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Of
The Diocese of Wilmington

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor
Deacon Frank Weber



Pastoral Council—Kathy Curlett
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am
Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am

LIVE STREAM MASS: Saturdays at 4pm, Tuesdays &
Wednesdays at 8:30 am.

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RECONCILIATION

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

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Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm
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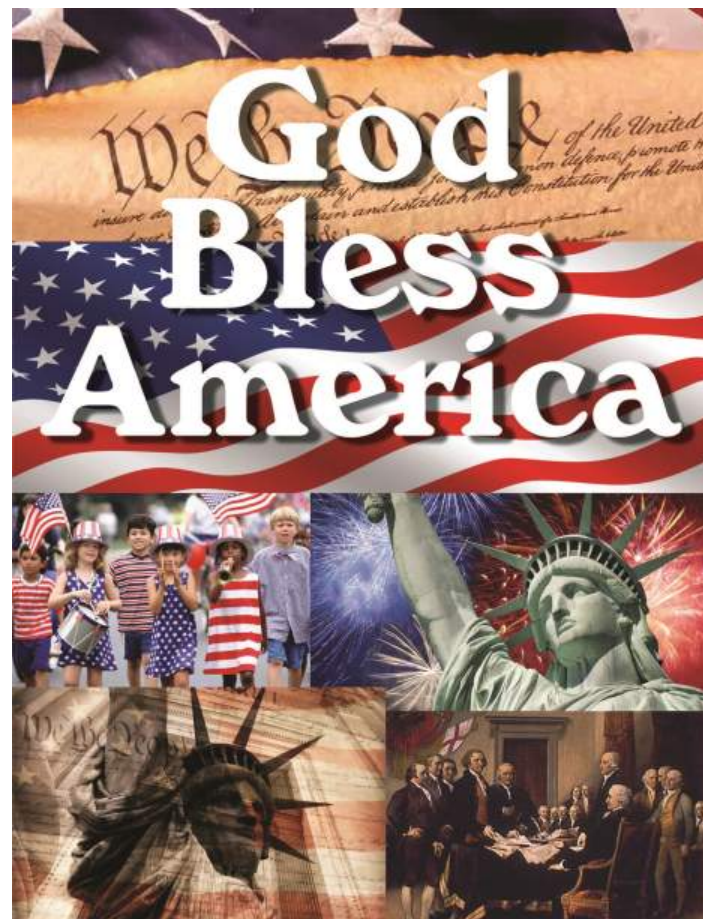
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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society
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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: Contact 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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023

CHANGE THE WORLD: BECOME CATHOLIC!

Is there someone you know who would like to explore the Catholic faith – someone unbaptized, or baptized in the Catholic or another Christian tradition? Do you know someone who needs First Eucharist and/or Confirmation? The Catholic faith can fulfill their desire for a closer relationship with Our Lord by participating in the RCIA process.

If interested, the parish will hold three Inquiry Sessions:
 Monday, August 14th, at 6:30 pm,
 Wednesday, August 23rd, at 10:30 am, and
 Monday, August 28th, at 6:30 pm.

Please contact Deacon Frank Weber for more information: DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org or leave a message with the Parish office at (302) 653 – 8279.

FAITH WITH FRIENDS

This Thursday at 6 pm.

A NEW Catholic Formation Opportunity is available!

Please join us to watch videos and learn about our faith with friends. Meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month from 6 pm to 8 pm. Our first meeting is on Thursday, July 6th, in Room 7. (Please use the Office/Chapel door under the portico.) Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Ashley Wilson at (302)535 –4118 for more details!

Looking forward to seeing you!

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LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 1 First Saturday / St. Junipero Serra

4 pm Father's Day Novena

Sunday, July 2 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am Charles Robinson - The Robinson Family

Deacon Charles Robinson - The Robinson Family

Ezekial, Erica, & Ethel Flores - Karen Cacho

Monday, July 3 St. Thomas

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 4

8:30 am Parishioners

Wednesday, July 5 St. Anthony Zaccaria/
St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30 am Jimmy Biggs

Those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society - Neda Biggs

Thursday, July 6 St. Maria Goretti

NO MASS

Friday, July 7

First Friday

NO MASS

Saturday, July 8 Blessed Virgin Mary

4 pm Wendy Cuncic - Robert Cuncic

Living Intention - Maureen Robinson birthday

- Laverne Dykes

Rusty Greene - George & Mary Grace Hutchinson

Sunday, July 9 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am Living Intention- Maureen Robinson

- Sister Miriam Nevins

Colleen Viands - BVM Sodality

Elizabeth Jones - Carol & Jack Molyneaux

Week of July 2nd

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in memory of Joseph Stenza, at the request of Erica Taylor.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for our country on the anniversary of her independence.

Sunday, July 2nd

Bread and Wine are offered in memory of William Wallen Jr., at the request of Erica Taylor.

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.

