

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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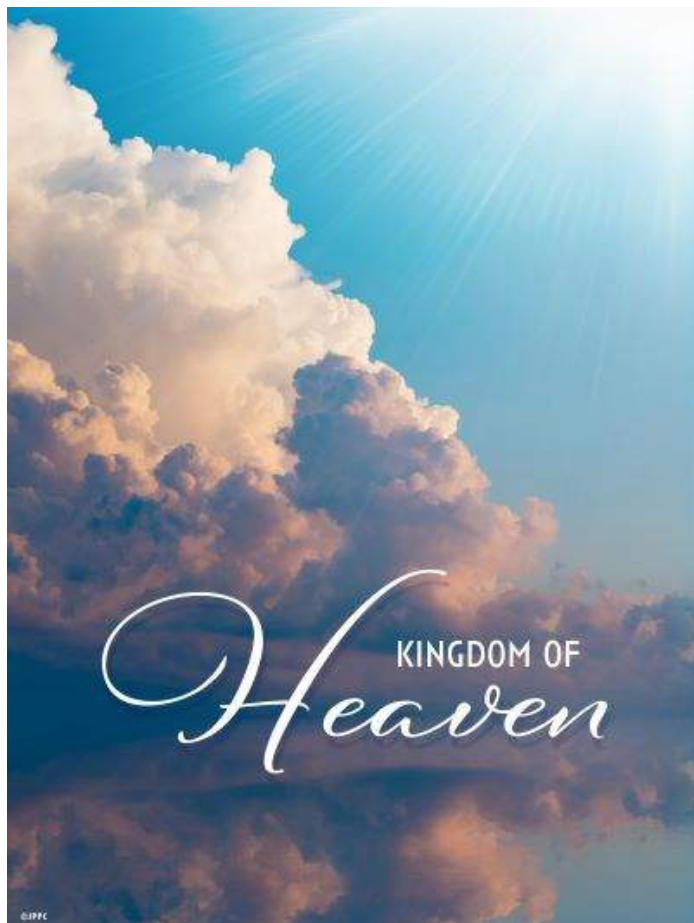
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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

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17th 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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2023

**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.

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 29 4 pm William Burke, Jr. Catherine Jacobs Stewart Mary Ann Ienco	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
Monday, July 31 NO MASS	St. Ignatius of Loyola
Tuesday, August 1 8:30 am Parishioners	St. Alphonsus Liguori
Wednesday, August 2 8:30 am Vicente Lim Sr. Praxades Lim Those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society	St. Eusebius of Vercelli & St. Peter Julian Eymard - Dee Lim - Dee Lim
Thursday, August 3 NO MASS	
Friday, August 4 NO MASS	St. John Vianney / First Friday
Saturday, August 5 4 pm Luigina & Preston Pendarvis Patrick Ross McDonald Jr John (Ken) Taggart	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major / Blessed Virgin Mary / First Saturday - The Pendarvis Family - The Bonsignore Family - Chip & Pat Reinbold
Sunday, August 6 10:30 am James Fitzpatrick Anna Washington Grace Howard	The Transfiguration of the Lord - The Sloven Family - Lori & Andy Ostrowski - Andres & Phyllis Ortiz

Week of July 30th
Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns for all those who are homeless.
Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for the living intentions of Amber Copeland.

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.

Muriel Richards, 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, 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, 9 am – 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

~ If God promised to grant one thing you request, what would it be and why?

~ How would you define wisdom?

~ How precious is the kingdom of God to you? What are you willing to let go of to possess it?

2024 MASS INTENTION BOOK

Now Open

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 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.
- 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. There is a limit of three Intentions per Mass.

Looking ahead...

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY A Holy Day of Obligation

One of the fundamental teachings of the Roman Catholic Church concerns the dogma of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – the belief that Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

Masses at St. Polycarp:

4 pm Vigil Mass on Monday, August 14th

8:30 am Mass on Tuesday, August 15th

7 pm Mass on Tuesday, August 15th

Mass at St. Dennis, Galena, MD:

7 pm Mass on Tuesday, August 15th

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – August 2nd We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen



Petrilla Family	Robert H. & Carole D. Smith
Sylvia Vessels DuRoss	Delia Cantor
Amelia Ronquillo	William & Mary Etta Maycen
Joseph Gioiosa	Albino & Mary Gioiosa
Victor Chavez	Mary DePasquale
Kenneth & Margaret Burke	Louis & Angelina Arrighi
William E. Brown	Saber Family
Vicente D. Lim, Jr.	Sara Jean Brimson
Deacon Charles Robinson	Carmela Tupia
Walczak Family	Luigina & Preston Pendarvis
Rosina & Mario Chiusolo	Ponnampalam Sabanayagam
Jose Crisostomo	Sofia Crisostomo
Orlando Family	Lucita Dico
Camilo Arguelles	Filomena Arguelles

