



St. Polycarp Church

55 Ransom Lane, Smyrna, Delaware 19977

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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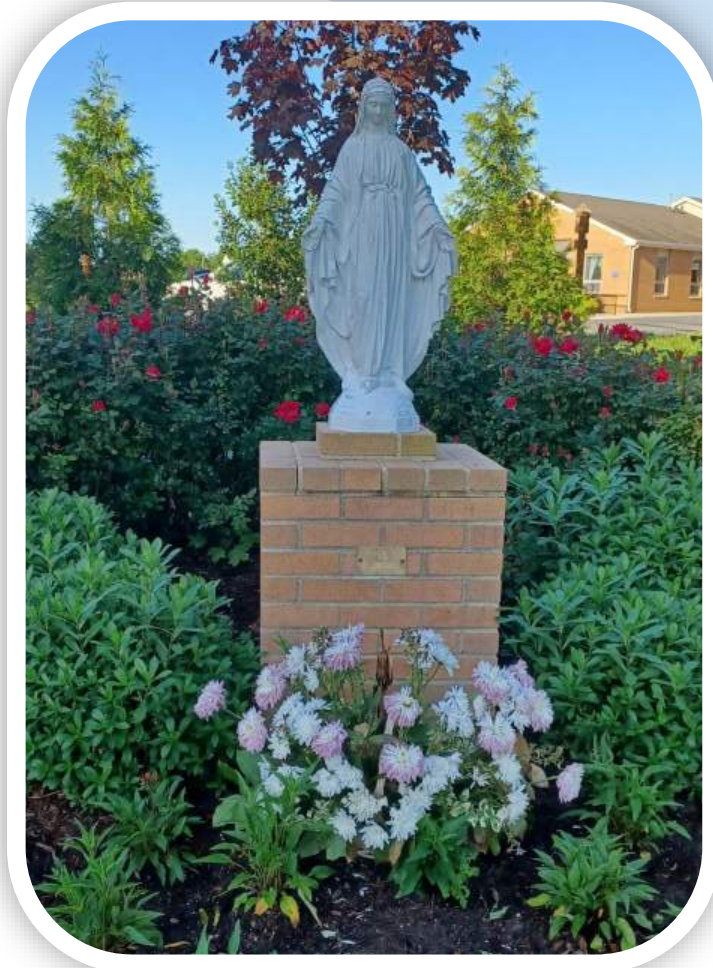
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Please join us for the Crowning of Mary following Sunday's Mass. Join us afterwards in the hall at our monthly Agape.

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

5th Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023

CELEBRATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST

*Blessed are those
 who are called to His Supper.*



Saturday, May 6, 2023 4pm
 Fr. James D. Hreha

*Colton Cartanza
 Amelia Irwin
 Cole Netz
 Reid Wagoner
 Elyse Willson
 Benjamin Wilson, III.*



Sunday, May 7th,
following the
10:30 am Mass

Our May Crowning will take place this weekend following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Join us outside around the statue of Mary for a short ceremony. You may bring single stem flowers or bouquets to honor Mary and place them in the baskets, in front of the altar, before Mass.

All are welcome to participate in this Catholic tradition of Crowning Mary. Join us afterwards in the hall at our monthly Agape hosted by Sodality!

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 6 **First Saturday**
 4 pm Michael Saber - Rita Brown
 Kevin Cacho Jr. & Shantal Cacho - Karen Cacho
 Living Intention - Rev. Paul G. Mast - Judy Lamborn

Sunday, May 7 **5th Sunday of Easter**
 10:30 am Luigina & Preston Pendarvis - The Pendarvis Family
 Claire Ruane - Jeanne & Michael Presti
 Vicente D. Lim Jr. - Dee Lim

Monday, May 8
NO MASS

Tuesday, May 9
 8:30 am Parishioners

Wednesday, May 10 **St. John of Avila & St. Damien de Veuster**
 8:30 am Catherine Cuncic - Robert Cuncic
 Living Intention/Healing - Andres Ortiz
 - Daniel & Lorraine Marshalewski

Thursday, May 11
NO MASS

Friday, May 12 **SS. Nereus & Achelleus/St. Pancras**
NO MASS

Saturday, May 13 **Our Lady of Fatima**
 4 pm Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 14 **6th Sunday of Easter**
 10:30 am Mother's Day Novena

Week of May 7th
Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for an increase in vocations.
Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for the homeless in our community.

