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The Silver Lake Deanery
Of
The Diocese of Wilmington

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Frank Weber

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am

LIVE STREAM MASS: Saturdays at 4pm,

Tuesday & Wednesday at 8:30 am.

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RECONCILIATION

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

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Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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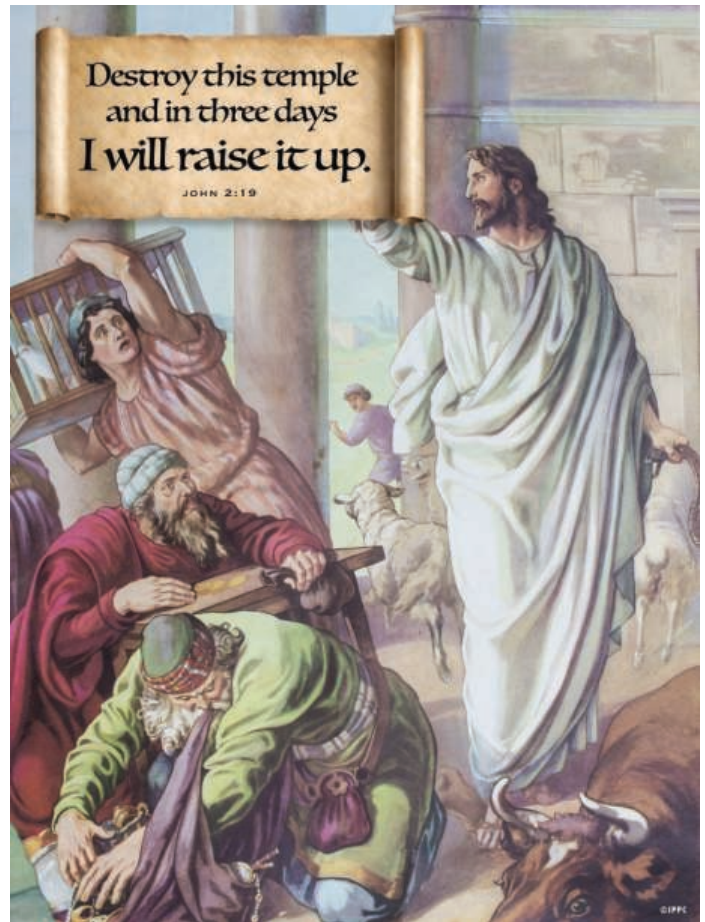
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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

OCIA (Order 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: 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.



March 3, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~How have the commandments brought wisdom and spiritual refreshment to my life?
- ~How have I experienced the mystery of the cross as a source of power?
- ~How zealous am I to protect time and space for prayer in my life? Why?



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

a journey of faith

Congratulations and blessings to our Catechumen and Candidates from St. Polycarp and our Candidates from St. Dennis who participated in the **Rite of Sending** on February 11, 2024, at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Polycarp and at the **Rite of Election and the Call to Continual Conversion** on February 18 at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Polycarp.

St. Polycarp

Catechumen: Nita Kay Spadafino
 Candidates: Kathryn Duncan, George Hutchinson, John Kravitz, Kenneth Shock and Enid Yonker.

St. Dennis

Candidates: Danielle De Cormis, Hermelinda Morales and Maricela Perez

God bless them and please keep them, their godparent & sponsors and their teachers in your prayers as they enter the final weeks of their spiritual journey to Full Communion in the Catholic faith at The Easter Vigil.

Adoration
 of the
 Blessed Sacrament



Next Saturday
 March 9th

LET US PRAY

Intentions

Saturday, March 2	
4:00 pm Kathleen Donnelly	- Neda Biggs
Jessica Hopper	- Dieter & Joyce Raczkowski
Sherri Tonazzi	- Carol & Leon Walczak
Sunday, March 3	
3rd Sunday of Lent	
10:30 am Carole D. Smith	- Diane & Mike Dellinger
Robert Laigaie	- Joanne Laigaie
Sister Maria Benedetta, SSJ	- The Watts Family
Monday, March 4	
NO MASS	
Tuesday, March 5	
8:30 am Parishioners	
Wednesday, March 6	
8:30 am Vicente D. Lim, Sr.	- Dee Lim
Praxedes Lim	- Dee Lim
Those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society	
Thursday, March 7	
NO MASS	
SS. Perpetua and Felicity	
Friday, March 8	
NO MASS	
St. John of God	
Saturday, March 9	
St. Frances of Rome	
4:00 pm Charles Smith & Joseph Davino	- Lois Ann Smith
Frances Miller	- Chuck Miller
Sunday, March 10	
4th Sunday of Lent	
10:30 am Garland (Butch) Bailey	- Chip & Pat Reinbold
Marina Nay	- Mr. and Mrs DiMeo
Brenda June DiMichele	- Fred & Theresa DiMeo

Week of March 3rd:

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in memory of Constanca and Guillermo Alday, Jr. at the request of William and Jessica Burke.

