

# 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](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE)

## RECONCILIATION

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

## PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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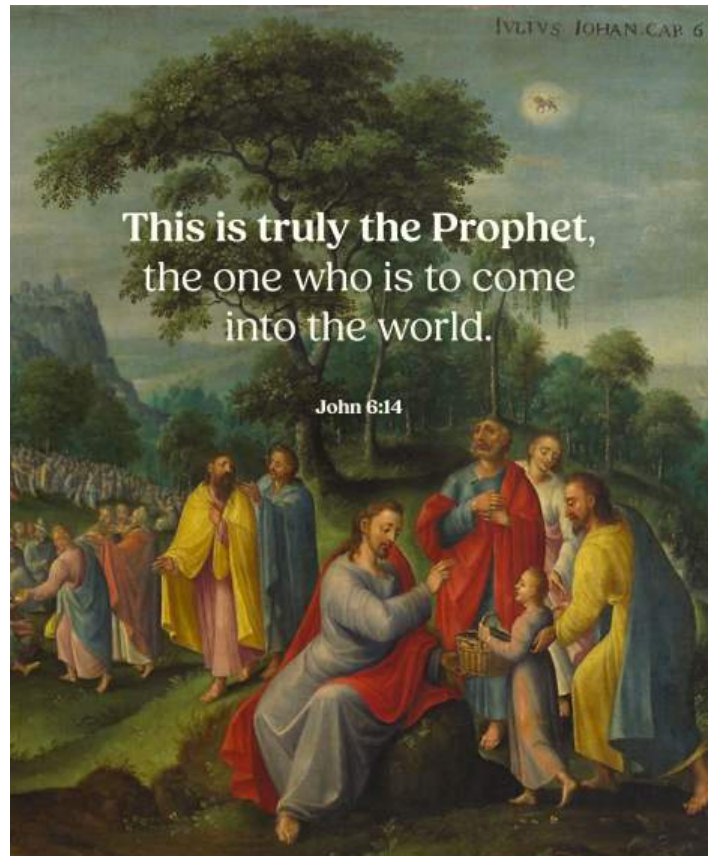
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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

(302) 264-6630



## 17<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 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](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.

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

## July 28, 2024

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ When have you experienced God's abundant providence in your life?
- ~ What are you called to do to respond to the hungers of the world around you?
- ~ How has God's action in your life helped you to recognize his divine presence?

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



Join Bishop Koenig and our diocesan family on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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. Be part of this blessed occasion – celebrate the gift of the Eucharist with us!

For additional information and to view the schedule for the day, visit:  
[www.cdow.org/EucharisticCongress](http://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 of 9 am until additional people sign-up for those time slots. Contact Cheryl Thomas at (302) 363 – 0404 or [salcrest7@gmail.com](mailto:salcrest7@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.



### ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS!

Our Annual Parish Ministry Leadership Organizational Planning Meeting is this Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Mother Drexel Hall. RSVP was due this past Thursday!

[communications@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:communications@saintpolycarp.org)

### 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 27	Blessed Virgin Mary
4 pm Agnes V. Mullen	- The Taylor Family
Joan Peculski O'Drain	- Dieter & Joyce Raczkowski
Edward Biter	- Dieter & Joyce Raczkowski
Sunday, July 28	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am William Burke, Jr.	- William & Jessica Burke
Diane Kravitz	- Theresa DiMeo
Wilfredo Cuyco	- Betty Pingol
Monday, July 29	SS. Martha, Mary & Lazarus
No Mass	
Tuesday, July 30	St. Peter Chrysologus
8:30 am Dominick DelGavio	- Cookie & John Ruane
	Healing Intention for Cathleen Chambers
	- Cathy Chambers
	- Cathy Chambers
Wednesday, July 31	St. Ignatius of Loyola
8:30 am Ellen Frank	- The Sloven Family
Isabel Toomey	- The Sloven Family
Thursday, August 1	St. Alphonsus Liguori
No Mass	
Friday, August 2	St. Eusebius of Vercelli, First Friday,
No Mass	St. Peter Julian Eymard
Saturday, August 3	Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 pm Parishioners	
Sunday, August 4	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Wedding Anniversary-	Preston & Luigina Pendarvis
	- Peters & Pendarvis Family
	- Marie & Epi Aboyme
	Florentino Duran

