

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 2:30–3:30 pm or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

(302) 264-6630



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 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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023



2024 MASS INTENTION BOOK

Opening Monday, July 24, 2023

It is a beautiful part of our Catholic tradition to have Masses celebrated for the repose of the soul of a departed loved one or for the living intention of an individual.

The New 2024 Mass Intention Book will open on **Monday, July 24th**. 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.
- Purgatorial Society Enrollment is \$25.00 for Mass Intentions every 1st Wednesday for one year.

The Maximum number of Mass cards and/or offerings is six per person since the availability of Mass intentions and offerings is limited. We are continuing with what we started last year, a maximum of three Intentions per Mass.



Have you been thinking about the priesthood as a possibility for you? Do you need questions answered? Would it help to talk with other young men with the same questions? Then come to the **Priesthood Discernment Event** on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter the Apostle, Harmony Street in Historic New Castle, Delaware for a Holy Hour, Conversation and Hospitality with diocesan seminarians and Father Norm Carroll. Let us know to expect you at vocations@cdow.org or 302-573-3113.

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 22 4 pm Faye Todd Shirley Ferris David Doyle	St. Mary Magdalene - Barbara Dean - Barbara Dean - Barbara Dean
Sunday, July 23 10:30 am Robert Bauer Richard Lingner Suzanne Wisnieski	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Virginia Kujala - Virginia Kujala - Mr. & Mrs. DiMeo
Monday, July 24 NO MASS	St. Sharbel Makhluf
Tuesday, July 25 8:30 am Edmundo Larroza Jill Mercer- Living/Healing Intention	St. James, Apostle - Dee Lim - Joan Werres
Wednesday, July 26 8:30 am Sr. Maria Benedetta Boyle, SSJ	SS. Joachim & Anne - Taylor Family
Thursday, July 27 NO MASS	
Friday, July 28 NO MASS	
Saturday, July 29 4 pm William Burke, Jr. Catherine Jacobs Stewart	SS. Martha, Mary & Lazarus - Bill & Jessica Burke - George & Mary Grace Hutchinson - Barbara Kaczorowski
Sunday, July 30 10:30 am Marie Copeland – Living Intention Oscar Buensuceso Pia Buensuceso	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Fatima Evangelista - Fatima Evangelista

Week of July 23rd

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns for all those suffering with mental illness.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for caretakers.

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
Lawrence Curlett
Bonnie Thompson
Catherine Corso

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 have you experienced God's mercy in your life?

~ Have you ever felt like you didn't have the words to pray? How can the Holy Spirit come to your aid at those times?

~ How can you imitate God's patience this week?

Blessings

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SCARAMENT EXTENDED TUESDAY HOURS



We are blessed to have had enough adorers step forward so that we can extend Adoration hours on Tuesdays.

Beginning August 1st, Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the Chapel from 9 am to 8 pm, weekly on Tuesdays.

We are still in need of people to fill in when others are ill or cannot attend. Do you have one hour to spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on an occasional basis?

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

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



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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.

RECOMMENDED



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WHAT IS A CHARISM?

A Charism is a gift from God, freely given. Charisms are not rewards for good works or a proof of holiness but are unmerited gifts to be given away toward service to others, to help build up other members of the Body of Christ. These gifts may be newly given, or an enhancement of a natural gift that the Spirit elevates to a supernatural level. Some Charisms are leadership, teaching, acts of mercy, and hospitality, as well as, more recognized ones of prophecy, speaking in tongues, performing miracles, and healing.

If you would like to find out about what your personal Charisms are that you are meant to share with others, check out the FORMED video “Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles” - Dr. Mary Healy, Session 8- Charisms of the Spirit.

Visit www.formed.org. Type in our Parish zip code (19977) and follow the steps to sign up. Or use this QR Code.





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Or will you let God's call go to voicemail?

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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 for more information.

*God doesn't call the qualified.
He qualifies the called.*

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



FAITH AND CHARITY APPEAL



2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal

To date, our parish has pledged \$59,019.03 and collected \$40,403.16 toward our goal of \$60,000. We are \$980.97 from our goal!!! **We're getting there, but we still need your help!** Remember – 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. If you have already donated to the appeal, Thank you! If you have yet to make a gift, please prayerfully consider participating. 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.**

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.



ST. DENNIS CHURCH



St. DENNIS CHURCH BULL ROAST FUND RAISER
Saturday, July 29th - 153 N. Main Street, Galena, MD
Come One, Come All, Please!

11 am – 2 pm Drive thru or Outdoor Seating

This year's fund raiser will be a "Drive Thru" event with optional outdoor seating (weather permitting). We will have a Corn Hole game.

MENU – Back by popular request - ½ 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 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 St. Dennis 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 curb-side service is on July 29th from 11am until 2pm.

Please follow the directed traffic pattern.

**SAVE THE DATE
SAINT POLYCARP ANNUAL PICNIC**

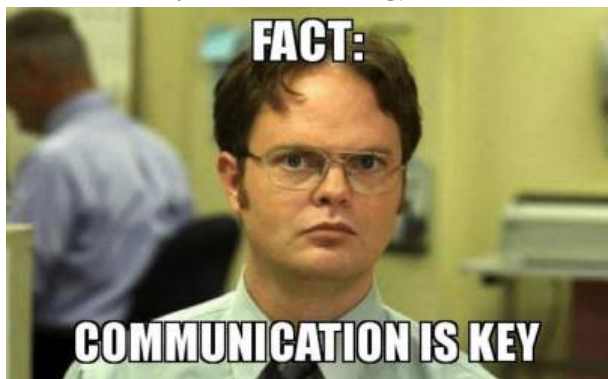


Mark your calendars! The Saint Polycarp Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, 2023, after the 10:30 am Mass.

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, and there will be three flavors of Rita's Water Ice. Kids and the young-at-heart will enjoy the inflatable obstacle course.

We are looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. Our next planning meeting is Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 6 PM in the library. Please call Kathy Curllett at 302 222 9326, if interested in helping.

Especially with God...



**ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS!
THIS TUESDAY**

Annual Leadership Organizational Meeting on **TUESDAY, July 25th, at 7 pm** in Mother Drexel Hall. This meeting is an annual event in which we strengthen community, review policies and procedures and share new information.

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.

COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
July 16	\$5,347	\$12	\$5,359

The Second Collection next weekend, July 29th and 30th, will be for Parish Maintenance.

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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Thank you for your generosity and continued stewardship.

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 22 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS
Sunday, July 23 10:30 am MASS
Monday, July 24
Tuesday, July 25 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 Annual Leadership Meeting (Hall)
Wednesday, July 26 8:30 am MASS 6:30 pm Squires (Library)
Thursday, July 27 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)
Friday, July 28 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel) 5 pm Floor waxing (Office area, Hallway, Meeting Rooms)
Saturday, July 29 Floor waxing (Office area, Hallway, Meeting Rooms) 11 am - 2 pm St. Dennis Bull Roast (Galena MD) 12 pm Environmental Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS

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