



St. Polycarp Church

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Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor
Deacon Frank Weber

The Most Holy Trinity *Father, Son & Holy Spirit*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm &
Sunday 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION

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

DHCI - 3rd Tuesday of the month 10:30 am

PINNACLE - 1st Friday of the month 10:30am
Communion Services for Residents

LIVE STREAM MASS: Saturdays at 4pm,
Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 8:30 am.

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Baptism: Pre -Baptismal class is required. Arrangements are to be made in advance by contacting the parish office.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least one year prior to the date. Contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the parish office.

Vocations: For Priestly and Religious vocations contact Rev. Norman Carroll at (302) 573 – 3113

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): RCIA is for adults who are in need of Baptism, for those who desire to become Catholic, or for those who were baptized Catholic and desire First Eucharist / Confirmation. Contact Deacon Frank at (302) 653-8279 or DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org

WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please contact the office or visit our website
to register in our parish.



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

June 4, 2023

"In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

"The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the 'consubstantial Trinity'.⁸³ The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire: 'The Father is that which the Son is, the Son that which the Father is, the Father and the Son that which the Holy Spirit is, i.e. by nature one God.'" (From the Catechism of the Catholic Church 253)

Three Divine Persons in One God is a mystery of our Faith. While on earth, we do not fully comprehend and grasp this truth of our Catholic Faith. With God's grace and receiving the sacraments regularly (i.e. Reconciliation and Eucharist), it is possible for us to deepen our awareness and understanding of the mystery of the Trinity while still on earth. It is in heaven that we will obtain the complete and fuller understanding of this mystery of the Trinity.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION NEXT SUNDAY

The Liturgy Committee invites you to participate in the Corpus Christi Procession following the 10:30 am Mass on June 11, 2023.

This is a wonderful opportunity to foster an encounter with Jesus and proclaim the doctrine of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."



LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 3 **St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs / First Saturday**

4 pm Kevin Corrigan - Kathy & George Muller
Ben Walters - Dan & Lorraine Marshalewski
Linda Okazaki - James & Charm Sloven

Sunday, June 4 **The Most Holy Trinity**

10:30 am Lino Legayada - Dee Lim
Theresa Dunn - Sodality
Deborah Barnett - Lori & Andy Ostrowski & Family

Monday, June 5 **St. Boniface**

NO MASS

Tuesday, June 6 **St. Norbert**

8:30 am Aurelia Legayada - Dee Lim
Living/Healing Intention for Laverne Dykes - BVM Sodality

Wednesday, June 7

8:30 am Sylvia Vessels DuRoss - Jim DuRoss
Raymond Zaczek - Joan Werres
Those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society

Thursday, June 8

NO MASS

Friday, June 9 **St. Ephrem**

NO MASS

Saturday, June 10 **Blessed Virgin Mary**

4 pm Ben Walters - Andres & Phyllis Ortiz
Dorothy Buechel - Kathy & George Muller
James MacNeil - Kathy & George Muller

Sunday, June 11 **The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

10:30 am Luigina & Preston Pendarvis - Pendarvis Family
Keith Dragish - Cynthia Cavett
Paul R. Smith - Diane & Mike Dellinger

Week of June 4th

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for an increase in vocations.

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

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.

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, Allen Ruff, 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
Janyce Pajerowski**

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

~ Which person of the Trinity do you find it most easy to relate to and why?

~ Which specific Person of the Trinity are you most likely to address your prayer? Have you ever thought about that?

~ In what way does your family mirror the life of love that exists among the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?



DEVOTIONAL OR VOTIVE CANDLES

The price of lighting a devotional or votive candle has risen. The donation is now \$3.00 instead of the original price of \$2.00. This change should be noticed on the new signs placed by the candles.

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA MASS

Honor the Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, Father-figures and other special men in your life on their special day. Whether they are living or deceased, *the gift of prayer is a beautiful way to show your deep appreciation for their sacrificial love.* The best gift you can give this loved one is the gift of the Mass. Please use the *Father's Day Mass Remembrance* envelopes to inscribe the names you wish to be remembered in the masses offered by our parish. The Novena will begin on Father's Day.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION PRAYER

As you may have noticed, the Eucharistic Adoration Prayer is now being led by the Cantor. To center ourselves in prayer before Mass begins, this prayer will now be said after the Cantor reads the Announcements. The Liturgy Committee discussed this and concluded that this would be the logical place to recite it. The prayer can be found on the inside of the front cover of *Breaking Bread*.

ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR EMAIL WEEKEND UPDATES?

These updates are emailed weekly on Fridays and contain up-to-date parish information.

These emails come from: St. Polycarp Church notifications@ondemandmail.com

If you are not receiving these emails and would like to, contact Judy at the office by calling (302) 653 - 8279 or send an email to communications@saintpolycarp.org.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – June 7th 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

William E. Brown

Vicente D. Lim, Jr.

Deacon Charles Robinson

Walczak Family

Rosina & Mario Chiusolo

Jose Crisostomo

Orlando Family

Camilo Arguelles

Roberto Pingol

Jimmy Biggs

Terry Wilkins

Esther E. LaSana

Saber Family

Sara Jean Brimson

Carmela Tupia

Luigina & Preston Pendarvis

Ponnampalam Sabanayagam

Sofia Crisostomo

Lucita Dico

Filomena Arguelles

Antanavige Family

Lorraine Donnelly Biggs

Marga Darner

Louis & Angelina Arrighi

*May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

INTENTIONS

When you enroll a deceased loved one as a member in the Purgatorial Society, he/she will be sharing in the prayers of our family of faith and in the spiritual benefits of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on the first Wednesday of each month for one year. It is us, the ones living on earth, who have a responsibility and a duty, to pray for the souls in Purgatory.

The names of those enrolled will be listed in the bulletin, before the first Wednesday of the month. There will also be a general announcement made at the Mass for all the souls in the Purgatorial Society. These names will not be read individually during Mass but are placed in a special book in the sanctuary.

When you enroll someone in the Purgatorial Society, you will receive a beautiful hardcover folder with an insert of either the Blessed Mother or Jesus, along with the intention. If you are interested in enrolling a deceased loved one in the Purgatorial Society, please contact Kathy Watts, our Parish Secretary. The offering is \$25.00. This is a wonderful option in addition to the regular Mass Intentions, as well as the Sanctuary Lamp and the Bread & Wine Offering.

It is a beautiful part of our Catholic tradition to have Masses celebrated and other offerings made for the repose of the soul of a departed loved one, or for the health or personal intention of an individual.

- Mass Intention (\$10.00 offering)
- The Sanctuary Lamp which burns for the week, Sunday through Saturday (\$10.00 offering)
- Bread and Wine for daily Mass (\$10.00 offering)

COME, HUMBLY KNEEL BEFORE HIM.



Do you have one hour a week to come adore Jesus in the Eucharist?

We need adorers for these timeslots on Tuesdays: 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm.

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Greetings from the CRE,

On Sunday, May 7th, our PSR team and students wrapped up another wonderful year of religious education classes. As we do every year, all grades came together as a group to celebrate our End of the Year Celebration in the church. What a joyous morning it was to reminisce about all the accomplishments of the past year!

As one door closes, one door opens. We are already planning for the new year! In order to do this, we need to make sure we have all positions filled. We rely solely on parishioners like you to make this happen. Please consider joining this wonderful ministry and become a part of our PSR family. Keep in mind... your faith is a journey. You can learn and grow as you go. We are a team and we all work together in building God's kingdom.

Sunday Morning Positions:

PreK/K: Catechist & Assistant

3rd grade: Catechist

Tuesday Evening Position:

5th grade: Catechist

6th grade: Assistant

Tuesday Night Greeter/Hall Monitor

Tuesday Night Desk Assistant

If God is calling you, listen, and pray about it!

Contact Erica Taylor at (302) 653 - 4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org for more information. We will work together to find the perfect position for you.

Blessings,

Erica Taylor

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE



DELAWARE STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Brother Vincent Council would like to congratulate Brother Rich Dezaio on his election as State Deputy for the Columbian Year 2023-2024. This is a great accomplishment and an honor. He will be very busy leading the Delaware State Knights of Columbus for the next year. Brother Vincent Council looks forward to supporting him and his staff for the upcoming year.

