

# ST. POLYCARP CHURCH

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

## PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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## 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 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](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:** 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.

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 2024

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~By our baptism, we are to be the light of Christ in the world. How have you dispelled the darkness for another?

~Where do you see God manifested?

~Through the years, how has your understanding of Christ coming into the world changed?

Come join us this Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>



following the 10:30 Mass as we welcome in the New Year and celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord! Enjoy a delicious brunch, fellowship, and fun!

All are welcome.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



The Saint Polycarp Annual Forum will take place on Sunday, January 21, 2024, following the 10:30 am Mass.

Join us in Mother Drexel Hall to discuss our accomplishments and share your dreams for our Parish community. Light refreshments will be served.

## PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER

Reserve your spot for the Parish Appreciation Dinner.



If you are active in a church organization or serve in any ministry at Saint Polycarp Parish, the parish would like to show their appreciation by inviting you to the parish appreciation dinner. This year the event will take place on Saturday, February 10, 2024, following the 4:00 pm Mass. Seating will be limited, so reserve your spot today. You may make your reservations using the link below or simply scan the QR code. Not a fan of online formats? Call Kathy Curlett at (302) 222-9326 to reserve your seats.



<https://forms.gle/TREWak6DL8JhndbA9>

## LET US PRAY

### Intentions

Saturday, January 6 4:00 pm Ann Weber John Anton Mary Eva Ross	St. Andre Bessette - Jeff & Marcia Johnson - Dolly & Jerry Markewicz - Chip & Pat Reinbold
Sunday, January 7 10:30 am Rosemary Den Bleyker Linda Montuori Connor Hannah	The Epiphany of the Lord -The Sloven Family - Barbara Kaczorowski - The Hannah Family
Monday, January 8 NO MASS	The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday, January 9 8:30 am Jose Crisostomo	- Betty Pingol
Wednesday, January 10 8:30 am Vicente D. Lim, Jr. Jasher Juanitez	- Dee Lim - Dee Lim
Thursday, January 11 NO MASS	
Friday, January 12 NO MASS	
Saturday, January 13 4:00 pm Parishioners	St. Hilary/Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday, January 14 10:30 am Mary Ann D'Amico Linda Montuori	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - The Taylor Family - Deacon Frank Weber and 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 two months (eight weeks) unless other arrangements have been requested.

Diane Kravitz, Carol Timmons, Wally Wargo, Diane Bullins, Ava P, Robin Husman, Milli Burris Alvarez, Lyllie Deter, 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 Drew Spencer

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, 9 am - 8 pm - Chapel, 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.



## LITURGY



The Solemnity of the Epiphany commemorates the manifestation of God through Christ to the whole world.

*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*

*...and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

*And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.*  
Matthew 2:1-2, 11-12



Our new candles are now available for your intentions. The \$3 aqua votive candles can be lit for your intentions. After you put your money in the slot, you just need to press the button in front of that candle. You must press and hold the button until it lights.

The white candles on the top row are Memorial Candles. The introductory fee will be \$120.00 for a candle to be lit for one year continuously. A small memorial name plate will be placed in front of your candle, with the name of your loved one engraved on it. If you are interested in having one of these candles lit, please contact Kathy at the office. This would be a lovely way of remembering someone close to your heart. The introductory fee is good until Ash Wednesday when the fee will be \$150.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Next Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue in the new year 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.

## GESTURES AND POSTURES DURING MASS

### According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (#43)

#### ***We stand:***

- from the beginning of the Entrance Chant, or while the Priest approaches the altar, until the end of the Collect (Opening Prayer)

- for the Alleluia Chant before the Gospel and while the Gospel itself is being proclaimed

- during the Profession of Faith and the Universal Prayer

- from the invitation (Pray, brethren), before the Prayer over the Offerings until the end of the Mass, except at the places indicated here below.

#### ***We sit:***

- during the readings before the Gospel and the Responsorial Psalm and for the Homily

- during the Preparation of the Gifts at the Offertory

- if appropriate, you may sit or kneel during the period of sacred silence after Communion.

### In the Dioceses of the United States of America

#### ***We Kneel:***

- after the singing or recitation of the (Holy, Holy, Holy) until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer (except when prevented on occasion by ill health, or for reasons of lack of space, or the large number of people present, or for another reasonable cause. However, those who do not kneel ought to make a profound bow when the Priest genuflects after the Consecration.)

- after the (Lamb of God) unless the Diocesan Bishop says otherwise.

