

# 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, Thursday, Friday 7:30 am

**LIVE STREAM MASS:** Saturdays at 4pm,

Tuesday - Friday at 7:30 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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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

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It is like a mustard seed that,  
when it is sown in the ground, is  
the smallest of all the seeds on  
the earth. But once it is sown, it  
springs up and becomes the  
largest of plants and puts forth  
large branches

MARK 4: 31-32

## 11<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.

**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](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.

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

June 16, 2024

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ How have you seen God's power at work, bringing growth in others, though they might not have been aware of it?
- ~ What kind of spiritual fruit are you seeing in your own life during this season?
- ~ What tiny seeds (small beginnings) have led to abundance in your life?

*The Blessing of Fathers will take place this weekend at the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.*

## FATHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES

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 at the 4 pm Vigil Mass on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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 OCIA process.

If interested, the parish will hold three Inquiry Sessions in the parish library:

- Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 am
- Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm

Please contact Deacon Frank Weber for more information: [DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org) or leave a message with the Parish office at (302) 653 – 8279.

## LET US PRAY

### Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 15  
4 pm Father's Day Novena  
Sunday, June 16  
10:30 am Father's Day Novena  
Monday, June 17  
No Mass  
Tuesday, June 18  
8:30 am Father's Day Novena  
Wednesday, June 19  
8:30 am Father's Day Novena  
Thursday, June 20  
No Mass  
Friday, June 21  
No Mass  
Saturday, June 22  
4:00 pm Father's Day Novena  
Sunday, June 23  
10:30 am Father's Day Novena

Blessed Virgin Mary  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
St. Romuald  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
St. Paulinus of Nola, Blessed Virgin Mary, SS. John Fisher & Thomas More  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Bread & Wine Offering for Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>:** In memory of Ann & Peter Weber, at the request of Jeff & Marcia Johnson.

**Week of June 16<sup>th</sup>:**

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week:** In memory of Rosina & Mario Chiusolo, at the request of Joe & Marie McDowell.

### 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.

Liam Travers, Lauren Travers, Wayne Whaley, Carol Timmons, Jim Challandes, Alison Seewald, Bob Reeder, Marguerite Maguire, Lisa Wisnewski, Kathleen Gianjullo, John Murray, Amanda Acord, Susan Scaggs, J. R. Peck, Josefina Ocasio, Diana Bullins, Kenny Bullins, Bobby Bullins, Teresa Tier, Bridget O'Connell, Maureen Robinson, Robin Husman, Milli Burriss Alvarez, Lyllie Deter, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Cathy Connell, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Andrea Laws, Kaysie Borgman, 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:

Patrick Lewandowski  
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, 9 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

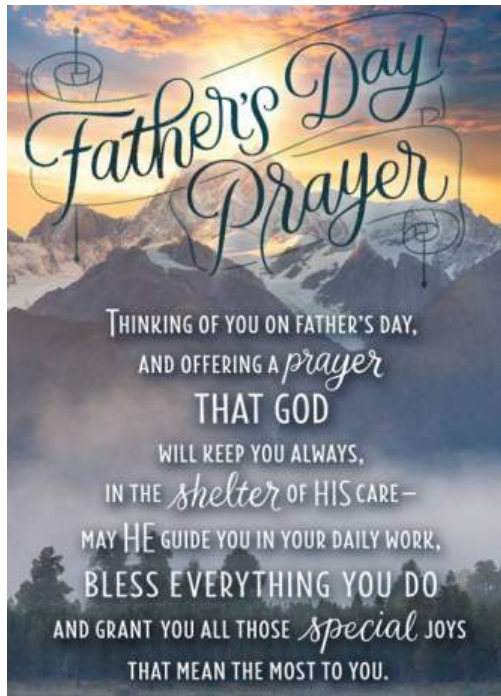
**Divine Mercy:** Fridays at 3 pm – Chapel.



### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



## Saint Joseph

### Patron Saint of Fathers and Father Figures.

St. Joseph trusted God and His plans. He allowed God to direct his life and interactions with Mary and Jesus. God was at the center of everything St. Joseph did during his life. *Is God at the center of your life?* You can always pray to St. Joseph and ask him to guide and assist you as you take care of and provide for your family.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

### WHO IS ON OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL?

Deanna Lail has been a Parishioner at St. Polycarp for the last 16 years. She is the chairperson for the Parish and Family Life Ministry and became a member of the Pastoral Council in May of 2022. Deanna has served as the Corresponding Secretary for the Pastoral Council. She is also proudly serving as Secretary of the St. Polycarp Brother Vincent Columbiettes and will begin serving as President of the Columbiettes in September. In addition to this role, Deanna has recently been appointed to the State Board of the Columbiettes as Sentinel. Deanna recently completed 10 years of service as a PSR catechist for Pre-K. Deanna married her husband, Dana, here at St. Polycarp Church in September 2011. Their son, Alex, who will be 13 in August, is a Squire and an Altar Server at St. Polycarp. Deanna loves devoting her time to the Parish along with her full-time job with WSFS Bank where she has worked for almost 11 years.



## LITURGY

### LITURGY COMMITTEE - ENVIRONMENT UPDATE



The Liturgy Committee would like to thank Shannon and Cheyenne Costello for their dedication to our church environment. They have provided many years of beautiful arrangements and decor throughout the liturgical seasons. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Currently, the Liturgy Committee is looking for new members to join the Environment team, which is currently being led by Delia Lim. If you are interested, please call Kathy Curlett at (302) 222 - 9326.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION



### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) Religious Education Classes Grades PK - 9

Registration is now open for 2024-2025  
**REGISTER BEFORE JULY 1 TO RECEIVE THE  
EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT**

Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/religious-education/> for information and/or to print the registration form or you can use this QR code.



