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In
The Silver Lake Deanery
Of
The Diocese of Wilmington

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Frank Weber



Pastoral Council—Ken Eckard

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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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Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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MY KINGDOM DOES NOT
BELONG TO THIS WORLD.

JOHN 18:36



The Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 24, 2024

The celebration of Jesus as the King of the Universe is the start of the last week of the Church's Liturgical Year. A new liturgical year begins with the great season of Advent next Sunday, December 1st.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ What does it mean to be a faithful witness?
- ~ How does Jesus' kingship turn upside down the earthly notion of royalty?
- ~ The Gospel states that Jesus came into the world to testify to the truth. How can that image shape your observance of Advent?

LET US PRAY...



Beginning this weekend, 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. We will continue to recite the prayer at Masses until the project is completed. Prayer cards will be available in the pews. Please return your card to the pew following Mass.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th at 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!

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 23	St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Blessed Virgin Mary
4 pm Angelina & Louis Arrighi Rosina Chiusolo Larry Anderson	- Janice & Roy Arrighi - Joe & Marie McDowell - Janet Anderson
Sunday, November 24	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
10:30 am Teresa Flickinger Virginia A. Jock Stephen Laskowski	- Diane & Mike Dellinger - Michael Jock - Reinbold Family
Monday, November 25	34 th or Last Week in Ordinary Time, St. Catherine of Alexandria
No Mass	
Tuesday, November 26	
8:30 am M.L. Perry Gerald Mood Healing Intention for Daniel Kwa	- Michele Coldiron - Barbara Kaczorowski - Dee Lim
Wednesday, November 27	
8:30 am Sylvia Vessels DuRoss Living Intention- Ronald LaSana	- James DuRoss - Neda Biggs
Thursday, November 28	
9 am Carolyn Sylvester	Kathryn Duncan & Lee Sylvester
Friday, November 29	
No Mass	
Saturday, November 30	St. Andrew, Apostle
4 pm Charles Robinson Jr. Bob Gallihar Gerri Nevins	- The Robinson Family - Deacon Frank & Debbie Weber - Sister Miriam Catherine. O.P.
Sunday, December 1	1 st Sunday of Advent
10:30 am Robert H. Smith Joyce Pajerowski Linda Montuori	- Diane & Mike Dellinger - Richard Pajerowski - Michele Coldiron

Week of November 24th:

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>

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.

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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.

VOCATIONS

“My kingdom does not belong to this world.” Help lead others to Christ and to know His merciful love. Prayerfully consider He may be calling you to serve in this world as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 302-573-3113 or via email at vocations@cdow.org.

Advent

Advent begins next weekend!



The Sacrament of
Reconciliation

St. Polycarp – In addition to Saturdays from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Confessions will be heard following the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays during Advent: December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

Deanery Penance Service

Thursday, December 5th, at 7 pm
 Holy Cross Church, Dover

Several Priests will be present to hear Confessions.

Reconciliation Monday

Monday, December 23rd, 3 pm - 5 pm and 6 pm - 8 pm
 St. Polycarp Church and St. Dennis Church
 Two priests will be present during each session.

LOOKING AHEAD:

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION TRANSFERRED



This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8th, falls on a Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent. The Sunday Liturgy takes precedence over the Holy Day. Therefore, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, will be transferred to **Monday, December 9th, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Accordingly, the faithful have **two obligations:**

~ to attend Mass either Saturday evening or Sunday morning to fulfill the obligation for the Second Sunday of Advent

4 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 7th
 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 8th

~ and to attend Mass either Sunday evening or Monday to fulfill the obligation for the Immaculate Conception.

4 pm Vigil Mass on Sunday, December 8th
 8:30 am Mass on Monday, December 9th

Many people wonder why they just can't attend the Sunday evening Mass and fulfill the obligation for both. The Readings for each Mass are different. One set of readings is for the Second Sunday of Advent and one set is for the Holy Day.

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!**

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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ST. JUDE BIKE-A-THON RESULTS



Our annual PSR Bike-a-thon was held on October 10, 2024 and was a great success! We had over 34 participants, several youth volunteers, and numerous parent volunteers. Our St. Polycarp Parish raised a total of \$6,290 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, exceeding our goal!

Congratulations to Colton C, a 4th grade PSR student, who is our grand prize winner raising \$1,695! He will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card from PSR.

Thank you to everyone involved! The generosity, participation, and caring hearts of our Parish community is overwhelming. What a wonderful thing to be able to help the sick patients of St. Jude. We are grateful beyond words to give the gift of hope.

GRIEF / BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



The evening "Pathway to Peace" bereavement support group meets weekly on Thursdays at 7 pm in Classroom 8. Please contact the parish office at 302-653-8279, if you are considering joining us.

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.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

CHRISTMAS PARADE

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 us 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 US!
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5:30-9:00 P.M.
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: HOLIDAYS 2024

Due to early deadlines for submission to our publisher for the upcoming holidays, below are the deadlines for submitting articles to be published in our bulletin:

BULLETIN DATE	SUBMIT BY NOON
December 8	Tuesday, November 26
December 15	Tuesday, December 3
December 22	Monday, December 9
December 29	Monday, December 16
January 5	Wednesday, December 18
January 12	Thursday, January 2

Email submissions to:

submission@saintpolycarp.org

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE



St. Polycarp's Annual Fall Cleanup Saturday, November 30th, 2024 9 am – Noon

Come join us for the Annual Fall Cleanup. We need you to help beautify the campus by clearing the ground of leaves, branches, and debris. Please bring a rake, blowers, gloves, and your friends. Great opportunity for Confirmandi volunteer hours. We welcome folks on riding mowers that can vacuum up the leaves. We appreciate any amount of time you are able to give. Light refreshments will be available. Please text or call Michael Pyle at 302-423-9732 or email him at mjpyle58@msn.com so we can know how many folks to expect.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

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 between 1 and 2 pm.



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.

Our Parish has pledged \$67,505.52 surpassing our goal of \$61,500. Of the pledged \$67,505.52 pledged we have collected \$63,532.54, leaving \$3,972.98 in outstanding payments. **Thank you** to all our parishioners who contributed to the 2024 Appeal. For those who haven't fulfilled their pledges, kindly remember to send in your payments. Now that we have reached our goal in money collected, **we will receive back half of the money collected above the goal.**

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

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
November 17	\$4192	\$21.65	\$4213.65

SECOND COLLECTION – NOVEMBER 10

SVDP/Poor Box	Holy Day	Human Dev.	Rel. Retirement
\$194.50	\$10	\$774.68	\$5
Christmas	Christmas Novena	Christmas Flowers	
\$30	\$10	\$10	

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign of Human Development! The money raised supports those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States.

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

Saturday, November 23

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS

Sunday, November 24

9 am Faith with Friends (Library)

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

10:30 am MASS

5:30 Confirmation Class (Library)

Monday, November 25

6:30 pm OCIA Session (Library)

Tuesday, November 26

8:30 am MASS

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

11 am – 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)

6 pm Social Concerns (Library)

Wednesday, November 27

8:30 am MASS

12 pm OFFICE CLOSURES AT NOON

Thursday, November 28

THANKSGIVING DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

9 am MASS

Friday, November 29

OFFICE CLOSED

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, November 30

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS

PARISH OFFICE - CLOSED

The Parish Office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 27th, and remain closed until Monday, December 2nd, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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