



St. Polycarp Church

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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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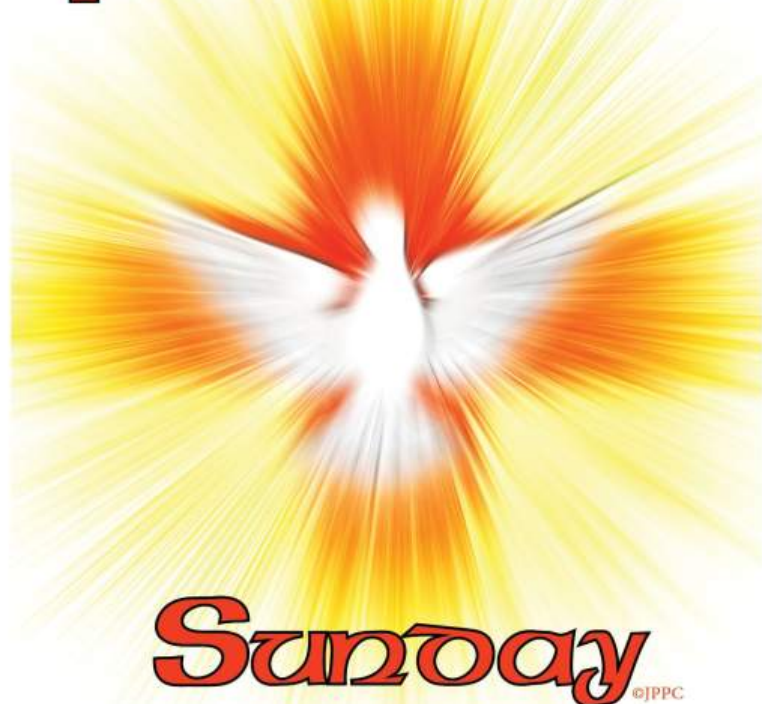
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Pentecost



Sunday

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

WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please contact the office or visit our website
to register in our parish.

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023



Today is Pentecost Sunday, a Solemnity in the Church! Today is also the last day of the Easter Season – the joyous celebration of Easter (fifty days) has come to an end. Tomorrow (Monday, May 29th), begins what the Church designates as “Ordinary Time” in the Liturgical Calendar.

The Solemnity of Pentecost is the Birthday of the Church – the apostles receive the Holy Spirit! Usually this event is illustrated and depicted as flames or tongues of fire appearing over the heads of the apostles.

If we are open to the inspirations and the whisperings of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit can work within us too. We need to be willing to listen and be patient to hear the voice / soft whisperings of the Holy Spirit in our soul. Afterwards we need to reflect on what the Holy Spirit has told us. Then we need to act on the word of the Holy Spirit!

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- WISDOM** – To value the things of God
- UNDERSTANDING** – To grasp faith’s mysteries
- COUNSEL** – To make wise decisions
- FORTITUDE** – To strengthen your will
- KNOWLEDGE** – To enlighten your mind
- PIETY** – To love and serve God
- FEAR OF THE LORD** – To respect God’s majesty

TWELVE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- CHARITY (LOVE)
- JOY
- PEACE
- PATIENCE
- KINDNESS
- GOODNESS
- GENEROSITY
- GENTLENESS
- FAITHFULNESS
- MODESTY
- SELF-CONTROL
- CHASTITY

(ref: Galatians 5:22-23 / CCC1832)

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
4 pm Mother’s Day Novena

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday
10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, May 29 The Blessed Virgin Mary,
NO MASS Mother of the Church

Tuesday, May 30
8:30 am Living/Healing Intention - Andres Ortiz - Sodality
Shy Mackes - Diane & Mike Dellinger

Wednesday, May 31 The Visitation of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am Sylvia Vessels DuRoss - Jim DuRoss
Living/Healing Intention - Laverne Dykes
-Lorraine & Dan Marshalewski

Thursday, June 1 Saint Justin, Martyr
NO MASS

Friday, June 2 Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs
NO MASS / First Friday

Saturday, June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions,
Martyrs / First Saturday
4 pm Kevin Corrigan - Kathy & George Muller
Ben Walters - Dan & Lorraine Marshalewski
Linda Okazaki - James & Charm Sloven

Sunday, June 4 The Most Holy Trinity
10:30 am Lino Legayada - Dee Lim
Theresa Dunn - Sodality
Deborah Barnett - Lori & Andy Ostrowski & Family

Week of May 28th

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for all the priests who have served our parish.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann’s Chapel burns in prayer for those who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.