**First Grade Children** - In order to be eligible for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, your child must complete 1<sup>st</sup> Grade PSR (or in another parish religious education program) or Catholic School. Register your first grader now!

**[Do you have an older child who missed receiving the sacraments? It's never too late!](#)**

For more information, contact Mrs. Erica Taylor, Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) at (302) 653 - 4101 or [dre@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:dre@saintpolycarp.org)



## PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

### ST. POLYCARP SQUIRE CIRCLE LOCK IN & FUNDRAISER

The Squires will be at the doors of the Church this weekend.  
Please support this annual collection.



Once again this year, the Squires are conducting a "Lock In". The Squires will be here at the Parish from 7 pm on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> until 7 pm on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Lock In will conclude with the 4 pm

Mass to celebrate and install the new officers for the Columbian year.

We are asking for your support by sponsoring the Squires annual fundraiser. We will be at the doors of the Church after all Masses this weekend, June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, if you wish to donate. (If you wish to make a 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 the 24 hours, our Squires will participate in prayer, teamwork, 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 Columbus.



Thank you to Brother Vincent Columbiettes for hosting the June Agape. The food was delicious, and great fellowship enjoyed by all!

Don't forget to check out our **Bulletin Overflow** for things that just didn't fit in this weekend's bulletin!

[www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow](http://www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow)



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

When? Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon

Where? St Dennis School Building Lawn

There will be games, ice cream and more!

Please bring your own family lunch, lawn chairs or blankets for seating and enjoy some fun and fellowship!

There will be games for children and adults, races, etc.

Wear your running shoes.

In the event of rain, the picnic will be in the hall.

**Come on out and have a great day!**

To Contact St. Dennis Parish, Galena MD:  
(410) 648 - 5145 [www.stdennischurch.org](http://www.stdennischurch.org).  
[stdennischurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stdennischurchoffice@gmail.com)

## FINANCE COUNCIL

### ST. POLYCARP 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER

Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024



Golf at Garrisons Lake Golf Course,  
101 West Fairways Circle, Smyrna,  
DE. \$130 per individual golfer

includes lunch, green fee, golf cart, on  
Course beverages including beer,

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For more information and registration,  
Contact Dennis Skinner at

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(302) 981 - 8743 or Anna Skinner at

[ANNA.SKINZ@gmail.com](mailto:ANNA.SKINZ@gmail.com) or

(302) 883 - 5647. You can also scan this QR Code.



### SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR GOLFERS!

Golf Tournament volunteers will be outside the doors  
of the Church next weekend, Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and

Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> after Mass accepting your \$5.00  
support for our golfers. Every \$5.00 gets you a square

on our support sign to support our golfers. You can  
write whatever will fit in the square. Please bring  
some cash so we can fill up the signs.

Thank you so much.

All proceeds will go to St Polycarp Church.

### ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS! SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar now for our Annual Leadership  
Organizational Meeting on **TUESDAY, July 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm** in  
Mother Drexel Hall.

## ANNUAL FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL



Our parish target for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal is \$61,500. From the most recent report from the Diocese, we have received \$59,418.52 (approximately 94%) **in pledges**, \$2,081.48

short of our goal, but we have only **collected \$32,545.92**. Please make sure that you continue to make payments. We have had only 167 houses that have pledged. Thank you to those households who have pledged. We encourage those households who have not participated to prayerfully consider participating in this annual event. Every gift counts, no matter how small, and every act of kindness matters. Pledge cards can be found at the doors of the Church. If we exceed that goal, we will receive back half of the money made above the goal.

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.



### COLLECTIONS

#### OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
June 9	\$5214	\$23	\$5237

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

SVDP/Poor Box	Father's Day	Mother's Day	Priest Retirement
\$56	\$282	\$20	\$45
Parish Maintenance		Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	
\$190		\$70	

Second Collection this weekend, June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, is for our Parish Maintenance. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for supporting this collection that ensures our parish has the resources and funds to maintain, preserve, and improve the campus for safety, functionality, and beauty.

Offertory	Received	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
May Total	\$31,441.07	\$31,000	\$441.07
Fiscal YTD	\$344,028.80	\$316,500	\$27,528.80

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 generosity and continued generosity.*



### 50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING!

MAY WINNER – \$40.00

*Congratulations to James Mood!*

**\$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/>  
Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 am to 3 pm

<b>Saturday, June 15</b> 2:30 pm Confession <b>4 pm MASS</b> – Deacon speaks on OCIA Following Mass - Squires Collection at Church doors
<b>Sunday, June 16</b> <b>10:30 MASS</b> – Deacon speaks on OCIA 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Following Mass - Squires Collection at Church doors
<b>Monday, June 17</b> 6:30 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes- Rosary (Library) 7 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes- Meeting (Library)
<b>Tuesday, June 18</b> <b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 10:30 am DHCI Communion Service (at DHCI) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 1 pm CFC General Meeting & Executive Committee (Room 4) 6:30 pm Finance Council (Library)
<b>Wednesday, June 19</b> Juneteenth- <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 6 pm Columbiette Board Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Baptismal Class- Advance Registration Required (Room 7) 6:30 pm KOC State Officer Meeting (Hall) 7 pm KOC Officers Meeting (Library)
<b>Thursday, June 20</b> 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library) 6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 7)
<b>Friday, June 21</b> 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel) 7 pm Squires Lock In (Chapel/Hall/Kitchen/Library)
<b>Saturday, June 22</b> All day Squires Lock In (Chapel/Hall/Kitchen/Library) 2:30 pm Confession <b>4 pm MASS</b> Following Mass- Parishoner Support Sign Up for Golf Outing (Church doors)

### THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Juneteenth.



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