

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

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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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(302) 264-6630



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.



Laetare Sunday
March 10, 2024

The Fourth Sunday in Lent is known as *Laetare Sunday*. The Lenten Season is more than half over. The celebration of the Easter Feast is drawing near - the Church rejoices! Rose vestments are worn by the Priest. This rose color reminds us of joy in the midst of penance and anticipation.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~How has the Lord been inviting you to deeper conversion this Lent?
- ~How would you define grace?
- ~What does Jesus tell us about the reason He was sent into the world? How does this make you feel?

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
This Saturday – March 9th**

“Whenever you are filled with worry, desperate for hope, looking for clarity, or just need a moment of peace, go to a quiet place and visit Jesus in the Eucharist. Just talk to Him like He’s sitting on the altar. He’ll give you exactly what you need.”
(Jenna Greiwe - “Beautiful Eucharist”)



Following the prayer after Communion, Fr. Jim (or the visiting priest) will place the Blessed Sacrament (Host) in the Monstrance. The Blessed Sacrament is then incensed while the “O Salutaris / O Saving Victim” is sung. (Found inside the back cover of Breaking Bread.) Out of reverence for Jesus, please do not leave the church as the blessed sacrament is being placed in the monstrance. Silent prayer then begins. (Please do not leave before Fr. Jim exits the Church. When you do leave, please leave silently.) At the end of the hour, one of our Eucharistic Ministers will repose the Blessed Sacrament from the Monstrance to the Tabernacle.



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

LET US PRAY

Intentions

Saturday, March 9 4:00 pm Charles Smith & Joseph Davino Frances Miller	St. Frances of Rome - Lois Ann Smith - Chuck Miller
Sunday, March 10 10:30 am Garland (Butch) Bailey Marina Nay Brenda June DiMichele	4th Sunday of Lent - Chip & Pat Reinbold - Mr. and Mrs DiMeo - Fred & Theresa DiMeo
Monday, March 11 NO MASS	
Tuesday, March 12 8:30 am Bill Mortimer	- Carol & Jack Molyneaux - Dee Lim & The Prayer Group
Wednesday, March 13 8:30 am Sylvia Vessels DuRoss	- Jim DuRoss
Thursday, March 14 NO MASS	
Friday, March 15 NO MASS	
Saturday, March 16 4:00 pm Rita Fcasni Stephanie Johnson Eddie Maycen	- John & Michele Fcasni - Judy Lamborn - Chuck & Erica Taylor
Sunday, March 17 10:30 am Linda Montuori Imelda McQuaid John Giest	5th Sunday of Lent - The Watts Family - The Terrence McCormick Family - Angela Gibson & Tim Vanauken

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.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

LITURGY

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



Easter Triduum

Please note: The Easter Vigil will begin at 7:30 pm, not 8 pm.

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 – **7:30 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)

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm at St. Polycarp
Sundays, following the 10:30 am Mass at St. Polycarp on
March 10th, 17th, and 24th. *Thank you, Father Jim, for
providing us with additional Reconciliation opportunities
so our souls can be a state of grace to properly celebrate
the Paschal Mystery.*

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)

EASTER REMEMBRANCE

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



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!

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE



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 Smyrna St. Patrick's Day Parade to represent our St. Polycarp Church. If you are not able to walk in the parade, we also need help to decorate a float. Please contact Chairperson Deanna Lail at dlail14@comcast.net or 302.535.2957. Line up begins at 1 pm.

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!

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE – THANK YOU!



The Knights of Columbus Brother Vincent Council and the Special Olympics of Delaware would like to thank all St Polycarp Parishioners who were able to give toward this year's Polar Bear Plunge. We collected over \$800 and had 10 plungers from our Parish under the 'Polar Knight' group.

In total our 31 Polar Knights from across the State collected over \$12,000 this year. God Bless you for your continued generosity

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Greetings from the CRE,

It's that time of year again when our PSR students are focusing on our Catholic Lenten Traditions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our students are learning how important prayer and fasting are to strengthen our spiritual journey and how giving alms through acts of kindness exemplifies what Jesus calls us to do.

Our Lenten Almsgiving Service is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to see that if we all do a little, big things can happen. By the end of the service, the empty baskets are overflowing with food items which are donated to the Smyrna-Clayton Food Pantry. We also send home Missionary Childhood Association Boxes during Lent. The money collected is used to supply children in need with clean drinking water, milk, food, and school supplies. This program promotes children helping children.

We put into practice the Corporal Works of Mercy of Feeding the Hungry and so much more when we are kind to others. Kindness is an easy way to bring joy and love to others!