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

Gertrude McCombs

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

~ Which image or title of the Holy Spirit best helps you to understand his role in your life?

~ How do you use the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given you?

~ How has your relationship with the Holy Spirit enabled you to be a witness to Christ in the world?

DID YOU KNOW?

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity next Sunday, June 3rd and June 4th!

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

The Liturgy Committee invites you to participate in the Corpus Christi Procession following the 10:30 am Mass on June 11, 2023.

This is a wonderful opportunity to foster an encounter with Jesus and proclaim the doctrine of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."



DEVOTIONAL OR VOTIVE CANDLES

The price of lighting a devotional or votive candle has risen. The donation is now \$3.00 instead of the original price of \$2.00. This change should be noticed on the new signs placed by the candles.



The Blessing of the Saint Joseph Shrine took place on Saturday, May 13th following the 4pm Mass. To view more pictures visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/blessing-of-the-saint-joseph-shrine-may-13-2023/>

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA MASS

Honor the Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, Father-figures and other special men in your life on their special day. Whether they are living or deceased, the gift of prayer is a beautiful way to show your deep appreciation for their sacrificial love. The best gift you can give this loved one is the gift of the Mass. Please use the *Father's Day Mass Remembrance* envelopes to inscribe the names you wish to be remembered in the Masses offered by our parish beginning June 17th.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION PRAYER

As you may have noticed, the Eucharistic Adoration Prayer is now being led by the Cantor. To center ourselves in prayer before Mass begins, this will now be said after the Cantor reads the Announcements. The Liturgy Committee discussed this and concluded that this would be the logical place to recite it. The prayer can be found on the inside of the front cover of *Breaking Bread*.

COME, HUMBL Y KNEEL BEFORE HIM.

Eucharistic Adoration 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 Cheryl Thomas at (302) 363 – 0404 or email her at salcrest7@gmail.com.

Jesus suffered and died for you and me. Do you have even a half hour to spend time with our Lord who gave up His life so you can have a share in Eternal Life with Him in Heaven?

LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS



Here are a few items discussed at our May meeting:

- The Corpus Christi Procession will take place on Sunday, June 11th, after the 10:30 am Mass.
- Our collaboration with the Liturgy Committee from St. Dennis will take place on a quarterly basis. Our next meeting with them will be a get-to-know you fellowship with either a barbeque or potluck agape.
- This past weekend, you may have noticed the removal of the Sanitation Bowls from the Sanctuary and at the breaks. This was discussed as no longer necessary.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

ST. POLYCARP SQUIRE CIRCLE LOCK IN FUNDRAISER THIS WEEKEND



Once again this year, the Squires are conducting a "Lock In". On June 23rd and 24th the Squires will be here at the Parish from Friday at 7pm until Saturday at 7pm. The Lock In will

conclude with the 4pm Mass to celebrate and install the new officers for the Columbian year. Our Squire Circle will soon celebrate its 15th year!!!

We are asking for your support by sponsoring the Squires in order for us to raise the funds. We will be at the doors after all Masses next weekend, June 3rd and 4th, if you wish to donate. (If you wish to make a monetary gift by check please make the check out to 'St. Polycarp Squire Circle'). Funds collected will be split between St. Polycarp and the State Police K9 Unit.

