

ST. POLYCARP CHURCH

In
The Silver Lake Deanery
Of
The Diocese of Wilmington

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Frank Weber



Pastoral Council—Ken Eckard

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

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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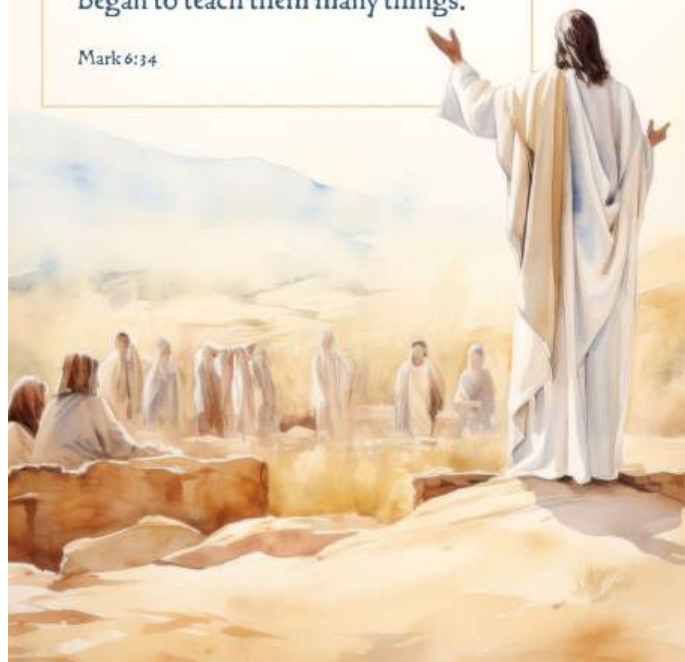
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When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Mark 6:34



16th 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.

OCIA (Order 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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ How has your spiritual life benefited from good pastoral leadership?
- ~ How has God shepherded you during this season of life?
- ~ How are you called to show compassion for those in need?

"Read All About It!"

Our National Eucharistic Congress Commemorative Issue has arrived. We will be selling this issue at the Church doors after both Masses this weekend. The cost is \$2.00 per issue. Be a part of this National Eucharistic Revival by purchasing this beautiful issue as we begin the Year of the Missionary. The Liturgy Committee thanks you!!



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS, OCTOBER 5, 2024 Ocean City (MD) Convention Center



Catholic Diocese of Wilmington
2024 EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
OCT. 5, 2024 OCEAN CITY, MD

Join Bishop Koenig and our diocesan family on Saturday, October 5th, at the Ocean City (MD) Convention Center for The Eucharistic Congress, "The Eucharist: The Source and Summit." This day-long event will deepen our faith and strengthen our community through worship, reflection, and celebration. Do not miss this powerful opportunity to reconnect with the core of our Catholic identity! For additional information and to view the schedule

for the day, visit: www.cdow.org/EucharisticCongress

TUESDAY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR ST. ANN CHAPEL CHANGE IN TIME

Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration will now begin at 11 am instead at 9 am until additional people sign-up for those time slots.

Contact Cheryl Thomas at 302-363-0404 or salcrest7@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 20	St. Apollinaris/Blessed Virgin Mary
4 pm Joan Peculski O'Drain	- Judy Lamborn
Edward Biter	- Sue Orlando
Sylvia Vessels DuRoss	- Jim DuRoss
Sunday, July 21	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Diane Kravitz	- Neda Biggs
Father Tom Flowers	- Deacon Frank Weber
Steven Mazz	- Lori & Mike Sanders
Monday, July 22	St. Mary Magdalene
No Mass	
Tuesday, July 23	St. Bridget
8:30 am Father Tom Flowers	- Barbara Kaczorowski
Angelo Camacho	- The Marvian Family
Healing Intention for Daniel Kwa	- Dee Lim
Wednesday, July 24	St. Sharbel Makhiuf
8:30 am Evangelina D. Gocre	- Marie & Epi Aboyme
Monica Farrell	- Betty Sloven
Flora Scotto	- The Sloven Family
Thursday, July 25	St. James, Apostle
No Mass	
Friday, July 26	SS. Joachim and Anne
No Mass	
Saturday, July 27	Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 pm Agnes V. Mullen	- The Taylor Family
Joan Peculski O'Drain	- Dieter & Joyce Raczkowski
Edward Biter	- Dieter & Joyce Raczkowski
Sunday, July 28	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am William Burke, Jr.	- William & Jessica Burke
Diane Kravitz	- Theresa DiMeo
Wilfredo Cuyco	- Betty Pingol

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 eight weeks unless other arrangements have been requested.

