

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 2:30–3:30pm or by appointment

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Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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Do not be afraid.

12th 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 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.

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 Friday of the month at 10:30 am.

For Funerals: Contact the Funeral Home of your choice. They will then coordinate with the Parish Office.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2023

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



- WHEN** – Sunday June 25th 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!

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.

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

FAITH WITH FRIENDS A NEW Catholic Formation Opportunity is available!

Please join us to watch videos and learn about our faith with friends. Meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month from 6 pm to 8 pm. Our first meeting is on Thursday, July 6th, in Room 7. (Please use the Office/Chapel door under the portico.) Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Ashley Wilson at (302)535 –4118 for more details!

Looking forward to seeing you!

"Faith formation is more than a subject to be taught – it is an invitation to a way of life." ~ Joe Paprocki

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 24 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

4 pm Father's Day Novena

Sunday, June 25

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am Father's Day Novena

Monday, June 26

NO MASS

Tuesday, June 27

St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:30 am Father's Day Novena

Wednesday, June 28

St. Irenaeus

8:30 am Father's Day Novena

Thursday, June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul

NO MASS

Friday, June 30

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

NO MASS

Saturday, July 1

First Saturday / St. Junipero Serra

4 pm Father's Day Novena

Sunday, July 2

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am Charles Robinson

- The Robinson Family

Deacon Charles Robinson - The Robinson Family

Ezekial, Erica, & Ethel Flores - Karen Cacho

Week of June 25th

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for individuals suffering from natural disasters.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for all men and women considering the call to Religious Life.

Sunday, July 2nd

Bread and Wine are offered in loving memory of William Wallen, Jr. at the request of Erica Taylor.

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.

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, 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

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



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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

- ~ How have you experienced God as your defender?
- ~ What does the word grace mean to you?
- ~ What gives you courage to proclaim Christ in difficult circumstances?

COME, LET US ADORE HIM



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

We need adorers for these timeslots on Tuesdays: 9:30, 12:30 pm, and 3 pm.

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

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?



Eucharist Adoration continues and extends “the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass” (Eucharistic Adoration, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). Eucharistic Adoration flows from the Eucharistic sacrifice offered at Mass.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on the Second Sunday of the month following the 4 pm Vigil Mass. (This may sound confusing but it all depends on where the first of the month falls. October will help you understand this wording!) There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction lasting for an hour after Mass. Reposition* of the Blessed Sacrament will be done either by the Deacon, Eucharistic Minister, or the Sacristan.

Our first Eucharistic Adoration at St. Polycarp will take place on Saturday, July 8th, after Mass. Please plan to attend these future Adorations in conjunction with the second year of the Eucharistic Revival. If you cannot make St. Polycarp's Adoration, St. Dennis has their Eucharistic Adoration on the Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass.

*Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament is when the Eucharist is placed back in the Tabernacle from the Monstrance.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



next Sunday, July 2nd at the 10:30 am Mass. Children ages P/K-4th grade are welcome to join us. Children will be called to come forward before the First Reading. They will return to you after the General Intercessions. Questions? please contact Erica Taylor at (302) 653 – 4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Registration is now open for 2023-2024

Religious Education Classes

Grades PK - 9

REGISTER BEFORE JULY 1

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 2nd Grade First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, your child must complete 1st Grade PSR (or in another parish religious education program) or Catholic School. Register your first grader now!

7th and 8th Grade Children – In order to be eligible for Confirmation in Grade 9, your child must complete 7th and 8th Grade PSR (or in another parish religious education program) or Catholic School. If you have a 7th grader, now is the time to register!

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

JOIN OUR PSR FAMILY and 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 Positions:

5th grade: Catechist

Greeter/Hall Monitor

Please contact our CRE, Erica Taylor, at (302) 653 - 4101 or dre@saintpolycarp.org for more information.

PARSIH AND FAMILY LIFE

A THANK YOU AND REMINDER FROM THE SQUIRES



The St Polycarp Squire Circle would like to thank all parishioners that contributed to support their Lock In. The collection during the first weekend in June raised over \$500 just from you. Funds are still coming in from the various Councils across the state.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS FROM THE JUNE MEETING

- The Pastoral Council Executive Committee election of officers took place at our June meeting. Our new officers are:

Executive Officer – Kathy Curlett
Recording Secretary – Joyce Tolson
Corresponding Secretary – Deanna Lail
At-Large Member – Neda Biggs
At-Large Member – Annemarie Hamilton

- The Pastoral Council has approved the St. Polycarp Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

- **SAVE THE DATE** – Sunday, September 17th, is our Annual Parish Picnic. Plans are underway for an exciting afternoon of fun, fellowship, and food!

