

# 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.

[www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE)

## RECONCILIATION

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

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*For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society*

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## FOURTH 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](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.

*4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*January 28, 2024*

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER**

~Who are the modern-day prophets that speak God's Word to us?

~How do we prevent our hearts from becoming hardened to God's Word?

~What teaching of Jesus most astonishes you? How does it lead to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is?

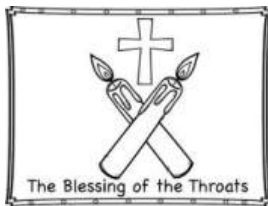
**Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality  
 ANNUAL SOUP AND BAKE SALE  
 This Weekend After Masses  
 In the Hall!**



Please support the ladies in their annual fundraiser by purchasing baked goods and homemade soups.

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*Blessings*



**The Blessing of Throats**

will take place next weekend at both Masses.

This will be a General Blessing.

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

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

**Come join us next Sunday.**



All are welcome as we come together to celebrate God's love for us next Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 Mass. This month's

Agape is hosted by the Finance Council and Social Concerns Ministry.

**LET US PRAY**

*Intentions*

Saturday, January 27 St. Angela Merici/Blessed Virgin Mary  
 4:00 pm Agnes V. Mullen - George & Mary Grace Hutchinson  
 Syliva Vessels DuRoss - Jim DuRoss  
 Healing Intention for Laverne Dykes - Dan & Lorraine Marshalewski

Sunday, January 28 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 10:30 am Clifford Daigle - The Opie Family  
 Shelia E. Knouse - Paul & Michele Bonsignor

Monday, January 29  
 NO MASS

Tuesday, January 30  
 8:30 am Dean Hickman - The Marvian Family  
 Healing Intention for Marie Aboyme - Dee Lim

Wednesday, January 31 St. John Bosco  
 8:30 am Michael Powell, Jr. - The Marvian Family

Thursday, February 1  
 NO MASS

Friday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord/First Friday  
 NO MASS

Saturday, February 3 St. Blaise/St. Ansgar/ Blessed Virgin Mary  
 4:00 pm Anthony Nuzzi - Hugh & Linda Jordan  
 Anthony Orlandini - The Marvian Family  
 Nicole Ellen Steves Ponce de Leon - The Taylor Family

Sunday, February 4 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 10:30 am Linda Montuori - The Robinson Family

**Week Of January 28:**

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church** burns in memory of Guillermo Alday, Jr., at the request of William & Jessica Burke.

**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.

Maureen Robinson, 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**

Stephanie Johnson

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.

## PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!

This is your last chance to reserve online for our Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, February 10, 2024, following our 4:00 pm Mass. Seating is limited, so place your reservations today.



Deadline is January 28, 2024.

You may also call Kathy Curlett at (302)222-9326 to reserve your seats.

<https://forms.gle/TREWak6DL8JhndbA9>

### LITURGY

**IS GOD CALLING YOU?** "I will raise up for them a prophet like you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (302) 573 - 3113 or by email at [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org).

## LENT

*a time of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer*



*Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>*

**ST. POLYCARP CHURCH:**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 5 – 6:30 pm

**Palms to Ashes Service**

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm

**Ash Wednesday Mass with**

**Distribution of Ashes**

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 am and 7 pm

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction**

Fridays in Lent, beginning February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm

**ST. DENNIS CHURCH (GALENA, MD):**

**Ash Wednesday Mass & Distribution of Ashes**

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

at 5:30 pm (Hispanic) and 7 pm

**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays in Lent, beginning on February 16<sup>th</sup>

at 5 pm and 7 pm (Hispanic)



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

All are welcome.

Do you want to know more about Shrove Tuesday? See next weekend's Bulletin.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

### LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS

Here are a few details from our last meeting:

- We finished the Liturgy Document: Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America
- Feast of St. Polycarp – Prayer Cards will be in the pews. This prayer will take the place of the Eucharistic Adoration Prayer for this weekend only (February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Lent – Mass Setting will be the Heritage Mass. The Kyrie and Lamb of God will be chanted.
- Blessings Calendar:
  - Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – Blessing of Throats will be a General Blessing and take the place of the Final Blessing.
  - Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – Blessing of New Drivers at the 4 pm Mass
  - Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> Blessing of Parish Ministries will take place at the Parish Appreciation Dinner
- Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – Eucharistic Adoration
- Once again, during the Easter Season, we will be reciting the Apostle's Creed, instead of the Nicene Creed
- Our next meeting has been moved to Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Room #7. This is due to the Shrove Pancake Dinner and Palm to Ashes Service on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### DHCI MINISTRY IS IN NEED OF HELP

The DHCI\* ministry is in need of assistance. If interested, contact Pablo Resto at [pabloresto@msn.com](mailto:pabloresto@msn.com) or Anne Marie at [theaterowl@yahoo.com](mailto:theaterowl@yahoo.com). (\*Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill, located in Smyrna)

## PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

### THIS WEEKEND - Special Collection POLAR BEAR PLUNGE for SPECIAL OLYMPICS BROTHER VINCENT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



This year's Polar Bears will once again be in-person and virtual. More than ever, the 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 Plunge will take place on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 this weekend, January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Your generous donations should be placed in an envelope marked **Polar Bear Plunge for 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 100% of all money collected goes to the Delaware Special Olympics. Thank you for your generous support.



