



# St. Polycarp Church

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Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor  
Deacon Frank Weber

## 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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Finance Council – Kevin Titus

St. Vincent de Paul Society – (302) 264-6630

*The Most Holy  
Body & Blood of Christ*



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

**WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!**

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

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

## June 11, 2023

### **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION** **THIS SUNDAY**

The Liturgy Committee invites you to participate in the Corpus Christi Procession following the 10:30 am Mass on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Procession will only go around the perimeter of the Church and classroom building.

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."



### **PLEASE JOIN US AFTER THE PROCESSION** **FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!**



The June Agape,  
hosted by the Brother Vincent Columbiettes,  
will take place after the  
Corpus Christi Procession.  
All are welcome to come to join us in the hall!

### *Blessings*

The **Blessing of Fathers**  
will take place at both Masses  
next weekend, June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

### LET US PRAY

### *Intentions for the Week*

#### **Saturday, June 10**

4 pm Ben Walters  
Dorothy Buechel  
James MacNeil

#### **Blessed Virgin Mary**

- Andres & Phyllis Ortiz  
- Kathy & George Muller  
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#### **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

#### **Monday, June 12**

#### **NO MASS**

#### **Tuesday, June 13**

8:30 am Joe & Sue Orlando Wedding Anniversary

#### **St. Anthony of Padua**

- Sue Orlando

#### **Wednesday, June 14**

8:30 am Parishioners

#### **Thursday, June 15**

#### **NO MASS**

#### **Friday, June 16**

#### **NO MASS**

#### **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

#### **Saturday, June 17**

#### **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4 pm **Father's Day Novena**

#### **Sunday, June 18**

10:30 am **Father's Day Novena**

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Week of June 11th**

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church** burns in prayer for all fathers: living and deceased.

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel** burns in prayer for peace in our world.

#### **Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Bread and Wine** are offered in loving memory of Ann & Peter Weber at the request of Jeff & Marcia Johnson.

#### **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 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, 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**

Allen Ruff

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 (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 can you cultivate a deeper awareness of Christ's presence at Mass?
- ~ In what ways has God provided for your spiritual hungers on this journey of life?
- ~ How are you called to live as the Body of Christ in the world?

### 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 of Masses will begin on the eve of Father's Day, Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

### WHAT IS A NOVENA?

A Novena is a series of prayers or Masses said for nine days in a row or once a week for nine weeks.  
~Most often prayed for a particular intention  
~The practice derives from the 17<sup>th</sup> century: however, the number nine derives from the time Mary and the Apostles waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit between the Ascension and Pentecost.  
~Novena comes from the Latin word novem, meaning "nine".

### 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](mailto:salcrest7@gmail.com).

*All are welcome to stop in and adore Jesus between 12 pm and 8 pm in the Chapel on Tuesdays.*



**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
Visit <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>  
or use the QR code.



Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, is The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, is The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus' Sacred Heart is full of love, mercy, forgiveness, and peace. The Blessed Virgin Mary's heart is also full of love.

### PRAY IN JUNE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!

The Religious Freedom Week 2023: Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom will take place from Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, to Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Religious freedom allows the Church and all religious communities to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. During Religious Freedom Week, Catholics are encouraged to pray and act each day for religious freedom.



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Pastoral Planning for Our Parishes and Schools

If you missed the Bishop's new Pastoral Letter, **United in Christ**, that appeared in the May 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the Dialog, you can read it on our website [www.saintpolycarp.org](http://www.saintpolycarp.org). **United in Christ** introduces the pastoral planning initiative of the Diocese.

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

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION



### *Greetings from the CRE.*

At Mass this weekend, I will be speaking on behalf of our Christian Formation Ministry here at St. Polycarp. I will give you insight into how this past year went and a look into our goals and needs moving forward.

Our ultimate goal is to build up God's Kingdom so that His Word spreads throughout our parish, community, and beyond. We need YOU to make this happen! Each of our ministries could use YOUR help! I promise YOU that once YOU find your place, you'll receive great joy in being able to spread joy to others.

Where is God calling you to serve?

