

# ST. POLYCARP CHURCH

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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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## *Our Parish Mission*

*We are a welcoming  
Roman Catholic family of faith,  
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sent forth from our  
celebration of the Eucharist  
to walk in faith, live in hope, and  
act with love for God and 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,  
the New Evangelization,  
and stewardship.*

## 15<sup>th</sup> 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:** Contact 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.

# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 16, 2023

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration at *ST. POLYCARP CHURCH* will take place on the **Second Sunday of the month following the 4 pm Vigil Mass**. This wording may sound confusing but the date for Adoration all depends on where the first of the month falls. October will help you understand this wording!

Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Eucharistic Adoration at *ST. DENNIS CHURCH* will take place on the Fourth Sunday of the month following the 8 am Sunday Mass.

Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 November 26<sup>th</sup>  
 December 24<sup>th</sup>

If you are not in attendance at the Mass on these dates, you are certainly welcome to stop in for Adoration.



The monstrance is a decorative circular stand designed to hold the Consecrated Host for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration and Eucharistic Processions. The host itself — the Body of Christ — is displayed in a glass-enclosed centerpiece called the luna.

Monstrances are often richly decorated because they carry and display the Sacred Host. They are commonly sunburst in shape to symbolize the radiance of Christ's glory. The Latin word monstrare means "to show."

### LET US PRAY

### Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday, July 15</b> 4 pm Ben Walters Claire Ruane Raymond Zaczek	<b>St. Bonaventure</b> - SVDP Society - Kathleen Reuter - Jill Mercer
<b>Sunday, July 16</b> 10:30 am Parishioners	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Monday, July 17</b> <b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, July 18</b> 8:30 am Macy Brady Gwen Spretnjak	<b>St Camillus de Lellis</b> - Kathy & Mike Noonan - Kathy & Larry Borgman
<b>Wednesday, July 19</b> 8:30 am Jose Remigio James Wohlers	- Dee Lim - Dee Lim
<b>Thursday, July 20</b> <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>St. Apollinaris</b>
<b>Friday, July 21</b> <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>St. Lawrence of Brindisi / Blessed Francis Jordan</b>
<b>Saturday, July 22</b> 4 pm Faye Todd Shirley Ferris David Doyle	<b>St. Mary Magdalene</b> - Barbara Dean - Barbara Dean - Barbara Dean
<b>Sunday, July 23</b> 10:30 am Robert Bauer Richard Lingner Suzanne Wisnieski	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> - Virginia Kujala - Virginia Kujala - Mr. & Mrs. DiMeo

#### Week of July 16th

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church** burns for all individuals to remain faithful and steadfast in their vocations.

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel** burns in prayer for peace in Ukraine.

#### 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.

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](mailto: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 has the Word of God nourished you spiritually?

~ What does the “glorious freedom of the children of God” mean to you?

~ Which type of soil from the Gospel parable best describes your heart? Why?



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](mailto:ajpd.bauer@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:salcrest7@gmail.com).

The **Blessing of Grandparents and the Elderly** will take place at the 10:30 am Mass next Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



### Do you have an Announcement for the Cantor to read before Mass?

Announcements should be emailed to [office@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:office@saintpolycarp.org) or given to the Parish Secretary by Thursday at 2 pm. They should be on a one or two-week basis, not to exceed three sentences.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### 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 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm,  
Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:30 am, and  
Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.

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

### ST. POLYCARP PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) Religious Education Classes Grades PK - 9

Registration is now open for 2023-2024

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](mailto:dre@saintpolycarp.org)



### COME SHARE YOUR FAITH – CATECHISTS NEEDED

Come share your gifts and talents with us.

We need YOU to help US

spread God's message to our youth.

Where is God calling you to serve?

**Sunday Morning Position:**

3rd grade: Catechist

**Tuesday Evening Position:**

5th grade: Catechist

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

## GIRL SCOUTS NEWS FOR JULY

The Girl Scouts have just returned from their trip to London and Paris. We were able to see many iconic sites, and make new friends as we met other Girl Scouts and people from other countries. Thank you for supporting and praying for our girls in all their endeavors.