### 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 eight weeks unless other arrangements have been requested.

Anne Borgman, Margaret Williams, Liam Travers, Henry Humphres, Jimmy Wiggins, William Neilson, William Green, Carol Timmons, Alison Seewald, Bob Reeder, Lauren Travers, Marguerite Maguire, Lisa Wisnewski, 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, 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](mailto:laverne427@icloud.com) or call 302-653-8064.

**Rosary by Telephone:** Tuesdays at 11 am. The dial in 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

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

**Divine Mercy:** Fridays at 3 pm – Chapel.



"I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 302-573-3113 or via email: [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org).

**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](mailto:dre@saintpolycarp.org)

**LITURGY**

**10,000 HOLY HOURS IN JULY FOR THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

July is almost over! Come pray before the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday in our Chapel from 11 am to 8 pm.

Spiritually support the Eucharistic Revival by participating in the 10,000 Holy Hours movement!

Catholics all across the globe have responded generously, and thousands of hours have already been prayed. We humbly ask that you participate by offering a Holy Hour for the Eucharistic Revival. What is a Holy Hour "Spending 1 uninterrupted hour of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the presence of the Lord".

(Bishop Barron)

Log your hour(s) at

<https://www.wordonfire.org/eucharistic-revival/>

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION UPDATES – JULY 2024**

- Check it out! The Parish Library cart is located on a cart next to the Chapel, by the office. Anyone may check out books. Please return your checked-out books in a timely manner.

- A very generous parishioner donated the funds to purchase Smart T.V.s and stands for our classrooms. Each classroom will be provided with a T.V. to be used as a resource for catechesis. All classrooms will have T.V.s by the end of August.

- Connected in Christ, our adult faith formation group that meets weekly on Tuesday mornings, hosted a coffee on July 9 with twenty people in attendance, including many fresh faces. We viewed a short video which was an introduction to The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church by Bishop Cozzens. We will be studying the remaining eight videos in the series through the end of the summer. Bishop Cozzens's videos are from FORMED. We will plan another coffee for early October.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**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.

**PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE**



Join us on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am Mass as we gather together to celebrate God's love he has for us. Members from Parish & Family Life will be there to host and welcome all for food and fellowship.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS



### SEASONS OF HOPE - WE HAVE CHANGED OUR NAME!

“Seasons of Hope “ grief support  
is now called **“PATHWAY TO PEACE”**.

**PATHWAY TO PEACE** bereavement support is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in his healing wisdom, traditions, and practices of our faith. We look for Christ in our grief journey. **Pathway to Peace** explores mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection, activities and faith sharing. We come together to share God’s love.

**Pre-registration is required.**

For more information or to register contact:

Diane Dellinger at [ddellinger7377@outlook.com](mailto:ddellinger7377@outlook.com) or 302-222-7377 or Maureen Robinson at 302-423-6366.

### SMYRNA-CLAYTON MINISTERIUM FOOD PANTRY



is located downstairs at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 22 N. Union St., Smyrna. The pantry is open from 9:30 am to 10:30 am, Monday through Friday, except holidays. Here at St.

Polycarp, we have containers for your food donations in the hallway outside of the Mother Drexel Hall. We collect food all year round. Please no expired food.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

### RECYCLE FOR SIGHT



Did you know that our Parish collects usable eyeglasses for the Clayton Lions Club? Help someone see better by dropping off useable eyeglasses in the “Lions Recycle for Sight” box. The box is located on top of the file cabinet located in the hall outside the bathrooms near the South Street doors.



The **Share the Harvest table** is now under the Portico.

This allows our parishioners to share their abundant yield with their Church family.

All are welcome to share and receive.