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 eight weeks unless other arrangements have been requested.

J. R. Peck, Josefina Ocasio, Diana Bullins, Kenny Bullins, Bobby Bullins, Shirley Bullins, Teresa Tier, Bridget O'Connell, Maureen Robinson, Diane Kravitz, Robin Husman, Milli Burris Alvarez, Lyllie Deter, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Bob Gallihar, 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, 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 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 2nd Sunday of the month.

Flame of Love Rosary: Thursdays at 6:30 pm - Chapel

Divine Mercy: Fridays at 3 pm - Chapel.

LITURGY



STATIONS of the CROSS & Benediction

St. Polycarp - 7 pm on Fridays in Lent
St. Dennis - 5 pm and 7 pm (Hispanic) on Fridays in Lent.

Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding
from age 14 onwards. ~USCCB



Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday – Thursday, March 28th
Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Dennis – 7 pm

Good Friday – Friday, March 29th
Passion of the Lord at St. Polycarp – 3 pm

Holy Saturday – Saturday, March 30th
No Confessions either Parish
Easter Vigil at St. Polycarp – 8 pm

Easter Sunday – Sunday, March 31st
St. Polycarp at 8 am and 10 am
St. Dennis at 8 am, 9:30 am, and 11 am (Hispanic)

EASTER REMEMBRANCE MASS AND EASTER FLOWERS

Easter is the greatest celebration in the Catholic Church because it is the completion of the Holy week that ends with the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus was raised from the dead, and by that He conquered sin and death. Living or deceased, the best gift you can give a loved one is the gift of the Mass. Please use the Easter Mass Remembrance envelope to enjoy your friends and family in our most holy celebration.



Easter flowers, particularly the white lilies with their large white trumpet flowers, proclaim that spring is upon us and they symbolize hope and new life.

Add to the beauty of our church during the upcoming Easter season by using your Easter flower envelope to help us proclaim that Jesus has risen!

TIME CHANGES NEXT SUNDAY!

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour
(spring forward) on Sunday, March 10th.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – March 6 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



Ponnampalam Sabanayagam
Deacon Charles Robinson
Jose Crisostomo
Mario & Rosina Chiusolo
Preston & Luigina Pendarvis
Walczak Family
Jose Remigio
Roberto Pingol
Robert H. & Carole D. Smith
Delia Cantor
William & Mary Etta Maycen
Albino & Mary Gioiosa
Mary DePasquale
Louis & Angelina Arrighi
Saber Family
& for all those who have no one to pray for them.

Maureen McNamee
Charles Robinson, Jr.
Sophia Crisostomo
Stephanie McDowell
Alexander & Agnes Peters
Antanavige Family
Flora Sevillaena
Petrilla Family
Sylvia Vessels DuRoss
Amelia Ronquillo
Joseph Gioiosa
Victor Chavez
Kenneth & Margaret Burke
William E. Brown



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

EXAMINING YOUR CONSCIENCE TO PREPARE YOU FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

An examination of conscience can help you in your preparation to make a good Confession. Reflecting on the Ten Commandments, the Seven Deadly Sins, the Precepts of the Church, the Beatitudes, as well as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy can also help you prepare for a good confession. Ask the Holy Spirit and Jesus to help you to remember your sins.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not kill.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm at St. Polycarp
Sundays, following the 10:30 am Mass at St. Polycarp
Sundays, 7:00 am – 7:30 am at St. Dennis

Deanery Lenten Penance Service – Thursday, March 21st
at 7 pm at Holy Cross, Dover (several priests will
be available to hear confessions)

Reconciliation Monday, March 25th -
Monday of Holy Week

3 pm – 5 pm at St. Polycarp
6 pm – 8 pm at St. Polycarp

3 pm – 5 pm at St. Dennis
6 pm – 8 pm at St. Dennis
(Fr. Oscar – Bilingual)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place at the
10:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 3rd.
(First and Third Sundays of the Month only)

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

AGAPE DATE CHANGE

NO AGAPE this weekend, Sunday, March 3rd
March's Agape will be held Sunday, March 24th, in
conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt by the Knights of
Columbus. See below.

EASTER EGG HUNT & AGAPE PALM SUNDAY, March 24th.



Brother Vincent Knights of Columbus will
be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for our
youngsters and the March Agape,
on Sunday, March 24th, following the
10:30 am Mass. All children are invited to
participate in the egg hunt. There will be
prizes!

Children are asked to bring their own baskets!

