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Of
The Diocese of Wilmington

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Frank Weber



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Finance Council—Kevin Titus



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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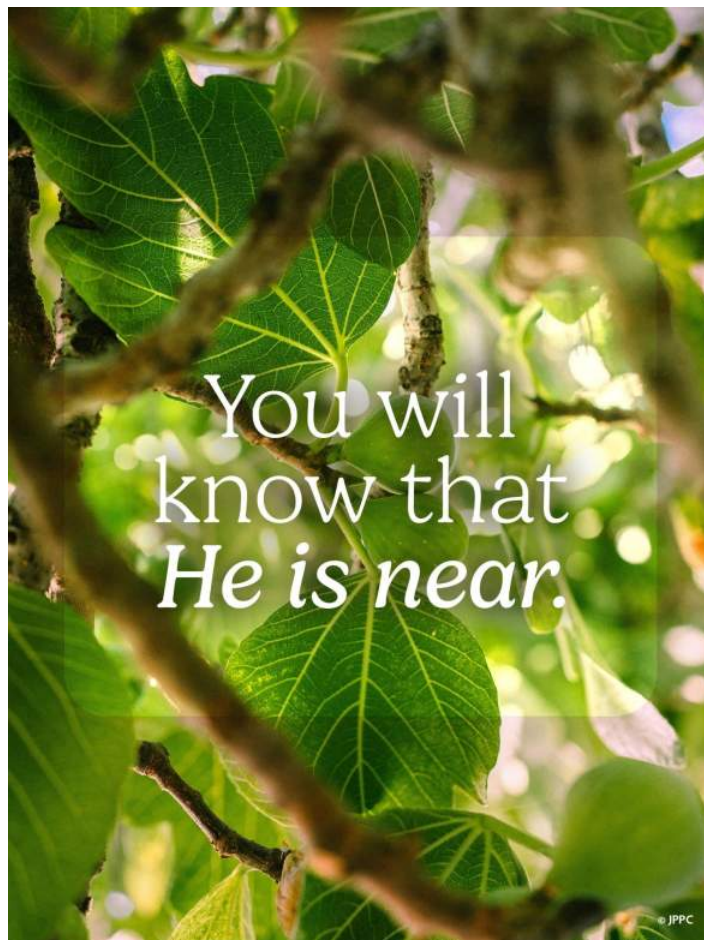
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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

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You will
know that
He is near.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: Contact 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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER
 ~ Who in your life exemplifies wisdom? What light do you receive from his or her example?
 ~ How do you look to the Lord for the path to life, as the psalm states?
 ~ What do you think about when you think of the end of times and the life of the world to come?

Get excited! 🎉 St. Polycarp's
 2nd Annual Quarter Auction

THIS SUNDAY!!!!



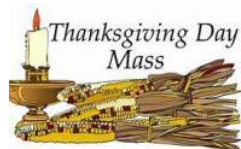
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🎯 Grab your paddles at

<https://membership.faihtdirect.net/events/org/831>
 or contact Darlene at 302-270-3915.

THANKSGIVING DAY - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

MASS – 9 AM



Mass will be at 9 am at St. Polycarp. The Liturgy Committee is asking that all those who attend this Mass please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry. Due to the increased need in the community, the Pantry is in need of cereal, instant oatmeal, juice boxes or pouches, peanut butter & jelly, hamburger helper, tuna helper, canned chicken, tuna, or Vienna sausages, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, Chef Boyardee canned pasta, canned beef stew or chili, rice or noodle side dishes, applesauce or canned fruits, powdered or boxed milk, Ritz or saltine crackers. Please, no expired items. There will be baskets near the entrances to place the food items into. The baskets will then be brought up during the Offertory Procession. Thank you for your kind hospitality for those in need!

THE SMYRNA/CLAYTON MINISTERIUM FOOD PANTRY is located downstairs at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 22 N. Union St., Smyrna. The pantry is open from 9:30 am to 10:30 am, Monday through Friday.

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 16 St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Blessed Virgin Mary
 4 pm All Souls' Novena
 Sunday, November 17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:30 am Parishioners
 Monday, November 18 The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
 No Mass
 Tuesday, November 19
 8:30 am Linda Mega - Michele Coldiron
 Robbie Robertson - Michele Coldiron
 Wednesday, November 20
 8:30 am George Kaliyadan - Annie Kaliyadan
 Doreen Trongone-Ciezki - The Vogel Family
 Michael Trongone - The Vogel Family
 Thursday, November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 No Mass
 Friday, November 22 St. Cecilia
 No Mass
 Saturday, November 23 St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro Blessed Virgin Mary
 4 pm Angelina & Louis Arrighi - Janice & Roy Arrighi
 Rosina Chiusolo - Joe & Marie McDowell
 Larry Anderson - Janet Anderson
 Sunday, November 24 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 10:30 am Teresa Flickinger - Diane & Mike Dellinger
 Virginia A. Jock - Michael Jock
 Stephen Laskowski - Reinbold Family

Week of November 17:

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.