Liam Travers, Henry Humphres, Jimmy Wiggins, William Neilson, William Green, Carol Timmons, Alison Seewald, Bob Reeder, Lauren Travers, Marguerite Maguire, Lisa Wisniewski, Kathleen Gianjullo, J. R. Peck, Josefina Ocasio, Diana Bullins, Kenny Bullins, Bobby Bullins, Teresa Tier, Bridget O'Connell, Maureen Robinson, Robin Husman, Milli Burris Alvarez, Lyllie Deter, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Cathy Connell, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Andrea Laws, Kaysie Borgman, Angel Grasso, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Holly Powell, Lily Griffiths, Patty Moon, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, 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 call 302-653-8064.

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

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays, 11 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

SAINT POLYCARP PASTORAL COUNCIL 2024-2025



The Saint Polycarp Pastoral Council is pleased to announce our newly appointed Executive Committee for 2024-2025. We did not have enough new members joining the council; therefore, formal elections were not required. We are still accepting new members. If interested, please contact Ken Eckhard at (302) 525-4447.

Father Jim Hreha - President
(Pastor serves as president)

Erica Taylor - Appointed by Position (CRE)

Ken Eckard – Executive Officer

Kathleen Curlett – Recording Secretary/
Liturgy Liaison

Joyce Tolson – Member-at-Large/
Christian Formation Liaison

Annemarie Hamilton - Member-at-Large

Deb Bradl - Appointed Finance Council Liaison
to the Pastoral Council

Dee Nahil – Pastoral Council Liaison to the
Finance Council Liaison

Neda Biggs – Social Concerns Liaison

John Irwin - Facilities Planning Liaison

Mike Kinnel - Building & Maintenance Liaison

Junior Nahil – Member

Pablo Resto - Social Concerns Liaison

Ashley Wilson - Parish & Family Life Liaison

Deanna Lail- Member

John Ruane- Member

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the St. Polycarp Church Pastoral Council is to advise our Pastor in those matters affecting and fulfilling the Parish Mission while providing vision and strategic planning to the committees and the parish community. We work to improve the community spirit and faith life of our Parish by being sensitive to responding to the needs and desires of all in a spirit of prayer, commitment, and action. Energized by the Holy Spirit and in communion with the Holy Father and the Universal Catholic Church, we hope to promote a sense of welcoming, belonging, and harmony among our parishioners by connecting and including them in the pastoral life of the Parish.

WHO IS ON OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL? MEET PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBER KATHY CURLETT



Kathy has been a member of Saint Polycarp Parish since 1996, when she and her family moved to Smyrna. She and her husband, Bob, have one daughter, Lauren. Kathy earned her undergraduate

degree in Music at the University of Delaware and her Master's in Elementary Education at Wilmington University. Kathy retired from the Smyrna School District in 2020, where she taught both 5th and 6th grades at John Bassett Moore and Clayton Intermediate Schools.

Kathy served as a catechist for Saint Polycarp's PSR for 15 years, teaching various grade levels throughout her tenure. She has been on the Liturgy Committee for 10 years, acting as the recording secretary. She serves as the unofficial music director here at Saint Polycarp, assisting with many aspects of this ministry. Kathy recently completed her second term as Executive Officer of the Pastoral Council and is now serving as the Recording Secretary.



ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS!

Mark your calendar now for our Annual Leadership Organizational Meeting on **TUESDAY, July 30th**, at 7 pm in Mother Drexel Hall.

PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY, JULY 25TH.

SAVE THE DATE
SAINT POLYCARP ANNUAL PICNIC

Mark your calendars! The Saint Polycarp Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2024, after the 10:30 AM Mass.

Our Pastoral Council and Parish Picnic Committee are once again planning a fun-filled event. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking up hot dogs, hamburgers and French fries. You can sample some Rita's Water Ice served by our parish youth. Kids and the young-at-heart will enjoy the inflatable obstacle course and a visit from Spiderman!



We are looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. Please call Kathy Curlett at 302-222-9326, if interested in helping.

LITURGY

2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The New 2025 Mass Intention Book is now open. You can reserve a Mass or offering by calling the parish office between the hours of 9 am – 3 pm, or anytime via email at office@saintpolycarp.org.