Sunday, May 13th
Bread and Wine are offered in memory of Margaret Burke and Angelina Arrighi, at the request of Roy & Janice Arrighi.

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.

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, Allen Ruff, 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
 Grace Howard**

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 (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 are you called to serve the community of disciples (the Church)?

~ How do you feel about Jesus' promise that He is going to the Father to prepare a place for you?

~ What is your reaction to Jesus' statement that whoever believes in Him will do works greater than the ones He did?

BLESSING OF THE SAINT JOSEPH SHRINE

Next, Saturday, May 13th
following the 4 pm Mass

The Liturgy Committee, Sodality, and Pastoral Council invite you to join us after the 4 pm Mass next Saturday, May 13th, as Bishop Koenig and Father Jim bless our outdoor shrine to Saint Joseph. After the blessing, please join us in Mother Drexel Hall for refreshments and fellowship.



MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA MASS

We are part of this world today because our mothers have given us life. Every one of us has several special women who have enriched our lives: Grandmothers, Aunts, Cousins, Caregivers, Godmothers, Friends, and others. Living or deceased, the best gift you can give a loved one is the gift of the Mass. Please use the Mother's Day Mass Remembrance envelopes to enlist these special women in the Masses offered by our parish.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION COME, HUMBLLY KNEEL BEFORE HIM.



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

We need adorers for these timeslots on Tuesday: 12:00, 2:00 and 3:00 pm. Call or email Cheryl Thomas salcrest7@gmail.com or (302) 363-0404

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DATE: May 21, 2023

TIME: Following the 10:30 am Mass

PLACE: Mother Drexel Hall

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PLEASE RSVP

no later than May 8th, 2023

SEATING IS LIMITED

To RSVP, please call or email:
Fatima Evangelista (302)214-1933
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josie.a.cinco@gmail.com

LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS



Here are a few items that took place at our April 11th meeting.

- The first half hour we spent collaborating via Zoom with the Liturgy Committee from St. Dennis. We discussed possibly meeting on a quarterly basis, in person, switching between both parishes.
- We discussed the program for the outdoor Blessing of the St. Joseph Statue on Saturday, May 13th, with Bishop Koenig after the 4:00 pm Mass.
- We discussed watching the movie of St. Polycarp on Formed or saying a prayer at the Masses for St. Polycarp's Anniversary on Friday, May 26th.

ORDINATIONS

Please pray for James Gebhart who will be ordained as a Transitional Deacon on May 13th at St. Mary the Assumption Parish and for Deacon John Enemou who will be ordained as a Priest on May 20th at the Cathedral of St. Peter.

Deacon Formation Information Nights



New class of
Permanent Deacons
starting in June 2023

For more information, visit: cdow.org/deacons

SOCIAL CONCERNS



The Respect Life Ministry is hosting a donation drive for homeless shelters in Kent County. These are men, women and family shelters. Boxes will be placed outside the Mother Drexel Hall for the donations from Friday, May 5th through Sunday, May 14th.

Items needed include: cleaning wipes, dish detergent, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, paper towels, etc. Also personal hygiene items: shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, tooth paste, q-tips, etc. Men, women and children's socks are needed but **no other clothes will be accepted at this time**. Puzzles and board games in good condition may also be a good idea. Any questions? Email Margie Eckard at Eckard.margie@gmail.com.

Thank you for your help and support.

BIRTHRIGHT OF DELAWARE'S ROSE SALE

Birthingright of Delaware will host its Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale at our parish. Please support Birthingright's crisis pregnancy services by purchasing roses after Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 13th - 14th.