## DIGITAL MINISTRY



## SUMMER UPDATE

The Digital Ministry meets on a monthly basis. We have been busy over the last several months. These are some items we are working on currently:

- Setting up a new email server (and related office applications) for the parish office.
- Updating anti-virus software on all office computers and switching them over to the same software.
- Looking at options for recording events outside of the church.
- Working on documentation and guides for digital equipment use and for troubleshooting technology issues.

We welcome anyone who is interested in sharing their talents. Please contact Judy in the parish office (at 302 – 653 – 8279 or [communications@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:communications@saintpolycarp.org)) if you are interested or would like to find out more information about this important ministry.

## 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 is 23.99%. Every gift is valued and appreciated. Hopefully, we'll have updated figures by the weekend. If we do, they'll be posted in our Friday Weekend Update email.

*If you have not 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](http://www.cdow.org); click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal," or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.



### ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS! SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar now for our  
Annual Leadership Organizational Meeting  
on **TUESDAY, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

If you are a Ministry Leader, please check your email for additional information.

## HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

**Shore Birds Fan? Blue Rocks Fan?**

**CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (CYM)**

### FAMILY FUN EVENTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST



Bring your family for fun and baseball! The Delmarva Shorebirds and the Diocese of Wilmington Office for Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) present Family Fun Night **next Saturday, July 22, at 7:05 pm at**

**Purdue Stadium** (6400 Hobbs Road, Salisbury, Maryland 21804). Come and enjoy a baseball game, good times and the best fireworks show on Delmarva! For more information and to purchase your discounted tickets, visit [cdow.org/CYMFam](http://cdow.org/CYMFam).



Bring your family for fun and baseball! The Wilmington Blue Rocks and the Diocese of Wilmington Office for Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) present Family Fun Day on **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1:05 pm at Frawley Stadium** (801 Shipyard Drive, Wilmington, Delaware 19801). Come and enjoy a baseball game, good times, and pregame on-field catch 12 pm - 12:15 pm. The kids get to run the bases postgame! For more information and to purchase your discounted tickets, visit [cdow.org/CYMFam](http://cdow.org/CYMFam).

## COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
July 2	\$4914	\$11	\$4925

Collection	Poor Box
July 2	\$80

The Second Collection this weekend, July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, will be for the Church in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe. *In the Nicene Creed we say "... I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church."* Even though the Catholic Church is found on many continents, the Church is still one universal Church. The Church asks us to support each other whether it is through our time, money, resources, or prayers. Thank you!

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.

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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

<b>Saturday, July 15</b> 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm <b>MASS</b>
<b>Sunday, July 16</b> 10:30 am <b>MASS</b>
<b>Monday, July 17</b> 6:30 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes - Rosary (Hall / Kitchen) 7 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes - Meeting (Hall / Kitchen)
<b>Tuesday, July 18</b> 8:30 am <b>MASS</b> 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 10:30 am DHCI Communion Service (at DHCI) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 12 pm - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 1 pm CFC General meeting & Executive Committee (Room 3) 6:30 pm Finance Council (Library)
<b>Wednesday, July 19</b> 8:30 am <b>MASS</b> 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 6 pm K of C Officers Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Baptismal Class- Advance Registration Required (Room 3)
<b>Thursday, July 20</b> 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 3)
<b>Friday, July 21</b> 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
<b>Saturday, July 22</b> 12 pm Environmental Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm <b>MASS</b>

Don't forget to visit our  
webpage!

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### Do you have something to publish in our weekly Bulletin?

All articles for the Weekly Bulletin must be turned in before NOON Thursday, for consideration of publication in the following weekend bulletin (10 days before). E-mail articles to [submission@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:submission@saintpolycarp.org). If you do not have email capability, articles can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

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