May the good actions of our PSR students inspire all of us to be kind and generous to those in need during this Lenten Season. As Christ's disciples, we are all called to model Him so that others see Christ in us. What will you do today to show others that you are a follower of Jesus?

Lenten Blessings,
Erica Taylor

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES THIS WEEKEND



Girl Scout Cookies are here! On March 9th and 10th our Girl Scouts will have cookies available for purchase after Mass. You can order them in advance, and we will deliver them to your doorstep! Money raised from Cookie sales helps fund the activities that the girls do, such as camping, earning skills badges, and service projects. Donated cookies from St. Polycarp parishioners will be brought to the Seaman's Center of Wilmington, the same organization that we support with the Christmas at Sea program. We thank you in advance for your support and prayers for our girls.

Cookie Link: <https://bit.ly/49oRT78>

Contact Tracie Bruno: Tracie.Bruno@comcast.net



13TH CYM PILGRIMAGE

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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

Now Available on **FORMED**:

Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee

FORMED has a wonderful short video series, **Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee**, that takes you through the beautiful scenery of actual places in Galilee where Jesus performed so many of His miracles. Dr. Tim Gray presents short, 6–10-minute videos, that constantly refer to the Old Testament to show how it foreshadowed Jesus giving us the Eucharist in the New Testament. If you enjoy history these videos will be sure to pique your interest.

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SOCIAL CONCERNS



Please pick up a rice bowl as you leave Mass today. Rice bowls are returned to Church at the end of Lent.



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 next Sunday, March 17th.

We were asked to go very easy on candy due to dietary issues. The patients cannot do actual jigsaw puzzles. Items we can supply are 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. Thank you!

SMYRNA-CLAYTON MINISTERIUM FOOD PANTRY

Bins for your food donations are in the hallway outside of the Mother Drexel Hall. Food items are collected year round. The pantry is currently in need of canned tuna/chicken, Spam, peanut butter, jelly, powdered/boxed milk, rice side-dishes (Knorr's, Rice-a-Roni, etc.). **Please no expired food.** Thank you for generous support for caring and helping the hungry in our community.

HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE & ELSEWHERE

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

LENT FAMILY DAY AT ST. DENNIS CHURCH, Galena MD



All parishioners are invited to a Lent Family Day in the Religious Education building at St. Dennis Church (Galena, MD) next Sunday, March 17th, beginning at 9:15 am. The morning will begin with the Shadow Stations of the Cross, performed by the 6th-9th grade classes. Hope to see you there!

Looking for information about St. Dennis Church?
 (410) 648-5145 www.stdennischurch.org

COLLECTIONS


OFFERTORY			
Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
March 3	\$6119	\$28	\$6147

SECOND COLLECTIONS				
CRS & Latin America	Parish Maintenance	World Mission	Rice Bowl	SVDP Poor Box
\$619	\$112	\$12	\$115	\$134
Easter	Easter Flowers	Easter Novena	Holy Days	Holy Land Shrines
\$250	\$405	\$212	\$10	\$52
PSR-Parish School of Religion			Christmas 2023	
\$52			\$30	

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend, March 9th and 10th, is for the Rice Bowl.

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, March 16th and 17th, is for our Parish Maintenance. Please be as generous as your means allow to help our parish with the upkeep, maintenance, and beauty of our parish buildings and grounds.

Please consider signing up for eGiving.
 Visit 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.

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 9 10 am Altar Server Training (Church) 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS and Eucharistic Adoration Following Mass - Girl Scouts selling cookies at Church doors
Sunday, March 10 Time changes - Clocks Ahead 1 Hour 9 am PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1-6, 8) 9 am PSR Lenten Almsgiving (Church) 10:30 am MASS - (Girl Scout Sunday) Following MASS - Confessions (Church) Following Mass - Girl Scouts selling cookies at Church doors 5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Hall)
Monday, March 11 12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library) 6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)
Tuesday, March 12 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) 6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Library) 7 pm PSR Grades 5-8, (Rooms 3-6, 8, Hall) 7 pm Lenten Almsgiving (Church)
Wednesday, March 13 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Professional Staff Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)
Thursday, March 14 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 pm Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting (Library)
Friday, March 15 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel) 7 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday, March 16 10 am Altar Server Training (Church) 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Following Mass: K of C St. Patrick's Day Dinner (Hall/Kitchen)

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE
 Submissions for the March 31st Easter Bulletin are due by the end-of-day on Monday, March 18th.
 Email all submissions to submission@saintpolycarp.org.

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