



St. Polycarp Church

55 Ransom Lane, Smyrna, Delaware 19977

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Sixth 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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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.

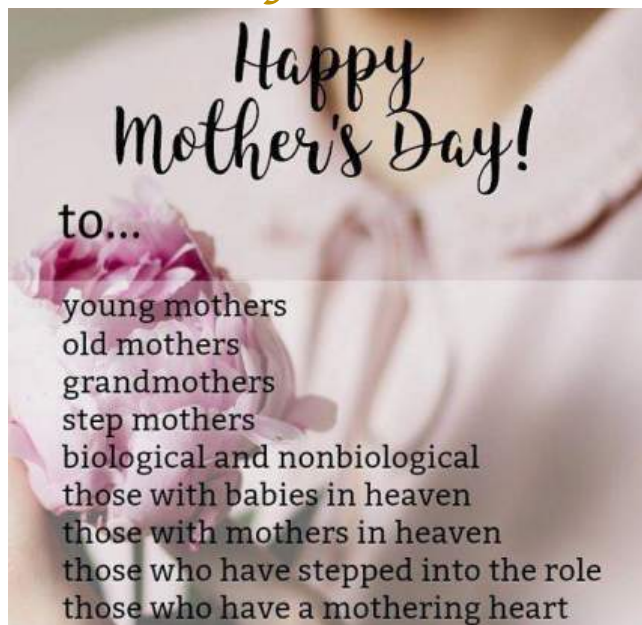
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the parish office.

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

6th Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023



Every Mother, Grandmother, Godmother, and anyone serving in the role of Mother, is wished a very happy and blessed Mother's Day! May the Mother of the Lord, Jesus Christ, always be an example, model, and guide for you as you serve others in the role of "Mother".

BIRTHRIGHT OF DELAWARE'S ROSE SALE



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

May 13th - 14th.

\$3/one Rose

\$20/Dozen Roses

\$5/three 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 Birtheright of Del in lieu of roses!

BLESSING OF THE SAINT JOSEPH SHRINE

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

WELCOME BISHOP KOENIG!

The Liturgy Committee, Sodality, and Pastoral Council invite you to join us after the 4 pm Mass TODAY, 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.



LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, May 15

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 16

8:30 am Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 17

8:30 am Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 18

Saint John I

NO MASS

Friday, May 19

NO MASS

Saturday, May 20

Saint Bernardine of Siena

4 pm Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 21

7th Sunday of Easter /

10:30 am Mother's Day Novena **The Ascension of the Lord**

Week of May 14th

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in memory of Rosina & Mario Chiusolo at the request of the Chiusolo Family.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for all recently ordained Catholic Priests and Deacons.

Saturday, 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 James E. McNair

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 would you explain the reason for your hope in Christ?
- ~ How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life today?
- ~ What is the connection between love and observance of the commandments?

ST. POLYCARP CHURCH FILIPINO - AMERICAN COMMUNITY FILIPINO - AMERICAN INCULTURATION



DATE: May 21, 2023
TIME: Following the 10:30 am Mass
PLACE: Mother Drexel Hall

Learn more about our
CATHOLIC CULTURAL HERITAGE

WHAT IS INCULTURATION ?

Inculturation in the Catholic Church is adoption of Christian teachings, encouraging of different culture and values while safeguarding the integrity of the Gospel.

While people immigrate to different parts of the world, bringing with them their unique local traditions and values that enables them to keep and celebrate their unique Christian identity. Come and join us and learn how the Filipinos adopted and accepted the Catholic religion as an alternative to their indigenous beliefs and allowed Christianity to prosper in the Philippines.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

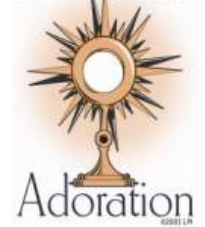
will be celebrated next weekend,
on the 7th Sunday of Easter.



In most regions of the United States, including the Diocese of Wilmington, the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, this year, the weekend of May 21st.

COME, HUMBLY KNEEL BEFORE HIM.

Eucharistic



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

We need adorers for these timeslots on Tuesdays: 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

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

VOCATIONS

ORDINATIONS

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

View an interview with Deacon John on YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HN_H7mJ9Dvo

*Thank you God for choosing these men to help serve the Diocese of Wilmington!
Remember to keep praying for Vocations.
Prayer works wonders!*

Deacon Formation Information Nights



New class of
Permanent Deacons
starting in June 2023

For more information, visit: cdow.org/deacons

CONGRATULATIONS, DEACON FRANK!

