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In
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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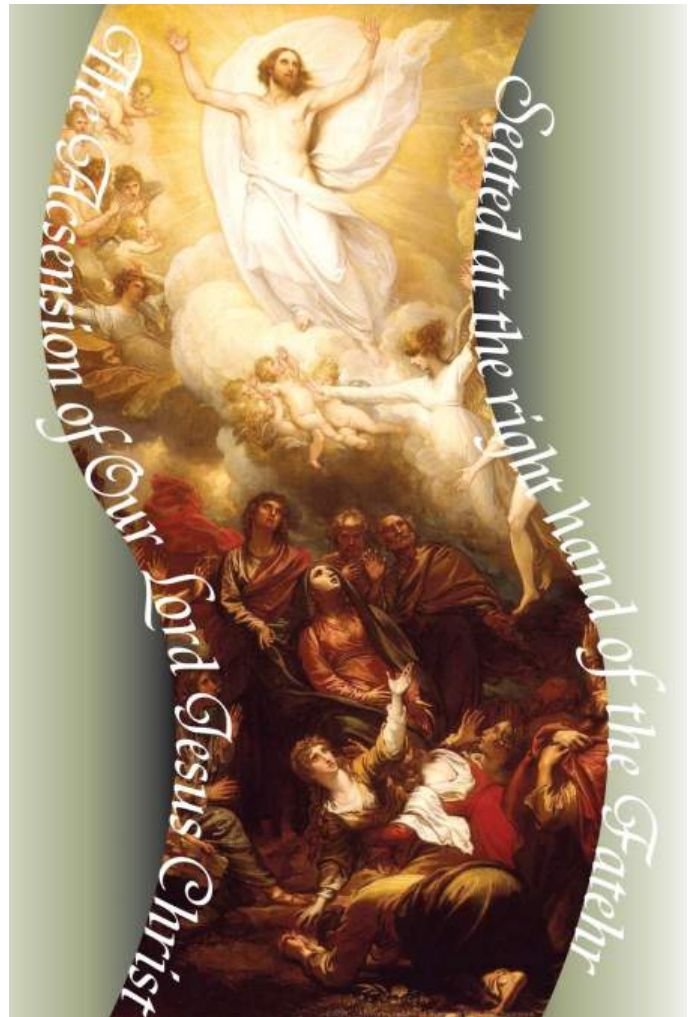
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WELCOME

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.

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.

The Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

This Sunday, May 12th, the Church celebrates The Ascension of the Lord. The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord celebrates the ascension of Jesus' risen and glorified body into heaven.

Acts 1: 6-12

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ How does the promised sending of the Spirit and Christ's return in glory sustain your hope and faith?
- ~ Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us. What do you bring to him to offer to the Father as you celebrate this Solemnity?
- ~ How are you called to carry out the work of Jesus' mission on earth?

SPEND TIME WITH BLESSED SACRAMENT

This Saturday, May 11th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Eucharistic Adoration) will take place this Saturday, May 11th, following the prayer after Communion at the 4 pm Vigil Mass. All are invited to stay to pray.

You are visiting the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament (exposed in the Monstrance) and talking to Him heart to heart. Just have a conversation! But don't forget, you cannot hear God if you are always the one doing the talking. Be silent and listen. Please remember not to leave before Fr. Jim. When you do leave, please do so in silence.

THE EASTER SEASON

This is the final week of the Easter Season. The Easter Season is almost over but our joy and hope in Jesus' resurrection is never gone. We should always strive to deepen and strengthen our understanding, hope, and joy in Jesus every day of our lives!

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 11	
4 pm Mother's Day Novena	
Sunday, May 12	The Ascension of the Lord
10:30 am Mother's Day Novena	
Monday, May 13	Our Lady of Fatima
No Mass	
Tuesday, May 14	St. Mathias, Apostle
8:30 am Mother's Day Novena	
Wednesday, May 15	St. Isidore
8:30 am Mother's Day Novena	
Thursday, May 16	
No Mass	
Friday, May 17	
No Mass	
Saturday, May 18	St. John I
4:00 pm Mother's Day Novena	
Sunday, May 19	Pentecost Sunday
10:30 am Mother's Day Novena	

Week of May 12th:

Bread & Wine Offering: Saturday, May 18th: In memory of Stephanie Johnson, at the request of Jeff & Marcia Johnson.

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.

Bob Reeder, Lauren Travers, Marguerite Maguire, Lisa Wisniewski, 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 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

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

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 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>

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BLESSINGS

The Blessing of Mothers will take place at the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, May 11th, and the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 12th.

THIS WEEKEND

Birthright of Delaware will host its Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale at our parish. Please support Birthright's pregnancy services by purchasing roses after Masses this weekend, Mother's Day weekend.



- \$3/one rose
- \$5/three roses
- \$20/dozen roses
- \$45/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 Birthright of DE in lieu of roses, our address is: 1311 North Scott Street Wilmington, DE 19806.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY - NEXT SUNDAY!
WEAR RED!**



Be with the Spirit and remember to wear red next weekend, May 18th & 19th, as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Flames of the Holy Spirit rested upon each Apostle as they received the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**SAVE THE DATE: EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
OCTOBER 5, 2024**



Join us for the Diocese of Wilmington's Eucharistic Congress to be held on Saturday, October 5th, at the Ocean City Convention Center. This year's theme, "The Eucharist: The Source and Summit," invites us to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist in our lives.

The day will feature a keynote address by Bishop Richard Henning of the Diocese of Providence and will include faith-based vendors, a ministry fair, and breakout sessions tailored to various interests and age groups. There will also be opportunities for Adoration and Reconciliation.