- PSR Ministry

**Sunday Morning Positions:**

PreK/K: Catechist

PreK/K: Assistant

3rd grade: Catechist

**Tuesday Evening Position:**

5th grade: Catechist

Tuesday Night Greeter/Hall Monitor

- RCIA or Baptismal Ministry

- Adult Faith Formation

- Children's Liturgy of the Word

Please contact me at (302) 653 - 4101 or [dre@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:dre@saintpolycarp.org) for more information.

Summer Blessings,

*Erica Taylor*

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### **DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - HOUSE BILL 140**

*The bill to legalize physician assisted suicide has been voted out of committee and is on the "ready list" to be voted on by the entire House. This endangers some of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters - the elderly, the disabled, and the ill. Our opposition is rooted in the Church's belief in the sanctity of life and the dignity of the individual. For more information and to learn how you can contact your Representative in Dover, visit <https://www.cdow.org/StopAssistedSuicide/>*

## FAITH AND CHARITY APPEAL



### **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 their first payment reminders already – at the end of May. 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 Appeal is \$60,000. To date, we have received \$52,514.03 in pledges, \$7,485.97 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](http://www.cdow.org); click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal," or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.



## HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

### **RETROUVILLE:**

#### **REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

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. Upcoming programs will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit <http://www.helpourmarriage.org/> or call (215) 766 – 3944 or (800) 470 – 2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## ST. DENNIS CHURCH

### ST. DENNIS CHURCH COME ONE COME ALL to the ST. DENNIS PARISH FAMILY PICNIC!

- WHEN** – Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> at NOON until the fun is over!  
**WHERE** – St Dennis School Building LAWN  
**WHY** – for FUN and SOCIALIZING  
**WHAT** – Please pack your own/family’s picnic lunch
- Bring your lawn chairs or blanket for seating.
  - St. Dennis parish will provide ice cream from a glorious ice cream truck, and beverages like sodas, water and juice boxes.
  - There will be lawn games, zany races, face painting and fun for children/adults and whole families.
  - This year we will feature “Elotes” (corn on the cob Hispanic style), and fruit cups to sample
  - Prizes too!
  - If you have missed this picnic before, you missed a lot of fun . . . even our little children beat out some adults in foot races!



Come on out and have a great day!

## 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:

- Visit [faith.direct/DE831](http://faith.direct/DE831)
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at (866) 507 - 8757
- Scan the QR code
- Text “Enroll” to (302) 202 - 2251



Thank you for your generosity & continued stewardship.

## COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Children’s Offertory	Total Offertory
May 28	\$9180	\$29.25	\$9209.25

Collection	St. Vincent de Paul
	\$2500.00

The Second collection next weekend, June 17<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>, will be for our parish maintenance. Please be as generous as your means allow in supporting the upkeep and safety of our parish. It takes a lot of work, skill, time, and resources to maintain the appearance, safety, upkeep and beauty of our parish campus.



**50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING!**  
**MAY WINNER – \$29.00**  
**Congratulations to Kathy MacDonald!**  
**\$1.00 per chance! Proceeds benefit our PSR.**

Simply place \$1 per chance in one of the envelopes found at the doors of the Church. Place the envelope in the collection basket or drop off at the office. Enter as many times as you like for the month! Each dollar gets you one chance for that month! Winner pulled monthly on the last Monday of the month! Winner gets half: PSR gets half! **Thank you for supporting our PSR!**

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information  
 Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>

<b>Saturday, June 10</b> 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS
<b>Sunday, June 11</b> 10:30 am MASS Following Mass - Corpus Christi Procession followed by the June Agape
<b>Monday, June 12</b> 12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library)
<b>Tuesday, June 13</b> <b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 11 am Finance Council Executive Committee 12 pm – 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 3 pm Altar Server Training (Church) 6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Library)
<b>Wednesday, June 14</b> <b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9:30 am Professional Staff Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Baptismal Prep Class (Room 7) 7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)
<b>Thursday, June 15</b> 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 3 pm Altar Server Training (Church) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 7)
<b>Friday, June 16</b> 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
<b>Saturday, June 17</b> 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**  
 on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Juneteenth.

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