

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

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Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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St. Polycarp Church Our Mission

We, the family of faith at St. Polycarp, are a welcoming Roman Catholic community, a thankful holy people, sent forth from our celebration of the Eucharist to walk in faith, live in hope, and act with love for God and for one another. Through our ministry we embrace the poor, the suffering, and the lost. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are committed to justice and peace through prayer, Christian formation, evangelization, and stewardship.

SECOND 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 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: 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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024

The First Week in Ordinary Time began this past Tuesday, January 9th. During Ordinary Time, the Priest and Deacon wear green vestments while celebrating the 4 pm Saturday and 10:30 am Sunday Masses.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~As we begin Ordinary Time, consider starting your prayer time by saying with Samuel, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

~If you considered your body as sacred, how would you care for it?

~What does it mean to you to be a disciple and stay with Jesus?

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

This Saturday – January 13th

following the 4 pm Mass at St. Polycarp Church

**Do you have some time to spend with
 Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?**



Following the prayer after Communion, Fr. Jim (or the visiting priest) 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. No Benediction will take place as there is no Priest present.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 21



The Saint Polycarp Pastoral and Finance Councils invite you to attend our **Annual Forum** next Sunday, January 21, 2024, following the 10:30 am Mass. This is your opportunity to share your ideas and dreams for our parish and community. We will meet in Mother Drexel Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

BLESSED 2024 CHURCH CALENDARS
 are available at the doors of the Church.

LET US PRAY

Intentions

Saturday, January 13	St. Hilary/Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 pm Parishioners	
Sunday, January 14	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Mary Ann D'Amico	-The Taylor Family
Linda Montuori	- Deacon Frank Weber and Family
Monday, January 15	
NO MASS	
Tuesday, January 16	
8:30 am Robby Coppage III	- The Sloven Family
Wednesday, January 17	St. Anthony
8:30 am Sylvia Vessels DuRoss	- Jim DuRoss
Special Intention for Kathy Zaczek	- Joan Werres
Thursday, January 18	
NO MASS	
Friday, January 19	
NO MASS	
Saturday, January 20	St. Fabian/St. Sebastian
	Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 pm Matthew Orlando	- The Orlando Family
Mario Chiusolo	Joe and Marie McDowell
Howard B. Stump	- Dieter and Joyce Raczkowski
Sunday, January 21	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Bob Botsford	- Nancy Swift
John B. Moretti, Sr.	- Paul Johnston

Please Pray for Our Sick & Those in Need of Our Prayers

Ken Messer, 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

Msgr. Daniel J. McGlynn
 Mary Brizzi

May the souls of all the faithful departed,
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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.

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 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



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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thursday, January 18th, begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Next **Sunday, January 21st**, the Church designates as Word of God Sunday and Ecumenical Sunday. What could the Church be highlighting and drawing our attention to?

“Prayer enables us to meet God at the most profound level of our being. It connects us directly to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in a constant exchange of love. Through prayer you will learn to become the light of the world, because in prayer you become one with the source of our true light, Jesus Himself.”

~ St. John Paul II (the Great Mercy Pope)

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

“Come, and you will see.” How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of 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.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS



Thank you, to all the parishioners of St. Polycarp who made this year's **GIVING TREE PROJECT** a big success. Every year we are amazed by the outpouring of love and generosity you show to the families in our community who need it the most. This year you made the Christmas season extra special for so many of our children and families. God bless you all!

BIRTHRIGHT BOTTLES FOR BABIES FUNDRAISER

Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for your generous support of our Bottles for Babies Fundraiser 2023. St Polycarp has raised \$1,618.00 so far.

We are expecting straggler bottles to trickle in and all coins have not been counted. We will continue to add to your total.

Thank you for sharing in our work of serving mothers and their babies! We really appreciate EVERY one of you! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tinisha Quail (Executive Director) at any time (302) 656 - 7080!

HAPPY NEW YEAR



THE SMYRNA/CLAYTON MINISTERIUM FOOD PANTRY

is located downstairs at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 22 N. Union St., Smyrna. The pantry is open from 9:30 am to 10:30 am, Monday

through Friday. Here at St. Polycarp we have bins 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, and Chef Boyardee canned pastas. Please NO CANNED vegetables or beans are currently needed.