FAITH AND CHARITY APPEAL



2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal

As of the last report, \$57,149.03 (95.25%) of our \$60,000 goal has been pledged. *Thank you to those who have already contributed to this year's campaign and to those parishioners who have signed pledge cards.* We are \$2850.97 from our goal!!! *We're getting there, but we still need your help! If you haven't already done so, please consider supporting this year's appeal, no matter the amount. 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.* 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. Together we can reach our goal! **No gift is too small to help those in need.**

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.



SOCIAL CONCERNS



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.



SMYRNA-CLAYTON MINISTERIUM FOOD PANTRY

Our parish continues to collect food for the Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium Food Pantry. Bins for your food donations are in the hallway outside of the Mother Drexel Hall. At this time, please no canned vegetables or beans. **Please no expired food.**

The food pantry is located downstairs at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 22 N. Union Street, Smyrna. The Pantry is open from 9:30 am to 10:30 am, Monday through Friday.

Thank you for generous ongoing support for caring and helping the hungry in our community.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/overflow/> for more information on the following:

PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN MINISTRY - A Catholic community of families that live in MD/DE/PA that enjoy potluck socials, family activities, women's faith sharing, date nights, Mom's night outs, guys service projects, and more. For more information, text Ruthie at (484) 554 - 5618.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SHRINE AT OLD BOHEMIA -
 1690 Bohemia Church Road in Warwick, MD
First Saturday Mass - July 1st, at 11 am.
 Fr. Richard Nichols, SJ will be the presider.
Let Freedom Ring Prayer Service - Tuesday, July 4th
 at 1:30 pm. Deacon David Feaster will lead. Email
 OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com or call (302) 545 - 2126
 for additional information.

THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 7th - the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

FINANCE COUNCIL

ST. POLYCARP PARISH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BUFFET DINNER

Sunday, September 10th



The Annual Golf Tournament and Buffet Dinner will be at Garrison Lake Golf Club, 101 West Fairways Circle, Smyrna, DE on Sunday, September 10th. \$130 per individual golfer includes lunch, Green fee, Golf Cart, on course beverages including beer, complimentary gift bags, prizes for best teams, long drive/closest to pin, followed by a buffet dinner.

Do not golf? That is ok. Join us for a delicious Buffet Dinner for just \$40.00 per person in Mother Drexel Hall at Saint Polycarp Church.



For more information and registration, contact Dennis Skinner at papadskinz@yahoo.com or (302) 981 - 8743 and Anna Skinner at ANNA.SKINZ@gmail.com or (302) 883 - 5647. You can also scan the QR Code found below.



COLLECTIONS

| Collection | Offertory | Children's Offertory | Total Offertory |
|------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|
| June 4 | \$4872 | \$26 | \$4898 |
| June 11 | \$4419 | \$12 | \$4431 |
| June 18 | \$3770 | \$8 | \$3778 |

| Poor Box June 4 | Priest Retirement June 4 | Parish Maintenance June 18 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$574 | \$1112 | \$708 |

The Second Collection this weekend (June 24th and 25th) will be for the Collection for the Holy Father also known as Peter's Pence. Your donation will enable Pope Francis to continue his ministry of helping others.

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 (please indicate your intention) can be made. Visit faith.direct/DE831.



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Thank you for your generosity and continued stewardship.

ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS! SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar now for our Annual Leadership Organizational Meeting on **TUESDAY, July 25th, at 7 pm** in Mother Drexel Hall.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

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| Saturday, June 24 12 pm Environmental Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS - Blessing & Installation of Pastoral & Finance Councils 6:30 pm Squire Lock In (Hall/Kitchen/Library/Chapel/Rooms) |
| Sunday, June 25 10:30 am MASS 12 pm St. Dennis Parish Picnic (St. Dennis in MD) |
| Monday, June 26 |
| Tuesday, June 27 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) 6:30 pm Social Concerns (Library) |
| Wednesday, June 28 8:30 am MASS 6:30 am Squires (Hall) 7 pm Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting (online) |
| Thursday, June 29 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) |
| Friday, June 30 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel) |
| Saturday, July 1 12 pm Environmental Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS |

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