Jill Mercer, John Ruane, Jill Mercer, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Bob Gallihar, Kay Gallihar, Diane Bullins, Grace Wagner, Ron Pleasanton, Beth Lightcap, Thea Berg, Patricia Capobianco, Barbara Hynson, Charlotte Konesky, Eileen Fox, Maryann Allison, Ashley Mullins, Tina Kelley, Cathy Connell, Kevin Skaggs, Bobby Bullins, Jen McCade, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Beth Kelly, Andrea Laws, Kaysie Borgman, Angie & Al Grasso, Lana Reed, Rick Dean, Catherine Corso, Jeff Johnson, Erica White, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Teresa Tier, Holly Powell, Rob Tuxward, Billy Killen, George Kayati, 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

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 (302) 653 – 8064.

Rosary by Telephone: Tuesdays at 11 am. The dial in number is: 1-701-802-5254/PIN: 1747300#.

Eucharistic Adoration – Tuesdays, Noon – 8 pm – Chapel

Flame of Love Rosary: Thursdays at 6:30 pm - Chapel

Divine Mercy: Fridays at 3 pm – Chapel.

A THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR PRAYERS

My Dear Church Family,

It is with sincere gratitude I say Thank you for the many Prayers, Mass cards, beautiful get well cards, and phone calls I received before and after my surgery. I truly appreciated your thoughtfulness.

Prayers and Love,
Laverne Dykes



LITURGY

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~ How have you experienced God's blessings this week?

~ How are you being invited to die to the old self to live more fully in union with Christ?

~ What helps you to receive the Gospel message with joy, even when you find it challenging?

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be offered

this Sunday, July 2nd at the 10:30 am Mass. Children ages P/K-4th grade are welcome to join us. Children will be called to come forward before the First Reading. They will return to you after the General Intercessions. Questions? Please contact Erica Taylor at (302) 653 – 4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org.



DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE BEING CALLED TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN THE MASS?

We are looking to recruit more people to serve as sacristans! Sacristans have the duty to show up early to the Church in order to unlock it and set it up for Mass. Becoming a sacristan would be a great way to learn more about our beautiful liturgy and become more involved in carrying it out. No previous knowledge is required.

If you are interested, please contact the head sacristan Adam Bauer at the email ajpd.bauer@gmail.com.

The **Blessing of Grandparents and the Elderly** will take place at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, July 23rd.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – July 5th We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society



Delia Cantor	Amelia Ronquillo
William & Mary Etta Maycen	Joseph Gioiosa
Albino & Mary Gioiosa	Victor Chavez
Mary DePasquale	Kenneth & Margaret Burke
Louis & Angelina Arrighi	William E. Brown
Saber Family	Vicente D. Lim, Jr.
Sara Jean Brimson	Deacon Charles Robinson
Carmela Tupia	Walczak Family
Luigina & Preston Pendarvis	
Rosina & Mario Chiusolo	Ponnampalam Sabanayagam
Jose Crisostomo	Sofia Crisostomo
Orlando Family	Lucita Dico
Camilo Arguelles	Filomena Arguelles
Roberto Pingol	Antanavige Family

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

July 8th Following the 4 pm Mass

Our first Eucharistic Adoration at St. Polycarp will take place next Saturday, July 8th, after the 4 pm Mass. Following Holy Communion, Fr. Jim will place the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance on the altar for Adoration by the faithful. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction lasting for an hour after Mass.

WHAT IS EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION?



Eucharistic Adoration is the worship of Jesus Christ Who is present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, under the appearance of the consecrated host. Eucharist Adoration is when we spend time in prayer with Jesus in the form of the Blessed Sacrament.

What is the Blessed Sacrament? Once an unconsecrated host has been Consecrated at Mass, we call it the Blessed Sacrament because it is no longer bread but is Jesus' Body.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) Registration is now open for 2023-2024 Religious Education Classes Grades PK - 9

Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/religious-education/> for information and/or to print the registration form or you can use this QR code.



For more information, contact
Mrs. Erica Taylor, CRE
(Coordinator of Religious Education)
302-653-4101 or
dre@saintpolycarp.org

Exposition is when the Blessed Sacrament/Host is placed in the Monstrance. At the closing of the Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction takes place. The word Benediction means blessing. The Priest or Deacon blesses us with the Eucharist.

The atmosphere of Eucharistic Adoration is *quiet and silent* except for the recitation of specified words including the prayers and songs found on the inside back cover of our Parish Missal. Staying for an hour may be difficult for some. It's like most things. You may want to start by staying 10 minutes. You will soon find out that 10 minutes isn't long enough! (You should always stay for the Exposition and until Fr. Jim leaves.)

NOW THAT I'M AT ADORATION, WHAT DO I DO?

Relax. Take some time to place your heart and mind in the presence of Jesus. Sometimes closing your eyes and turning your palms upward may help. It's okay to sit back and rest in the Lord.

