

Figures from last weekend's collections will be posted in next weekend's bulletin. (Presidents' Day observance)

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, March 2nd and 3rd, is for the Catholic Relief & Church in Latin America. Your contribution makes a positive impact by supporting seminary studies for future priests, pastoral ministries that provide reconciliation, spiritual direction, and job search assistance to prisoners completing jail sentences, and other vital ministries that bring the light of Christ into the lives of thousands of people. Please consider donating to this collection to help Catholics from Mexico to the Caribbean, to the southern tip of South America. For more information, visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america>.

Please consider signing up for eGiving.

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Thank you for your generosity.

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 24

12 pm Environment Committee (Church)

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS

Following Mass - K of C Pretzel Sale at Church doors

Sunday, February 25

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

9 am Catholic Formation- Faith w/Friends (Library)

10:30 am MASS

10:30 am PK and Grade 1 Families attend Mass

Following Mass - K of C Pretzel Sale at Church doors

Monday, February 26

6:30 OCIA Session (Hall)

Tuesday, February 27

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 pm Social Concerns (Library)

7 pm PSR Grades 5-8, (Rooms 3-6, 8, Hall)

7 pm PSR Grades 5-8 and Confirmation Class, Presentation (Church)

Wednesday, February 28

8:30 am MASS

6:30 pm Squires (Library)

Thursday, February 29

10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

Friday, March 1

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

7 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 2

8:30 am Columbiettes Retreat Mass (Church)

9 am Columbiettes Retreat - Fatima (Hall/Kitchen)

12 pm Environment Committee (Church)

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS - Finance Council speaking at Mass

Looking for information about St. Dennis Church or need to contact their office?

Pastor: Rev. James D. Hreha (Fr. Jim)

153 N. Main St. Galena, MD 21635

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St. Dennis, pray for us.

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