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

AUGUST AGAPE



Please join us next Sunday, August 6th, following the 10:30 am Mass for Agape. Everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship! The Agape will be hosted by our Parish & Family Life Ministry. Take the opportunity to meet the members of this Ministry who help bring positive actions to our Parish.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION FAITH WITH FRIENDS – THIS THURSDAY AT 6 PM



Faith with Friends gatherings will be on the first Thursday of the month from 6 pm to 8 pm. Everyone is invited! Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, August 3rd! If you have questions, contact Ashley Wilson at (302) 535 – 4118.



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 for more information.

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

We're waiting for the latest up-to-date information from the Diocese. The last report that we received indicated that we haven't reach our goal. **We're close, 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.



PASTORAL COUNCIL

SAINT POLYCARP PASTORAL COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2023-2024



Father Jim Hreha - President (Pastor serves as President)

Erica Taylor - Appointed by Position (CRE)

Kathleen Curlett - Executive Officer/Liturgy Liaison

Joyce Tolson - Recording Secretary/Christian Formation Liaison

Deanna Lail - Corresponding Secretary

Deb Bradl - Appointed Finance Council Liaison to the Pastoral Council

Dee Nahil - Finance Council Liaison from the Pastoral Council

Neda Biggs - Member-at-Large

Annemarie Hamilton - Member-at-Large/Social Concerns Liaison

John Irwin - Facilities Planning Liaison

Mike Kinnel - Building & Maintenance Liaison

Junior Nahil - Building & Maintenance Liaison

Pablo Resto - Social Concerns Liaison

John Ruane - Christian Formation Liaison

Ashley Wilson - Parish & Family Life Liaison

SAVE THE DATE - SAINT POLYCARP ANNUAL PICNIC

Mark your calendars! The Saint Polycarp Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 17th, 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 9th, at 6 pm in the Library. Please call Kathy Curlett at (302) 222-9326, if interested in helping.

We now have Text-to-Give.
Text "Enroll" to (302) 202 - 2251
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Thank you for your generosity and continued stewardship.

SECOND COLLECTION - AUGUST 12/13

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 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 Saturday, August 12th, and Sunday, August 13th. More information is available at www.cathedralofstpeter.com. You can make a secure, online donation at www.cdot.org/cathedral. We thank you for your generosity.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT OLD BOHEMIA MISSION

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated at the St. Francis Xavier Shrine at Old Bohemia Mission on Saturday, August 5th at 11 am. Father Mark Horak, SJ will be the presider and will hear confessions 30 minutes before the start of Mass. The Rosary will be recited after Mass. The rectory museum will be open at 9 am for tours.

The Jesuit order founded Old Bohemia in 1704. The Shrine, located at 1690 Bohemia Church Road in Warwick, MD, is the Mother Church of the Diocese of Wilmington. First Saturday Masses will continue through the end of the year. For more information, email OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com or call (302) 545 - 2126.

DIocese OF WILMINGTON'S MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop Koenig for the Diocese of Wilmington's Marian Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 7th, at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. For more information, ~ visit <https://www.cdot.org/MarianPilgrimage/> or <https://www.facebook.com/cdotmarianpilgrimage/>.

COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Poor Box
July 23	\$3,127	\$568

Collection (not reported in previous Bulletins)	Offertory	Parish Utilities
July 9	\$6,599	\$781

The Second Collection this weekend, July 29th and 30th, will be for Parish Maintenance. Please be as generous as possible. **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 can be made. Visit faith.direct/DE831.

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 29 8 am - 3 pm Waxing Office, Hallways, & PSR Rooms 11 am - 2 pm St. Dennis Bull Roast 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS
Sunday, July 30 8 am - 3 pm Waxing Office, Hallways & PSR Rooms 10:30 am MASS
Monday, July 31
Tuesday, August 1 8:30 am MASS 9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 6:30 pm K of C 4 th Degree (Library)
Wednesday, August 2 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 1:15 Pinnacle - Deacon Frank 6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)
Thursday, August 3 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Faith with Friends (Room 7) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 7 pm K of C 3 rd Degree Business Meeting (Library)
Friday, August 4 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, August 5 8 am - 3 pm Waxing floors in Sacristy & Hallway outside 12 pm Environmental Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS

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