Eucharistic Adoration is not just about praying traditional prayers. Just like being with family or friends, our time together doesn't consist of one thing. Of course we are here to adore Jesus, who through His suffering, death and resurrection brings us closer to our heavenly Father. Jesus is very interested in your life – your joys, successes, pains, sufferings, struggles, frustrations.

Some of the things you may want to consider while at Adoration:

Traditional prayers (Our Father, Hail Mary, the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet)

Bring a Bible to read, or bring other spiritual reading, books on Saints, etc. (Don't forget we have a Library and a lending cart at St. Polycarp.)

Bring a book that will help you understand or grow in your faith.

If you have a child who attends our PSR, grab their text and really see what they learned this past year.

Journal, take notes

Pray for those you love, pray for your enemies, lift the sick and suffering to God, pray for those who have gone before us. Pray for clergy, vocations...you get the idea!

But remember, just don't do all the talking! It's more important to listen than to talk. It takes some practice but you'll be glad you did!

"Listen in silence because if your heart is full of other things you cannot hear the voice of God."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/how-silence-can-change-your-life>

COME, LET US ADORE HIM – TUESDAY ADORATION

We need adorers to fill spots for Adoration on Tuesdays: 9:30, 12:30 pm, and 3 pm. Call Cheryl Thomas at (302) 363 – 0404 or email her at salcrest7@gmail.com.

FAITH AND CHARITY APPEAL



2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal

Once a year, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of our Church by supporting the life-giving Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. With your participation in the appeal, we are Shining the Light of Christ every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities; to the least among us; in the joy of new priestly vocations; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others. **If you have already made a gift to the 2023 appeal, thank you!**

Please consider your participation as we strive to collect our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal goal of \$60,000. Every gift is valued and appreciated. *As of the last report, \$58,249.03 (97.08%) of our \$60,000 goal has been pledged. We are \$1,750.97 from our goal!!! We're getting there, but we still need your help! If you haven't already done so, please consider supporting this year's appeal. Pledge cards can be found in the pews and at the doors of the church. It is important that everyone follows through with payments on pledges.* If our parish exceeds the \$60,000 goal in paid pledges, we will receive back half of the money collected above the goal for projects around our campus. Together we can reach our goal! **No gift is too small to help those in need.**

To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal," or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.



HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/overflow/> for more information on the following:

FINANCE COUNCIL

THE FINANCE COUNCIL'S MEETING SUMMARY

(from Tuesday, June 20th)

- The 2023/2024 Fiscal year budget has been finalized. As previously reported, attendance and collections are still not at pre-pandemic levels, but our costs continue to increase. We are fortunate in that our parishioners have been doing a fabulous job in maintaining their offerings. A reminder that Faith Direct is a great aid to us in helping to maintain a steady, even revenue stream. If you still have not enrolled, please see the instructions in the weekly bulletin.
- Our costs for etching the Memorial Bricks has increased, forcing us to raise the price to \$100/brick.
- We are looking to repair and repave the parking lot as well as replace the concrete patio under the portico by the office/chapel/Mother Drexel Hall entrance. Should any parishioners have good recommendations for contractors, or if they are contractors themselves and would be interested in bidding for the work, please reach out and let us know. Contact John Fcasni at (609) 529 - 1986.
- Plans are continuing for our Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner. Save the date of Sunday, September 10th, - 1 pm for golf and 6 pm for dinner. For more information and registration, contact Dennis Skinner at papadskinz@yahoo.com or (302) 981 - 8743 and Anna Skinner at ANNA.SKINZ@gmail.com or (302) 883 - 5647. You can also scan this QR Code. .



COLLECTIONS

The Second Collection next weekend (July 8th and 9th) will be for our Parish Utilities. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
June 25	\$8390	\$3	\$8393

Collection	Poor Box	Works of the Holy Father
June 25	\$401.84	\$817

June eGiving	Offertory	Poor Box	Father's Day Remembrance
June 4	\$5923	\$392	\$272
June 15	\$3930	\$335	\$90

June eGiving	Priest Retirement	Building & Maintenance	Works of the Holy Father
June 4	\$517	\$257	\$157
June 15	\$75	\$95	\$30

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ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS! SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar now for our Annual Leadership Organizational Meeting on **TUESDAY, July 25th**, at 7 pm in Mother Drexel Hall.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information

Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>

Saturday, July 1 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS	
Sunday, July 2 10:30 am MASS - Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:30 am BVM Corporate Communion	
Monday, July 3	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, July 4 8:30 am MASS 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 12 pm - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 7 pm K of C 4 th Degree (Library)	OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday, July 5 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 1:15 pm Pinnacle - Deacon Frank 6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)	
Thursday, July 6 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Catholic Formation / Connected in Christ (Room 7) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)	
Friday, July 7 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)	
Saturday, July 8 12 pm Environmental Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS followed by Eucharistic Adoration	



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