## IN & AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. Dennis Parish

153 N. Main Street Galena, MD  
(410) 648 – 5145 [www.stdennischurch.org](http://www.stdennischurch.org).  
[stdennischurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stdennischurchoffice@gmail.com)

### 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OUTDOOR MARKETPLACE VENDORS WANTED

at St. Margaret of Scotland Church 2431 Frazer Road, Newark, DE on Saturday, September 28, 2024 8am to 2pm, Rain or Shine. **Vendors wanted** \$37 per 17' x 18' space. Set-up begins at 7am. Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis and will be made upon receipt of payment and registration. Deadline for registration is September 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information: [2024smaco@gmail.com](mailto:2024smaco@gmail.com)



### 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.wvme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

## HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

### HelpOurMarriage.org **RETROUVAILLE**

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

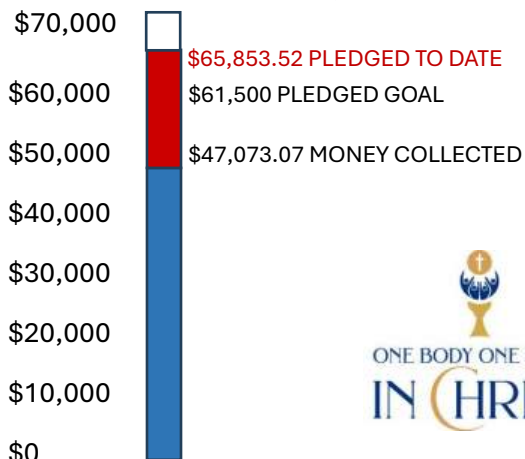
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Don't forget to check out our **Bulletin Overflow**  
[www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow](http://www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow)

## FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL

*Congratulations!*

**We've reached our goal in PLEDGES!**



Figures as of 7/22/2024

To date, our parish has pledged \$65,853.52! Total collected towards the pledge amount is \$47,073.07, leaving \$18,780.45 still to be collected. It is important that everyone follows through with payments on pledges. Thank you to those households who have already paid in full and to those households who consistently send in payments. 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.

Our parish has had 186 donors. If you have not participated, please 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](http://www.cdow.org); click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal", or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.



founding of the Diocese of Wilmington - and continues with a small but dedicated parish community and school. In 2015, the diocese instituted an annual special collection to support the maintenance and ministry of our Cathedral. This year, the collection will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information and to make a secure online donation, visit [www.downtowncatholic.com](http://www.downtowncatholic.com). Thank you for your generosity.

Please consider signing up for eGiving. Recurring, catch up and one-time gifts can be made. Visit [faith.direct/DE831](http://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 27 ALL DAY - FLOORS WAXED - HALLWAYS NEXT TO CLASSROOMS CLOSED 2:30 pm Confession <b>4 pm MASS</b>
Sunday, July 28 <b>10:30 MASS</b>
Monday, July 29
Tuesday, July 30 <b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 7 pm Leadership Meeting (Hall)
Wednesday, July 31 <b>8:30 am MASS</b>
Thursday, August 1 10 am Pathway to Peace (Seasons of Hope) (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 7 pm K of C 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Business Meeting (Library)
Friday, August 2 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, August 3 2:30 pm Confession <b>4 pm MASS</b>

### COLLECTIONS

#### OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
July 21	\$4059	\$0	\$4059

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

SVDP/Poor Box	Holy Days	Parish Utilities
\$23	\$12	\$115
Cathedral of St. Peter	Church in Africa & Europe	
\$2	\$502	

### THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

The Cathedral of Saint Peter, in the historic Quaker Hill section of the City of Wilmington, is the Bishop's own parish and the center of Catholicism in our diocese. It was built over 200 years ago - 50 years before the

### CALENDAR NOTE: LOOKING AHEAD THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass times for the Assumption are:

**St. Polycarp Church (Smyrna, DE)**

Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm Vigil Mass

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 am and 7 pm

The Parish Office will be closed on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Dennis (Galena, MD)**

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 am and 7 pm

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 2400 Lancaster Avenue  
 302-656-3323

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