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

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

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION MEETING NOTES - JANUARY

- The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is currently taking orders for the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser. Order forms were sent home to all PSR families and were inserted into the Bulletin (January 13-14). Orders may also be placed through Faith Direct.
- The Connected in Christ faith-sharing group continues to meet every Tuesday morning in the library from 9:15 to 11:00 am. All are welcome to come. They recently discussed various videos about the Advent Season and will soon be sharing about the Season of Lent.
- The Faith with Friends faith-sharing group, which had been meeting on the first Thursday of every month, is currently regrouping to find a meeting time that is convenient for more parishioners. More information will be forthcoming in February.

### WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE

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### ORDER YOURS TODAY!!

You can order through Faith Direct at [faith.direct/DE831](http://faith.direct/DE831) (click on EVENTS), fill out an order form and place it in the collection basket or drop box, or simply use this QR Code. You can find order forms at all Church doors.



**All orders & money must be turned in by February 4.** Buy as much as you would like and sell it for \$1 each to family and friends! You will be notified when the chocolate arrives.

**Thank you for your support! Happy Selling!**

## HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

### Our Bulletin is full this weekend!

To see **WHAT'S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE**, please see last weekend's Bulletin or visit **BULLETIN OVERFLOW** at <https://saintpolycarp.org/overflow/>

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES – JANUARY



- Our Annual Appreciation Dinner is on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Any parishioner who volunteers in our parish is invited to join us for this wonderful tradition. Sign-up is now going on.
- The Pastoral Council will soon begin looking for volunteers to join our Pastoral Council. Look for information in the coming weeks.
- Please consider volunteering for any one of our committees: Building & Maintenance, Christian Formation, Facilities Planning, Liturgy, Parish & Family Life, and Social Concerns. Members of all of our committees work very hard to serve our Parish and always welcome new volunteers.

## COLLECTIONS



The **2023 TAX STATEMENTS** were emailed this past Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you did not receive one and would like one, please contact the office at (302) 653 – 8279. Thank you for your generous contributions throughout the year.

## OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
January 7	\$4834	\$28	\$4862
January 14	\$5068	\$17	\$5085
January 21	\$2577	\$27	\$2604

Offertory	Received	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
December Total	\$37,223.81	\$29,500	\$7,723.81
Fiscal YTD	\$184,981.31	\$164,600	\$20,381.31

### SECOND COLLECTIONS – January 7, 14, 21 - Totals

Christmas Offering	Christmas Novena	Holy Days	St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box
\$80	\$20	\$5094	\$499
PSR	Parish Utilities	St. Peter's Cathedral	Catholic Univ. & Communications
\$705.10	\$451	\$1	\$550
All Souls	Easter	Black, Native, Home Missions	
\$5	\$10	\$16	

**SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend is for our Parish Utilities. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend is for Black, Indian & Home Missions

### Time, Talent, Treasure...

Please consider signing up for eGiving. Visit [faith.direct/DE831](https://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.*



## 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 27**  
 9 am EM Training (Church/Hall/Kitchen/Library)  
 12 pm Environment Committee (Church)  
 2:30 pm Confession  
**4 pm MASS** - PSR Grades 6 & 7 Families attend Mass  
 Following Mass- K of C Polar Bear Plunge Collection (Doors)  
 Following Mass- Sodality Soup & Bake Sale (Hall)

**Sunday, January 28**  
 PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1-6, 8)  
 9 am Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting (Room 3)  
**10:30 am MASS**  
 10:30 am Rite of Enrollment for First Eucharist  
 Following Mass - K of C Polar Bear Plunge Collection (Doors)  
 Following Mass - Sodality Soup & Bake Sale (Hall)  
 5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Hall)

**Monday, January 29**  
 6:30 OCIA Session (Hall)

**Tuesday, January 30**  
**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)  
 4:15 pm Finance Council Executive Committee Meeting  
 7 pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 3-6, 8, Hall)

**Wednesday, January 31**  
**8:30 am MASS**

**Thursday, February 1**  
 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)  
 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)  
 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)  
 7 pm K of C 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Business Meeting (Library)

**Friday, February 2**  
 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

**Saturday, February 3**  
 12 pm Environment Committee (Church)  
 2:30 pm Confession  
**4 pm MASS**



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