ST. POLYCARP SQUIRE CIRCLE

LOCK IN FUNDRAISER THIS WEEKEND



Once again this year, the Squires are conducting a "Lock In". On June 23rd (Friday) and 24th (Saturday) the Squires will be here at the Parish from Friday at 7 pm until Saturday at 7 pm. The Lock In will conclude with the 4 pm Mass to celebrate and install the new officers for the Columbian year. Our Squire Circle will soon celebrate its 15th year!!!

We are asking for your support by sponsoring the Squires in order for us to raise the funds. We will be at the doors after all Masses this weekend, June 3rd and 4th, if you wish to donate. (If you wish to make a monetary gift by check please make the check out to 'St. Polycarp Squire Circle'). Funds collected will be split between St. Polycarp and the State Police K9 Unit.

During these 24 hours we will participate in Prayer, Team work and Leadership activities. A Rosary will be said in the chapel at least five times, and at 3:20 pm in the Church before 4 pm Mass. Each Rosary will be said for the following worthy causes:

Pro Life and protection of our Unborn, Vocations, Men and Women of our Armed forces, St. Polycarp Parishioners, and Our Youth.

Please remember our Squires in your prayers as they gather for this annual event.

The Squires are young boys and young men (ages 10 - 18) who desire to deepen their appreciation and love of the Catholic Church. This unique group of Squires is called "Circle". The Squires work with the Knights of the Columbus.



The June Agape, hosted by the Brother Vincent Columbiettes, will take place next Sunday, June 11th, after the Corpus Christi Procession. All are welcome to come to the Hall for food and fellowship!



**Catholic Diocese of Wilmington
2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal**

Thank you to those who have already contributed to this year's Faith and Charity Appeal and to those parishioners who have signed pledge cards. Participants in the 2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal should have received or should be receiving their first payment reminders soon. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your mailing. Do not submit payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

Our parish target for the 2023 Faith and Charity Appel is \$60,000. To date, we have received \$42,546.03 in pledges, \$17,453.97 short of our goal. If you have not made your pledge, please fill out and return your pledge cards to ensure we meet our parish goal. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and at the doors of the Church and can be placed in the offertory basket or returned to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity and support.

If our parish exceeds the \$60,000 goal, we will receive back half of the money made above the goal. These extra funds will assist with improvements around our campus. Together we can do this!

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 with your cellphone.



- Visit faith.direct/DE831
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at (866) 507 - 8757
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- Text "Enroll" to (302) 202 - 2251



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COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
May 21	\$2886	\$6	\$2892

Collection	The Ascension
May 21	\$243

May eGiving	Offertory	Poor Box	The Ascension
	\$9630	\$720	\$182

The Second collection this weekend, June 3rd and June 4th, will be for the Diocesan Priests Retirement. Please be as generous as your means allow in supporting our aged Diocesan Priests. Our priests have given up much to bring to you the sacraments and God's message of love by their sacrifice in becoming a priest. Now it is your turn to give back and lend a hand to our Priests

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information
Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>
Parish Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 am – 3 pm

Saturday, June 3 8 am Columbiette State Officer Installation 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Following Mass - Squires Lock In Collection (Church Doors)
Sunday, June 4 10:30 am MASS (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 10:30 am BVM Corporate Communion Following Mass - Squires Lock In Collection (Church Doors)
Monday, June 5 6:30 pm RCIA Sessions (Library)
Tuesday, June 6 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) 7:30 pm K of C 4 th Degree (Library)
Wednesday, June 7 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)
Thursday, June 8 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)
Friday, June 9 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, June 10 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS

STEWARDSHIP

MAKE THIS A SUMMER OF STEWARDSHIP!

As summer approaches, we recognize that many families in our parish will be traveling for vacations and other reasons. During this time, we encourage you to consider eGiving to ensure your support for our parish remains consistent even when you're away. By setting up eGiving through our parish's online platform, Faith Direct, you can make a meaningful impact on the ministries you care about most, even while you're away. Your recurring gifts will not only sustain our parish throughout the summer months, but you will help our staff and our budget by reducing our costs for envelopes and paper and spending less staff time processing cash and checks, allowing more time for missions and ministries. Getting started with eGiving is easy. Here are the ways to sign up:

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