- The Mass Intention is \$10.00.
- The Sanctuary Lamp may be lit for an entire week (Sunday through Saturday) either in the Church or Chapel for \$10.00.
- Bread and Wine Offering for daily Mass is \$10.00.

The Maximum number of Mass cards and/or offerings is six per person since the availability of Mass intentions and offerings is limited. There is a maximum of three Intentions per Mass.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Religious Education Classes

Grades PK – 9

It's time to register!



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, Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) at 302-653-4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org

IN & AROUND THE DIOCESE

NEXT SATURDAY

BULL ROAST

THE 2024 St. DENNIS CHURCH BULL ROAST FUND RAISER IS HERE!

**153 N. Main Street, Galena, MD
Saturday, July 27th**

COME ONE, COME ALL, PLEASE!

Our "Drive Thru" Bull Roast Fund Raiser is scheduled for Saturday, July 27th. This year we will again have optional outdoor seating (weather permitting) and a Corn Hole game.

MENU – Back by popular request - 1/2 a fried chicken, delicious PIT roasted beef, 2 ears of locally-grown corn on the cob, homemade potato salad plus 2 rolls with butter and a bottled water for \$25.

The famed St Dennis Bake Sale will also be available for purchasing dessert as you exit the property.

Advance ticket purchases are recommended as a limited number of meals will be prepared. Drive up ticket purchases on the day of the event are possible.

Tickets may be purchased at the church before and after the weekend Sunday Masses (8am and 11am in Spanish) OR by calling [Jim at 717-575-1235]

Pick up of meals with curbside service is on July 27th from 11am until 2pm. Please follow the directed traffic pattern. ENJOY!

St. Dennis Parish

153 N. Main Street Galena, MD
410-648-5145 www.stdennischurch.org.
stdennischurchoffice@gmail.com

FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL

To date, our parish has pledged \$65,348.52!! Total collected towards the pledge amount is \$44,187.79, leaving \$21,160.73 still to be collected. It is important that everyone follows through with payments on pledges. Once we reach our goal in collected donations, we will receive back half of the money collected above the goal for projects around our campus.

Currently, 181 households have participated. If your household has not participated, it's not too late! We encourage those households who have not participated to prayerfully consider participating in this annual event. Every gift counts, no matter how small. Pledge cards can be found at the doors of the Church. You can also give online at www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal", or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.





“They were like sheep without a shepherd.” Do these words of Christ challenge you to give your all for Him and lead the flock as a priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 302-573-3113 or via email: vocations@cdow.org.

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY			
Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
July 7	\$6225	\$0	\$6225
July 14	\$2419	\$6	\$2425

SECOND COLLECTIONS		
SVDP/Poor Box	Parish Maintenance	Parish Utilities
\$189	\$5	\$889
Works of the Holy Father		Church in Africa & Europe
\$25		\$80

Offertory	Received	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
June Total	\$31,977.50	\$29,329	\$2,648.50
Fiscal YTD	\$376,006.30	\$345,829	\$30,177.30

The Second Collection this weekend (July 20th and 21st), is for the Church in Africa and Eastern Europe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.

Please consider signing up for eGiving. Recurring, catch up and one-time gifts can be made. Visit 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 continued 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, July 20 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS
Sunday, July 21 ALL DAY- FLOORS WAXED - HALL IS CLOSED 10:30 MASS
Monday, July 22
Tuesday, July 23 8:30 am MASS 11 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 6:30 pm Social Concerns (Library)
Wednesday, July 24 8:30 am MASS 6:30 pm Squires (Library)
Thursday, July 25 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)
Friday, July 26 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, July 27 ALL DAY- FLOORS- HALLWAYS NEXT TO CLASSROOMS CLOSED 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS

Your every act should be done with love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE



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. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 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.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! No group sharing required. The next weekend is November 1-3, 2024 at the Brighton Suites in

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website <http://www.wwme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

Don't forget to check out our **Bulletin Overflow**
www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow

FINANCE COUNCIL



FINANCE COUNCIL meets monthly to review the financial operations of our parish and related matters. Here are some topics from our June meeting:

- Reviewed the 2024 Annual Appeal pledges to date, what has been collected and the shortfall.
- Discussed the Financial review completed by the Diocese. We are awaiting a written final report.
- Discussed the funds from Father Tom Flowers life insurance policy, which St. Polycarp was named beneficiary.

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