Phyllis King, Mary Anne Olenik, Carol Walczak, William Green, William Neilson, Jordan Butler, Mike Bernardi Family, Cicero Family, Carol Donahue, ReAnna Hackett, Jimmy Callahan, Jesse L. Brooks, Nancy Melville, Carol Timmons, Nick Sarro, Joe Wisnewski, Anne Borgman, Margaret Williams, Liam Travers, Jimmy Wiggins, Alison Seewald, Bob Reeder, Lauren Travers, Marguerite Maguire, Lisa Wisnewski, Kathleen Gianjullo, 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, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Cathy Connell, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Andrea Laws, Angel Grasso, James Dean, Greg Kujala, Holly Powell, Lily Griffiths, Patty Moon, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, 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



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

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

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 in number is: 1-701-802-5254/PIN: 1747300#.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays, 11 am – 8 pm – Chapel; and 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.

VOCATIONS

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” Cherish the precious words of the Lord. He may be calling you to a life of contemplation as a cloistered monk or nun, whose lives are devoted to prayer and reflection. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 302-573-3113 or via email at vocations@cdow.org.

The Church designates November 21st as World Day of Cloistered Life. Please pray for all monks and nuns in the cloistered life.

LITURGY

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The BVM Sodality presented Rosary books to our PSR 4th grade class during the month of October, the dedicated month to the Rosary. The Sodality is hoping to assist them with learning more about our faith while sharing their love and devotion for the Blessed Mother.



VOCATION CHALICE



The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Call or text Alice Gaston if you can take home the vocation chalice for a week of prayer, 302-670-7924.

Family/Person	Weekend	Mass time
Willson Family	November 24 th	10:30 am
Lail Family	December 8 th	10:30 am
Netz Family	December 29 th	10:30 am

Arrive 15 minutes before your mass time and pick up (or drop off) materials in the sacristy.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone who is sick or homebound and not able to make it to Mass? We would love to give them the opportunity to receive Holy Communion in their homes. Please contact April Corrales at 302-220-9616 or Lori Ostrowski at 302-540-6522.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Giving Tree



Our Giving Tree Committee coordinates the Christmas gifts for needy children in our community. We work closely with our Parish School of Religion and the Smyrna School District to identify children in need. The **Giving Tree** is set up inside the Main Entrance of the church with the children’s requests. Please purchase a gift for the child on the tag you choose and return it to the Parish Hall no later than **Sunday, December 1st**. Contact Fran and Jim Walls at 302-359-9152, if you have any questions. **Thank you for your continued support and generosity!**

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE



Parish & Family Life is representing St. Polycarp Church in the Smyrna/Clayton Christmas Parade being

held Sunday, December 1st. The parade will begin at Clayton Elementary at 5 pm. If you cannot join us, consider supporting with a bag of candy which will help us spread Christmas cheer and welcome members in our community! Contact Deanna Lail at dlail14@comcast.net or 302-535-2957 or Ashley Wilson at ashfran8587@gmail.com.



Come join the Brother Vincent K of C and Columbiettes for dinner, a show and more! St. Polycarp Mother Drexel Hall on Saturday, January

18. Contact Anna Skinner at ANNA.SKINZ@gmail.com, 302-883-5647 or Mike Cunningham at mikec923@yahoo.com, 302-389-8952 for tickets or more information. See the flyer on the bulletin boards for details!

EARLY DEADLINES FOR BULLETINS

For the December 1st Bulletin

Submit your articles by noon on Tuesday, November 19th.

For the December 8th Bulletin

Submit your articles by noon on Tuesday, November 26th.

To see full list visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/early-deadlines-for-december-january-bulletins-2/>

FACILITIES PLANNING



The Facilities Planning Committee has been established and meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the hall. We are looking for parishioners with backgrounds in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, painting and other construction expertise needed for our project. If God has blessed you with a gift you can share, please contact John Irwin, Executive Officer of Facilities Planning at 740-317-3617. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, December 3rd.

Please join our Facilities Planning Committee in prayer as we seek God's guidance for updating our Parish kitchen. Your prayers are essential as we make

important decisions about this project that will serve our congregation for years to come. We will be reciting the "Planning Prayer" immediately following the Prayer of the Faithful starting the weekend of November 23rd and 24th and continue until the project is completed. Prayer cards will be available in the pews.



FINANCE COUNCIL



RESERVED PARKING SPOT

WHAT: Help out the church with this annual fundraiser and Parish tradition of putting up a parking spot to the highest bidder! You will have the reserved spot (with your name on it) for one year. With winter weather coming, maybe you want a close spot for you or a loved one (maybe as an

early Christmas gift.)

WHERE: Back parking lot by the brick wall around the HVAC unit, practically right under the portico!

HOW: Please submit your bid amount by **December 1st at 3 pm** by emailing financialmanager@saintpolycarp.org with the Subject Line: "Parking Spot Bid" or dropping it in the collection basket or black drop box under the portico labeled "Parking Spot Bid" with your name & phone number on it. Besides individual bidders, Parish organizations or groups can consider putting in a collective bid for your group. All bids **MUST** be in writing.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

GET FIT AND SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**2024 Bishop's 5K Run/Walk
NEXT SATURDAY**



Next Saturday, November 23rd, at Saint Mark's High School - Registration starts at 8 am. Race begins at 9 am.

