

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

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14th 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 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.

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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2023

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Exposition of the Eucharist will take place at this Saturday's 4 pm Mass after the distribution of the Eucharist.

Exposition is when the Blessed Sacrament/Host is placed in the Monstrance. The atmosphere of Eucharistic Adoration is reverent and quiet/silent except for the recitation of specified words including the prayers and songs found on the inside back cover of our Parish Missal.

Take some time to place your heart and mind in the presence of Jesus. Staying for the entire hour may be difficult for some people. It's like most things. It takes practice. You may want to start by staying 10 minutes. You will soon find out that 10 minutes isn't long enough! *If you do leave before the hour is over, please do so in silence.* (Everyone should remain for the Exposition.)

At the closing of Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction takes place. The word Benediction means blessing. The Priest or Deacon blesses us with the Eucharist.

See last week's Bulletin for more information.

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.

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

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, July 10
NO MASS
Tuesday, July 11 **St. Benedict**
 8:30 am William Brown - Rita Brown
 Living Intention- Wedding Anniversary- Monica and
 Robert Kirschmann - Robert Kirschmann

Wednesday, July 12
 8:30 am Sofia Crisostomo - Betty Pingol
 Baby Charles Taylor - The Taylor Family
 Rosalice Alex - Joan Werres

Thursday, July 13 **St. Henry**
NO MASS

Friday, July 14 **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**
NO MASS
Saturday, July 15 **St. Bonaventure**
 4 pm Ben Walters - SVPD Society
 Claire Ruane - Kathleen Reuter
 Raymond Zaczek - Jill Mercer

Sunday, July 16 **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10:30 am Parishioners

Week of July 9th
Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns for an increase in vocations.
Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for parents who have lost children.

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.

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.

LITURGY

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ How are you called to extend God's reign of peace?
- ~ What is different about a life lived according to the Spirit than a life lived according to the flesh?
- ~ What burden do you need to bring Jesus so that you can experience more of His peace this week?



We are looking for more people to serve as sacristans! Sacristans have the duty to arrive early to the Church in order to unlock the doors and prepare the Church 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.

LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS



- Here is the latest from our Meeting on June 13:
- We plan on doing a Greet and Meet Fellowship with St. Dennis' Liturgy Committee with a Potluck Supper in July.
 - The Blessing of Grandparents and the Elderly will take place on Sunday, July 23rd, at the 10:30 am Mass
 - We started to discuss the Bishop's Synod Action Steps which are due the beginning of September.
 - Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction will take place on the Second Weekend of the month after the 4 pm. Mass on Saturdays starting July 8th.
 - Beginning in August, we hope to have Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel on Tuesdays from 9 am until 9 pm.

COME, LET US ADORE HIM



Do you have one hour a week to come adore Jesus in the Eucharist?

We need adorers for these timeslots on Tuesdays: 9:30, 12:30 pm, and 3 pm.

Call Cheryl Thomas at (302) 363 – 0404 or email her at salcrest7@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



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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Mrs. Erica Taylor, CRE
(Coordinator of Religious Education)
302-653-4101 or
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3rd grade: Catechist

Tuesday Evening Positions:

5th grade: Catechist

Please contact our CRE, Erica Taylor, at (302) 653 - 4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org for more information.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION MEETING NOTES - JUNE 2023



- A new faith-sharing group, *Faith with Friends*, will begin meeting on Thursday, July 6, from 6-8 pm, in Room 7. Join us to watch videos and learn about our faith.
- Our *Connected in Christ* faith-sharing group, which meets after the 8:30 am Mass every Tuesday has been studying the FORMED Evangelization video series on The Acts of the Apostles, by Dr. Mary Healy. The series is being well received by everyone and all agree that there is so much we are learning that we wish we knew sooner! Our group is growing with 4 new participants.
- PSR registration is open for the 23/24 school year.

FORMED



Thanks to a very generous and thoughtful parishioner, our FORMED Subscription has been RENEWED for another year!

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- Enter our parish's zip code (19977)
- Click on St. Polycarp Church
- Enter your name and your email address

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. Of our 717 households at St. Polycarp, 172 have participated in the campaign to date. Our parish participation rate 23.99%. Every gift is valued and appreciated.

*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.cdown.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal," or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.



BISHOP'S 5K RUN/WALK SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

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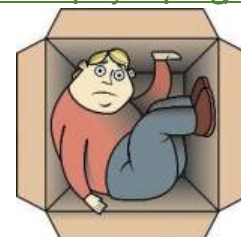
This fun event brings the community together to heighten awareness of the services that Catholic Charities provides. Runners and walkers compete to see who makes the best time, and will be awarded medals, along with a complimentary race t-shirt and refreshments. **Registration information to follow!**



St. Polycarp would love to have our FLAMES participate again! Anyone willing to organize this? Contact Judy at communications@saintpolycarp.org

Visit

<https://saintpolycarp.org/overflow/>



for more information that just didn't fit
in this weekend's bulletin!

**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.

All ministries/groups who wish to use our campus are required to have at least one representative present at this meeting. We strongly encourage two people from each ministry to attend. All Council members should be present. If you are a ministry leader, we hope you make this a priority; however, if you cannot attend, a representative must come in your place. All leaders/representatives will be expected to bring this procedural information back to their ministries at their next meeting.

Ministry Leaders will be receiving an email with additional information sometime next week.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

COLLECTIONS



The Second Collection this weekend, July 8th and 9th, will be for our Parish Utilities. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Next weekend's second collection is for the Church in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe.

Due to the July 4th holiday, figures from last weekend's collections, will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.

Please consider signing up for eGiving to ensure your contributions are received even when you are not here for Mass. Recurring, catch up, or one-time gifts (please indicate your intention) can be made. Visit faith.direct/DE831.

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There is no expiration date - you can turn in receipts months old!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information
Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 3 pm

<p>Saturday, July 8 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS - Eucharistic Adoration</p>
<p>Sunday, July 9 10:30 am MASS 2 pm K of C Officers Mass & Dinner with Bishop Koenig (Church/Hall/Kitchen)</p>
<p>Monday, July 10 12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library)</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 11 8:30 am MASS 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 11 am Finance Council Executive Committee 12 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 12 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Professional Staff Meeting (Library) 6 pm Combined St. Polycarp & St. Dennis Pastoral Councils (Hall/Kitchen)</p>
<p>Thursday, July 13 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)</p>
<p>Friday, July 14 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)</p>
<p>Saturday, July 15 12 pm Environmental Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS</p>

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