During these 24 hours we will participate in Prayer, Team work and Leadership activities. A Rosary will be said in the chapel at least five times, and at 3:20 in the Church before 4pm Mass. Each Rosary will be said for the following worthy causes:

- Pro Life and protection of our Unborn
- Vocations
- Men and Women of our Armed forces
- St. Polycarp Parishioners
- Our Youth –

Please remember our Squires in your prayers as they gather for this annual event. The Squires are young boys and young men (ages 10 -18) who desire to deepen their appreciation and love of the Catholic Church. This unique group of Squires is called "Circle". The Squires work with the Knights of the Columbus.



Memorial Day is the day that as a nation we remember all those who have died in service to the United States during times of war and during times of peace. Remember to pray for these men and women who died courageously defending our freedom.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

UPDATES FROM MAY 2023 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

~ All Councils and Committees of the Pastoral Council are being asked to use something on FORMED as part of their monthly FORMATION for meetings. They are encouraged to use information about the Eucharist during the Eucharistic Revival.

~ Work is coming along on plans for new Parish Signage to make our Campus more accessible and safer for everyone who visits. Needs for signage have been identified and sketches are being made.

~ Elections for new Pastoral Council officers will take place at our next Council meeting in June.



Catholic Diocese of Wilmington 2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal

Thank you to those who have already contributed to this year's Faith and Charity Appeal and to those parishioners who have signed pledge cards.

Did you know? Your gift to the **Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal** could be a lifeline to one out of every 11 people throughout the Diocese of Wilmington. Last year our program served 86,000 individuals and families.

2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal (continued)

Our parish target for the 2023 Faith and Charity Appeal is \$60,000. To date, we have received \$42,546.03 in pledges; \$17,453.97 short of our goal. If our parish exceeds the \$60,000 goal, we will receive back half of the money collected above the goal.

If you have not made your pledge, please fill out and return your pledge cards to ensure we meet our parish goal. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and at the doors of the Church and can be placed in the offertory basket or returned to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Participants in the 2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal can expect to receive their first payment reminder on or about 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.



STEWARDSHIP

MAKE THIS A SUMMER OF STEWARDSHIP!

As summer approaches, we recognize that many families in our parish will be traveling for vacations and other reasons. During this time, we encourage you to consider eGiving to ensure your support for our parish remains consistent even when you're away. By setting up eGiving through our parish's online platform, Faith Direct, you can make a meaningful impact on the ministries you care about most, even while you're away. Your recurring gifts will not only sustain our parish throughout the summer months, but you will help our staff and our budget by reducing our costs for envelopes and paper and spending less staff time processing cash and checks, allowing more time for missions and ministries.

Getting started with eGiving is easy. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Visit faith.direct/DE831
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at (866) 507 - 8757
- Scan the QR code
- Text "Enroll" to (302) 202 - 2251



Thank you for your generosity & continued stewardship.

SPEAKING OF SUMMER VACATION...



Summer means there are changes in the Mass schedule at various Churches within the Delaware and Maryland area. For the most recent and accurate listing of the surrounding area's Church Mass times, please take home a copy of the Dialog or visit

<https://www.cdow.org/parishes/vacation-mass-guide-delaware/>.

COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Poor Box
May 14	\$4802	\$276

The Second collection next weekend (June 3rd and June 4th) will be for the Diocesan Priests Retirement. Please be as generous as your means allow in supporting our aged Diocesan Priests. Our priests have given up much to bring to you the sacraments and God's message of love by their sacrifice in becoming a priest. Now it is your turn to give back and lend a hand to our Priests.

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 27 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS
Sunday, May 28 10:30 am MASS- Pentecost Sunday
Monday, May 29 OFFICE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY
Tuesday, May 30 8:30 am MASS 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 12 pm – 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
Wednesday, May 31 8:30 am MASS
Thursday, June 1 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 3 rd Degree Business Meeting (Library)
Friday, June 2 10:30 am Pinnacle Communion Service - Deacon Frank 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, June 3 8 am Columbiette State Office Installation (Hall, Church, Meeting Rooms, Library) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS 5 pm Squires Lock In Collection (Church Doors)

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