The 51st annual March for Life in Washington, DC, will take place Friday, January 19th. Will you march and send a message to the world about the sanctity of every human life?
<https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE for SPECIAL OLYMPICS HELP SUPPORT THE BROTHER VINCENT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



This year's Polar Bears will once again be in-person and virtual. More than ever Special Olympics still needs our support. *So no matter how you Plunge, what's most important is that you Plunge in support of 4,200 Special Olympics Delaware athletes.* The funds raised from the Polar Bear Plunge help Special Olympics Delaware provide people of all abilities uncompromising inclusion - in sports, school, social activities, healthcare, and employment. The Plunge will take place on Sunday, February 4th, at 1 pm in Rehoboth Beach. The Knights team that participates under the 'Polar Knights' include family members throughout the state, as well as, members from our local Brother Vincent Council.

Our Knights of Columbus will once again be collecting donations to support this annual plunge. The Polar Bear Plunge/Special Olympics collection will take place the weekend of January 27th and 28th. Your generous donations should be placed in an envelope marked **Polar Bear Plunge** or **Special Olympics** and then placed in the collection basket or handed to one of the Knights and their families on your way out the door. Checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus-Brother Vincent Council. Please make all donations by Sunday, January 28th. 100% of all money collected goes to the Delaware Special Olympics.

Thank you for your generous support.

PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER

THANK YOU!

Time again for our Parish to say "thank you" to its many volunteers. If you are active in a church organization or serve in any ministry, the parish would like to invite you to the parish appreciation dinner in the Parish Hall on Saturday, February 10th, following our 4:00 PM Mass. The appreciation committee has been working to plan a wonderful, enjoyable evening. Seating is limited, so reserve your seats today using the QR code, link or by calling Kathy Curlett at (302) 222 - 9326.



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HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass being held on World Marriage Sunday (February 11th) at 1 pm at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, DE.

Reservations are required by Friday, February 2nd.

Bishop Koenig will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12pm 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 QMFL@cdow.org. Registration can be made by using the following link - cdowcym.wufoo.com/forms

RETRouvaille:

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. 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 - 18th (Friday - Sunday) at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.* For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org 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 19th – 21st. 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 by Friday, April 5th.

VISIT BULLETIN OVERFLOW

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

ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR EMAIL WEEKEND UPDATES?

Our Weekend Updates are emailed weekly on Fridays and contain up-to-date parish information.

These emails are sent from:
St. Polycarp Church notifications@ondemandmail.com

If you are not receiving these emails and would like to receive them, contact Judy at the office (302) 653 – 8279 or email communications@saintpolycarp.org

COLLECTIONS



The **2023 TAX STATEMENTS** will be sent out via email the week of January 21st. If you do not receive one within a reasonable timeframe, then please contact the office at (302) 653 – 8279.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

COLLECTIONS – DECEMBER 31

Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
\$4,891	\$34	\$4,925

St. Vincent de Paul/Poor Box	Religious Retirement	Christmas Offering	Holy Days
\$169	\$20	\$3135	\$1025

Note: eGiving figures are reported once a month.

SECOND COLLECTION this week is for Catholic University and Catholic Communications.

SECOND COLLECTION next week is for our Parish School of Religion.

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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

Saturday, January 13	12 pm Environment Committee (Church)	2:30 pm Confession	4 pm MASS and Eucharistic Adoration	5:30 pm KOC & Columbiettes Dinner & Show (Hall/Kitchen)	Rock 'N Roll Tribute
Sunday, January 14	PSR Candy Sale Begins	PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1-6,8)	10:30 am MASS	1 pm Girl Scout Leader Meeting (Hall)	5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Library)
Monday, January 15	6:30 RCIA Session (Hall)				OFFICED CLOSED
Tuesday, January 16	8:30 am MASS	9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)	9 am Adult Faith Formation- Connected in Christ (Library)	10:30 am DHCI Communion Service (at DHCI)	11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)
	1 pm CFC General Meeting & Executive Committee (Room 4)	6:30 pm Finance Council (Library)	7 pm PSR Grades 5-8 PSR ONLINE		
Wednesday, January 17	8:30 am MASS	9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library)	6 pm Columbiette Board Meeting (Library)	6:30 pm Baptismal Class Advance Registration Required (Room 7)	7 pm KoC Officers Meeting (Library)
Thursday, January 18	10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)	6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)	6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library)	6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)	6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 7)
Friday, January 19	3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)				
Saturday, January 20	12 pm Environment Committee (Church)	2:30 pm Confession	4 pm MASS		

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