Brother Vincent Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Saturday, March 16th, 5 pm in Mother Drexel Hall
Corned Beef & Cabbage or Ham & Cabbage
Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad

\$15 per person or \$25 per family, 4 max.
(Children under 12 free)

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE



St. Patrick's Day
Parade
March 17th
at 2 pm

Parish & Family Life would love to have
you walk in the St. Patrick's Day Parade
with our banner and float to represent
our St. Polycarp Church. If you are not
able to walk in the Parade and have time
to help decorate a float, we would
appreciate your assistance! Please
contact Chairperson Deanna Lail at
dlail14@comcast.net or 302-535-2957.
Line up will begin at 1pm.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



PILGRIMAGE CROSS

This weekend, our parish is hosting the
Diocesan Pilgrimage Cross. This cross, a
replica of the World Youth Day Cross given
to young people by Pope John Paul II in
1984, is traveling throughout the Diocese
of Wilmington as a reminder to all, especially young
people, of our dependence on the cross for our salvation.

This same cross will be carried through the streets of
Wilmington on March 23, 2024 by our very own
Confirmandi during the Diocesan Pilgrimage. We will be
using this Pilgrimage as our retreat. Confirmandi and
their sponsors, along with their catechists will spend the
entire day together with Bishop Koenig and close to one
thousand other youth within our diocese. The Pilgrimage
will end with Mass at St Elizabeth's for Blessing of the
Palms.

13TH CYM PILGRIMAGE

"BLESSED ARE THEY / BIENAVENTURADOS SON ELLOS"

The Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) Pilgrimage will be on
Saturday, March 23rd, in Wilmington, DE. Join Bishop
Koenig as he walks along the route. St. Elizabeth Parish
will host the presence of the Blessed Carlo Acutis
Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit throughout that weekend,
March 23rd and 24th. Registration closes March 17th.
For more information, visit
<https://www.cdowcym.org/events/detail/pilgrimage-2024>.
Email your questions to catholicyouth@cdow.org

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Don't miss the video series *Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture*, on FORMED this Lent! Based on Dr. Brant Pitre's acclaimed book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, this video series will radically transform your love for the Blessed Sacrament. *Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture* demonstrates that our understanding of the Eucharist dates back to the earliest Jewish Christians. Far from being a later invention of the Catholic Church, the Eucharist is the fulfillment of many Old Testament promises. <https://watch.formed.org/daily-bread-discover-the-eucharist-in-scripture>

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SECOND COLLECTION this weekend, March 2nd and 3rd, is for the Catholic Relief & Church in Latin America. Thank you for your generosity. Second Collection next week is for Operation Rice Bowl.

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Thank you for your generosity.

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, March 2
8:30 **MASS**
9 am Columbiettes Retreat - Fatima (Hall/Kitchen)
12 pm Environment Committee (Church)
2:30 pm Confession
4 pm **MASS** - Finance Council speaking at Mass

Sunday, March 3
9 am PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1-6, 8)
9 am Grade 2 & ISP Sacramental Prep. Parent Meeting (Room 3)
10:30 am **MASS** - Finance Council speaking at Mass
10:30 am BVM Corporate Communion
10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
Following Mass - Confessions

Monday, March 4
11:30 am BVM Sodality (Hall/Kitchen)
6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)

Tuesday, March 5
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)
4:15 pm Finance Council Executive Committee Meeting
6:30 pm K of C 4th Degree (Library)
7 pm PSR Grades 5-8, (Rooms 3-6, 8, Hall)

Wednesday, March 6
8:30 am **MASS**
9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library)
1:15 pm Pinnacle Communion Service - Deacon Frank
6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)

Thursday, March 7
10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)
6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)
6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)
7 pm K of C 3rd Degree Business Meeting (Library)

Friday, March 8
3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
7 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 9
10 am Altar Server Training (Church)
12 pm Environment Committee (Church)
2:30 pm Confession
4 pm **MASS** and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Adoration
Following Mass: Girl Scouts Selling Cookies (Church doors)

SOCIAL CONCERNS

THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



is collecting items for Easter Baskets for patients at DHCI. A box/bin is outside Mother Drexel Hall and will be available through Sunday, March 17th.

We were asked to go very easy on candy due to dietary issues. The patients cannot do actual jigsaw puzzles. However, items we can supply: Puzzle Books (Sudoku, Find a Word, etc.), stuffed animals, cookies, crackers, hand lotions, books, socks, and handmade crafts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email eckard.margie@gmail.com.

Thanking everyone in advance for their help.

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
February 18	\$4906	\$22	\$4928
February 25	\$3207	\$28	\$3235

SECOND COLLECTIONS: FEBRUARY 17/18 & 24/25

Easter Novena	World Mission	CRS	Holy Days	SVDP Poor Box
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