Deacon Frank is celebrating the 17th anniversary of his ordination as a Permanent Deacon on Saturday, May 13th. May we all pray for Deacon Frank as he continues to serve the parishioners of St. Polycarp Church and St. Dennis Church.

Thank you, Deacon Frank, for all you do!



You may be wondering what is a Deacon and what is the difference between a Permanent Deacon and a Transitional Deacon.

A Deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. The Deacon is ordained and receives the Sacrament of Holy Orders. There are three Degrees of Holy Orders in the Catholic Church: Bishop, Priest and Deacon, with Deacon as the lowest and Bishop as the highest degree.

Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served." The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the Deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church.

Deacons serve the Diocese through the threefold ministry of liturgy, word and charity. **As ministers of Word**, Deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. **As ministers of Sacrament**, Deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. **As ministers of Charity**, Deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshaling the Church's resources to meet those needs. Deacons are also dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs. But no matter what specific functions a Deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. *In other words, it is not only WHAT a Deacon does, but WHO a Deacon is, that is important.*

- adapted from USCCB

A Deacon cannot celebrate the Mass – *only the Priest can consecrate the bread and wine offered during the Eucharistic Prayer which become the Body and Blood of Christ.* A Deacon can hold a service but not a Mass. (A service is not a Mass.) A Deacon can distribute the Body and Blood of Christ as Communion to the congregation. A Deacon cannot hear Confessions or absolve you of your sins.

A **Permanent Deacon** is a man once ordained to the Diaconate, stays a Deacon. Examples of Permanent Deacons are: Deacon Frank Weber and the late Deacon Charlie Robinson. Many of you will also remember Deacon Mike Boyd who previously served at St. Polycarp.

A **Transitional Deacon** is a man who functions as a Deacon for a period of time prior to his ordination as a Priest.

A married Deacon, when he is ordained still takes a vow of celibacy. If a Permanent Deacon's wife passes away, the Deacon cannot remarry. If a Deacon is ordained as an unmarried man, he must remain unmarried.

Both types of Deacons are members of the clergy and have the same liturgical role.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

DONATION DRIVE FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS



This Sunday, May 14th, is the last day for the donation drive for homeless shelters in Kent County, hosted by our Respect Life Ministry. Boxes have been placed outside the Mother Drexel Hall for the donations.

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.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

HEALING SERVICE AT ST. JOHN/HOLY ANGELS PARISH

82 Possum Park Road, Newark

On Saturday, May 20th, you are invited to join St. John/Holy Angels Parish for a healing service. The event begins at 6:30 pm. Guest speaker is Dr. Bob Sawyer. For more information visit www.stjohn-holyangels.com, or contact Amy Press at (302)731-2219.

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**

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.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal," or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.



If you missed the video messages from Bishop Koenig and Fr. Jim on the weekend of April 29/30, you can view them on the following links:

Fr. Jim's Message

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVJIDZ6IAOE>

Bishop Koenig's Message

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeB97lp7LNk&t=249s>

COLLECTIONS

| Collection | Offertory | Children's Offertory | Total Offertory |
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| April 30 | \$3530 | \$20 | \$3550 |

| Collection | Poor Box | Mother's Day - Mass Remembrance |
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| April 30 | \$175 | \$70 |

The Second collection next weekend will be for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

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.



50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING!



APRIL WINNER - \$52.00
Congratulations to Eileen Price!

\$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 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/>

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

Saturday, May 13 Deacon Frank Anniversary of Ordination
2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS

Following Mass - Dedication of the St. Joseph Shrine & Statue (Grounds) and then Reception / Agape (Hall/ Kitchen)

Sunday, May 14

10:30 am MASS

Monday, May 15

6:30 pm RCIA Sessions (Library)

6:30 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes - Rosary (Hall/Kitchen)

7:00 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes - Meeting (Hall/Kitchen)

Tuesday, May 16

8:30 am MASS

9:00 am (after Mass) - Connected in Christ (Library)

10:30 am DHCI Communion Service (at DHCI)

11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)

12 pm - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

1 pm CFC General Meeting & Executive Committee (Rm 4)

6:30 pm Finance Council (Library)

Wednesday, May 17

8:30 am MASS

9:30 am Pastoral Staff (Library)

6 pm K of C State Officer Meeting (Hall/Kitchen)

6:30 pm Baptismal Class Advance Registration Required (Room 7)

7 pm Columbiette Board Meeting (Library)

Thursday, May 18

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 7)

6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library)

Friday, May 19

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, May 20

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS

Following Mass - KOC Soft Pretzel Sale (Church Doors)

For additional information visit

<https://saintpolycarp.org/overflow/>

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