If you would like further information on why we stand or sit or kneel during the Mass, please check out the following websites:

[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org): Explaining the Faith with Fr. Chris Alar – Part 6: Teaching Mass (Part 1); and Teaching Mass (Part 2)

[www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org): go to Blog: Do This in Remembrance of Me: A Step by Step Walk Through the Mass by Fr. Luke Spannagel (there are 52 Parts).

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE**

**PRAY THE ROSARY BY PHONE**

The Brother Vincent Columbiettes invite you to pray the Rosary every Tuesday morning. Call (701) 802-5254 between 10:30 am and 11:00 am, which is our caring and sharing time. Enter this access code when prompted 1747300#, then announce yourself, stay on the line, and follow along as we say the Rosary. It is easy and fun, and you can do it from anywhere, as long as you have a phone. Please join us and tell us who we can include in our prayers.

**The Season of Christmas** began on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> with the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, and will end on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

**The Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord**  
*The Magi visit Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.*  
Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**The Feast of The Baptism of the Lord:**  
*John the Baptist baptizes Jesus in the river Jordan.*  
Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

**The First Week in Ordinary Time begins on**  
Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.



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

**IS GOD CALLING YOU?**

“For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people.” Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (302) 573 – 3113 or by email at vocations@cdow.org.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**WHO IS ON THE PASTORAL COUNCIL?**  
**Meet Ashley Wilson**



Ashley Wilson was born and raised in Smyrna and has been a member of Saint Polycarp Parish all her life. During her elementary school years, she attended Holy Cross Elementary School. Ashley graduated from Saint Thomas More High School to further

her faith-filled education. Ashley has strongly committed to her faith by attending Holy Cross Elementary School, Saint Thomas More High School, and receiving the sacraments at Saint Polycarp Church. She believes her success is grounded in her faith.

As an educator with the Smyrna School District for thirteen years, she now teaches higher education at Wilmington University’s College of Education. This experience has enabled her to bridge the gap between traditional K-12 education and higher education. This experience has prepared Ashley for her role as a teacher at Saint Polycarp Church, where she teaches Children’s Liturgy of the Word every month. Sharing God’s word with the children brings her immense joy.

**CELEBRATE!**  
**Saturday January 13, 2024**  
**5:30-9:00 P.M.**  
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**HAPPENING ELSEWHERE**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50<sup>th</sup>, to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass being held on World Marriage Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 1:00 pm at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, DE. Reservations are required by February 2, 2024.

Bishop Koenig will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. Questions may be referred to the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302-295-0657 or by emailing [OMFL@cdow.org](mailto:OMFL@cdow.org). Registration can be made by using the following link – [cdowcym.wufoo.com/form...](http://cdowcym.wufoo.com/form...)

## RETRouvaille:

### REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. **The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register, visit [HelpOurMarriage...](#) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD CATHOLIC RETREAT

A Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of April 19-21, 2024. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or [lucyminn929@gmail.com](mailto:lucyminn929@gmail.com) by April 5.

### HELP WANTED: FULL TIME FACILITIES MANAGER ST. JOSEPH, MIDDLETOWN DE

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To apply, submit cover letter and resume to the Parish Business Manager, Tom Kane, Jr. at [tkane@stjosephmiddletown.com](mailto:tkane@stjosephmiddletown.com).

## COLLECTIONS

### COLLECTIONS – DECEMBER 24

Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
\$5,641.31	\$74	\$5,715.31

Christmas Flowers	Christmas Novena	Christmas Offering	Holy Days
\$65	\$235	\$17,111	\$15
St. Vincent de Paul/Poor Box		Religious Retirement	
\$100		\$5	

December eGiving	Offertory	Poor Box	Holy Days	Religious Retirement
	\$10,664.50	\$709	\$175	\$507
	Christmas Offering		Christmas Novena	
\$1,632		\$159		

## Time, Talent, Treasure...

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### 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, January 6

12 pm Environment Committee (Church)

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS

5 pm PSR Faculty Meeting (Hall/Kitchen)

Sunday, January 7

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

10:30 am MASS

10:30 am BVM Corporate Communion

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Following Mass - Agape (Hall/Kitchen)

Monday, January 8

11:30 am BVM Sodality (Hall/Kitchen)

12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library)

6:30 RCIA Session (Hall)

Tuesday, January 9

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 Liturgy Committee Meeting (Library)

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

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 am MASS

9:30 am Professional Staff Meeting (Library)

6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)

Thursday, January 11

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)

(Library)

Friday, January 12

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, January 13

12 pm Environment Committee (Church)

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS, ADORATION

[www.saintpolycarp.org](http://www.saintpolycarp.org)

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