Mark your calendars for this spiritually enriching event! More details will follow. We look forward to seeing you there!



Deacon Frank's Anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate is on Monday, May 13th.

Please say a prayer for him as he celebrates 18 years as a Permanent Deacon.

Thank you for your service to God and to St. Polycarp Church!

Join the Diocese of Wilmington in a spirit of thanksgiving and joy for Dennis Stameza's Ordination to the Diaconate on May 11th, and James Gebhart's Ordination to the Priesthood on May 18th.

Remember to continue to pray for all considering a vocation (calling) to the religious life as a priest, sister, or brother.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

"As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (302) 573 - 3113 or by email at vocations@cdow.org.

VOCATION CHALICE MINISTRY



The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. Sign up for a week by calling/texting Alice Gaston (302) 670 – 7924 or fill out the form (Located at the doors) and place it in the collection basket.

Family/Person	Weekend	Mass time
Adams	May 12	10:30
Garrity	May 26	10:30

FINANCE COUNCIL

Time to think about ordering your MEMORIAL BRICK!



Adding your **MEMORIAL BRICK** to the walkway of our Blessed Mother is a unique way to keep your memories alive. It is a way to remind us of all those special loved ones forever. *Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Graduation! Mother's Day, Father's Day! Honor family and friends! Share a favorite quote, and more!*

If you would like to become a part of the walkway to our Blessed Mother, with your name or the name of a loved one, now is a good time to do so! There are several ways to order: You can order through Faith Direct at: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/org/831>

Scroll down until you see "Memorial Bricks" (you do not need to sign up for Faith Direct), use the QR code below or return your form with payment of \$100 to St. Polycarp Church. Envelopes marked with "Memorial Brick" may be placed in the Offertory collection, mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office.



ST. POLYCARP 5TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER

Sunday, June 30th 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, complimentary gift bags, prizes for best teams, long drive/closest to pin, followed by a buffet dinner. Don't golf? That's ok. Join us for a delicious Italian Feast just \$40.00 per person in Mother Drexel Hall at St. Polycarp Church.

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



HAPPENIG ELSEWHERE

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing challenges in their relationship. Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises.

Upcoming programs will be held on Fridays to Sundays (August 9th – 11th and again October 4th – 6th) at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call (215) 766 – 3944 or (800) 470 – 2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY Sign up Sunday SUNDAY, MAY 12TH

This Sunday, May 12th, is World Communications Day in the Catholic Church! Consider signing up for The Dialog's free online e-newsletter, the Angelus, today! Take a moment to scan the QR code or go to thedialog.org "Get Our Newsletter" tab at the top of every Dialog web page and enter your email address. The only information details you will need to provide are your email address and first name.



Sign up today – it is that easy.

Thank you for supporting your free source for local news about your church.




PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE HAS PASSED THE DELAWARE HOUSE AND IS NOW BEFORE THE STATE SENATE

Delaware is closer than ever to legalizing assisted suicide! It is an affront to our Catholic faith that calls for respect for life from conception to natural death! Advocates for those with disabilities oppose physician assisted suicide. The most vulnerable Delawareans need protection from dangerous House Bill 140. It would fundamentally change Delaware's legal approach to medical ethics, medical practice, and health care decision-making. The Psychiatric Society of Delaware, the American Medical Association and the American College of Physicians oppose involving practitioners of the healing arts in the intentional ending of a person's life by medically assisted suicide. Physician assisted

suicide legalizes and normalizes the taking of a human life. There are enough tragic suicides in our community already. What message are we giving our young people when the state sanctions suicide? We need to help and support the physically and mentally ill in our community, not assist them in taking their own lives. **We ask all Delaware Catholics to contact their Delaware State Senator to not support HB 140. For more information on HB 140 and to send an email to your Senator, visit www.cdow.org/StopAssistedSuicide.**

Please consider signing up for eGiving. Recurring, catch up and one-time gifts can be made. 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 and continued generosity.

ANNUAL FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL



Participants in the 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal can expect to receive their first payment reminder on or about Friday, May 31st. Additional reminders will continue through December. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your mailing. Do not submit payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

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.




50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING!
APRIL WINNER - \$50
Congratulations to Gerald 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 it 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

Saturday, May 11 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS - Adoration
Sunday, May 12 10:30 am MASS
Monday, May 13 Deacon Frank's Diaconate Anniversary
Tuesday, May 14 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)
Wednesday, May 15 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 6 pm Columbiette Board Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Baptismal Class- Advance Registration Required (Room 7) 7 pm K of C Officers Meeting (Library)
Thursday, May 16 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library) 6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 7) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)
Friday, May 17 11 am Bereavement Counseling (Library) 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, May 18 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS

COLLECTIONS

Second Collection next weekend, May 18th and 19th, is for Priest Retirement. Please be as generous as your means allow. Our priests gave up much to give the faithful the sacraments, spread the message of God's love and mercy for mankind, etc. Now is our chance to give back to the very priests who have been instrumental in bringing God to us.

OFFERTORY			
Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
May 5	\$5215.07	\$53	\$5268.07

SECOND COLLECTION - MAY 5				
SVDP Poor Box	Holy Days	Mother's Day	Father's Day	Priest Retirement
\$55.75	\$195	\$445	\$105	\$160

Offertory	Received	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
April Total	\$40,266	\$30,500	\$9,766
Fiscal YTD	\$312,587.73	\$285,500	\$27,087.73

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