Stand with Catholic Charities and be a beacon of hope in someone's life. Catholic Charities assists those in crisis to pay for basic needs such as rent, utilities, food, and clothing. We manage Bayard House for pregnant teens and women preparing for childbirth. Our programs include homeless shelters, low-income housing for senior citizens, and behavioral health. Through the Diocese of Wilmington, we offer essential services through Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. For more information, visit www.ccwilm.org/events/the-bishops-5k-runwalk/

SMYRNA-CLAYTON MINISTERIUM EVENTS

All are invited to two yearly events in celebration of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at Smyrna Elementary School the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 24th, from 2 pm to 5 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy the tasty dinner and the company of other community members. Church members are asked to donate pies and bring them to Smyrna Elementary School that day.



The yearly interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held the evening before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 27th, at 7 pm at Asbury Methodist Church, with participation of pastors from local churches.

2024 FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL.

Thank you to all those parishioners who contributed to the 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Our parish has achieved our goal in pledges and money collected. Our goal was \$61,500 and we have now collected \$61,878.08. Now that we have reached our goal with the money collected, we will receive back half of the money collected above the goal. For years the generosity of our folks has enabled us to do parish projects with the funds we receive. For those who have not fulfilled their pledges, kindly remember to send in your payments. Your generosity in supporting this year's appeal once again demonstrates that you understand the mission of our Church. If you have not yet had the chance to contribute, now is a perfect time to make a meaningful impact. Envelopes can be found at the doors of the Church. You can also support the appeal online at www.cdow.org

*Don't forget to check out our **Bulletin Overflow***
www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
November 10	\$4614	\$8	\$4622

SECOND COLLECTION – NOVEMBER 10

SVDP/Poor Box	Holy Day	Human Dev.	Maintenance
\$1079	\$5	\$20	\$20

OCTOBER eGIVING

Offertory	Poor Box/SVDP	All Souls	Parish Maintenance
\$9,662	\$800.50	\$272	\$320
Human Development		World Mission	
\$192		\$237	

MONTH TOTAL/YEAR-TO-DATE

Offertory	Received	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
October	\$26,179.82	\$29,275	(\$3095.18)
Total			
Fiscal YTD	\$107,091.62	\$110,912.41	(\$3,820.79)

This weekend's Second Collection is for the Catholic Campaign of Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. For more information visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

eGiving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for our parish to receive your weekly offering and other Church support. Recurring, catch up and one-time gifts can be made. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/DE831 or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757. You can also text "Enroll" to 302-202-2251 or you can use this QR code for easy giving.



Thank you for your continued generosity.

LOOKING AHEAD

~ Next Sunday, November 24th, we will celebrate the last Sunday of our Liturgical Year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The New Liturgical Year begins with the Advent Season on Sunday, December 1st.

~ Confessions in Advent will continue to be on Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Confessions will also be heard following the 10:30 am Mass on these Sundays in December: 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

~ The Deanery Reconciliation will take place on Thursday, December 5th, at 7 pm at Holy Cross Church, Dover.

~ This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8th, falls on a Sunday. As such, our national patronal feast, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, is transferred

to the following day, Monday, December 9th. In past years, though the Solemnity was transferred, the obligation to attend Mass for the Immaculate Conception was not applied. The USCCB Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance raised this issue with the Dicastery for Legislative Texts. Their response was recently shared with US Bishops. The Dicastery clarified that the obligation should also have been transferred.

So, this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, observed on Monday, December 9th, is a Holy Day of Obligation in addition to the usual Sunday Mass obligation.

~ Reconciliation Monday for the Advent Season will be on **Monday, December 23rd**, at both St. Polycarp Church and St. Dennis Church from 3 pm to 5 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information
Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>

Saturday, November 16

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS – Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation

6 pm Confirmation Student/Sponsor Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, November 17

9 am Faith with Friends (Library)

9 am PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1 - 6, 8)

10:30 am MASS

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Hall)

10:30 am PSR Grade 3 Families attend Mass

4 pm Quarter Auction (Hall/Kitchen)

Monday, November 18

6:30 pm OCIA Session (Library)

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

7 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes - Meeting (Hall)

Tuesday, November 19

8:30 am MASS

9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library)

10:30 am DHCI Communion Service (at DHCI)

11 am – 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)

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

6:30 pm Finance Council (Library)

7 pm PSR Grades 5-8, (Rooms 3 - 8)

Wednesday, November 20

8:30 am MASS

9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library)

6 pm Columbiettes Board Meeting (Library)

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

7 pm K of C Officers Meeting (Library)

Thursday, November 21

10 am Pathway to Peace (Library)

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

6:30 Digital Ministry (Library)

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

7 pm Grief Support Group (Room 8)

Friday, November 22

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, November 23

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS

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