Roses cost:
\$3/one Rose
\$5/three Roses
\$20/Dozen Roses
\$40/Twenty-five Roses Bouquet



Your help will truly make a difference! Thank you. We deeply appreciate your support!! You can also make a donation to Birthingright of Del in lieu of roses!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



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THIS TUESDAY FOLLOWING 8:30 am MASS

There will be a coffee for all available parishioners on Tuesday, May 9 after the 8:30 Mass in Mother Drexel Hall. Come and enjoy some coffee and delicious treats. Please let either Joyce Tolson (302-448-9678) or Cookie Ruane (302-540-6429) know if you plan to attend. And feel free to bring your favorite dessert.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance Council held their monthly meeting on the 18th of April. Below are the highlights.

Again, another Thank you to all of the parishioners who completed and returned their 2023 Offertory Reflection. In using that input, we are still projecting 2023/2024 fiscal year collections below pre-covid levels. Expenses are increasing also. So 23/24 looks like another difficult year financially for the Parish.

Please do not forget your Mother's Day Remembrance Mass Offering. Please see the bulletin for details. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Our use of Memorial Bricks continues to slowing down. Please do not forget a loved one with a brick placed in our beautiful prayer garden.

We are awaiting estimates for the work needed on the following items that were identified during our Parish Forum:

1. New signage on campus. You have seen prior bulletin announcements on the progress
2. Church bathroom renovations. These would be in addition to the extensive repair to the lines completed earlier in the year
3. Expanding opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration to be held in Church.

And of course a reminder to utilize Faith Direct (<https://membership.faithdirect.net/DE831>) for your weekly offering, as well as reaching out to John Fcasni if you would be interested in joining the Finance Council.



Individuals interested in becoming an active part of the Finance Council. The role of the Finance Council is to: Support all Parish ministries; Facilitate the achievement of the Parish mission, and; Provide ongoing financial guidance to Fr. Jim and Parish leadership. If you have an interest in assisting in the financial success of St. Polycarp, please reach out to John Fcasni at (609) 529-1986 or john.fcasni@gmail.com



Catholic Diocese of Wilmington

2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us, "Let not your heart be troubled...I am the way, and the truth and the life. No man cometh to the Father, but by me." When we follow Jesus and listen to him, he leads us by His light. We are called to shine the Light of Christ and live Jesus' example; by doing so, he promises us a place with Him.

As followers of Christ, we must act faithfully to reach out to others as Jesus does. We are called to commit ourselves as good stewards of our gifts, and by doing so, we bring Christ's light with us everywhere! Jesus reminds us to help those on the margins and support the faith journey of those around us.

Thank you to everyone who "Shining the Light of Christ" pledged the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews of the Church and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support.

To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdw.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal," or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.



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. Text-to-Give: Text "Enroll" to (302) 202 - 2251 or you can use this QR code.



Thank you for your generosity & continued stewardship.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information
 Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>
 Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

Saturday, May 6 12 pm Environment Committee 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS 4 pm First Eucharist at Mass
Sunday, May 7 9 am PSR Grades P/K-4 (Rooms 1-8, Church) 10:30 am BVM Corporate Communion 10:30 am MASS Following Mass - Crowning of the Blessed Mother Following Crowning - Agape Sodality (Hall/Kitchen)
Monday, May 8 12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library) 6:30 pm RCIA Sessions (Library)
Tuesday, May 9 8:30 am MASS 9:00 am - after Mass - Connected in Christ Parishioner Coffee - all are invited (Hall/Kitchen) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 11 am Finance Council Executive Committee 12 pm - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Library)
Wednesday, May 10 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Professional Staff (Library) 6 pm K of C State Officer Meeting (Hall/Kitchen) 7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)
Thursday, May 11 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, May 12 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, May 13 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Following Mass - Dedication of the Shrine to St. Joseph & Statue (Grounds) Following Blessing - Reception & Fellowship

COLLECTIONS

Figures from this week's collections will be posted in a future Bulletin. For the next month, we will be running a week behind with collection information.

For additional information visit
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