

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 26, 2023*

Today's Solemnity (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe) begins the last week of Ordinary Time. The Church begins her new Liturgical Year with the 1st Sunday of Advent on December 3rd.

The Advent Season is a time of preparation of our hearts and lives by focusing on the heart of Christmas – the Birth of Jesus.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Diocese of Wilmington
**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION
WEEK**

Nov. 26 - Dec. 2, 2023



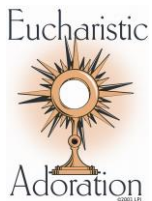
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In June 2022, the Church in the United States began a three-year Eucharistic Revival. As we approach the midpoint of the Eucharistic Revival, a special initiative of the Revival will take place in parishes in our Diocese. During the week of November 26th – December 2nd, each parish within our Diocese will provide an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration. The locations and times for Eucharistic Adoration are listed in the latest issue of The Dialog (available at the doors of the Church). They can also be found on the Diocesan website www.cdow.org. It will be a week when we, as a Diocese, will be especially united in our Eucharistic prayer.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION at ST. POLYCARP

Come spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Stop by the Chapel between the hours of 9 am to 8 pm on Tuesday, November 28th.



ADORATION IN ST. ANN'S CHAPEL

is available on

Tuesdays from 9 am to 8 pm.

We need adorers to fill the following openings:

Tuesday Mornings - 9:30, 10:00, 10:30

Tuesday Afternoons - 2:30, 3:30

Please consider signing up to fill one of these openings. Contact Cheryl Thomas at (302) 363 – 0404 or salcrest7@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

LET US PRAY

Intentions

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| Saturday, November 25 | St. Catherine of Alexandria/ Blessed Virgin Mary - Laverne Dykes - Carol Grove - Annie Kaliyadan |
| 4:00 pm Jimmie Dykes Catherine Corso George Kaliyadan | |
| Sunday, November 26 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Joe & Marie McDowell - Neda Biggs - Joan Werres |
| 10:30 am Rosina Chiusolo Living Intention- Ronald LaSana Donna Abraham | |
| Monday, November 27 | NO MASS |
| Tuesday, November 28 | 7:30 am Parishioners |
| Wednesday, November 29 | 7:30 am Charles Robinson Jr. – The Robinson Family Robert H. Smith - Mike & Diane Dellinger |
| Thursday, November 30 | 7:30 am Sister Susan Louise, O.S.F.S. – John & Cookie Ruane Ron Helmer - Lori & Andy Ostrowski and Family Sharon Ash |
| Friday, December 1 | 7:30 am First Friday |
| Saturday, December 2 | 4:00 pm Janyce Pajerowski - Richard Pajerowski Dolores Rossetti - Lois Ann Smith William Nash - Kathy & Larry |
| Borgman | |
| Sunday, December 3 | 1 st Sunday of Advent 10:30 am Amelia Ronquillo - Betty Pingol Otto & Mary Paepke - Gerald & Linda Mood Fred Isbert - Fred & Theresa DiMeo |

Week of November 26th:

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for an increase in vocations.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Saint Ann's Chapel burns for all who will receive gifts from our Giving Tree.

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.

Diane Bullins, Bridget O'Connell, Ava P, Robin Husman, Milli Burris Alvarez, Jack Barnas, Margaret Sevellina, Lyllie Deter, Leon Walczak, John Ruane, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Bob Gallihar, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Patricia Capobianco, Barbara Hynson, Charlotte Konesky, Tina Kelley, Cathy Connell, Jen McCade, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Beth Kelly, Andrea Laws, Kaysie Borgman, Angie & Al Grasso, Erica White, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Teresa Tier, Holly Powell, Rob Tuxward, Billy Killen, 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

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



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, 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.

LITURGY

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~ Have you looked to the Lord for rescue when you have felt lost?

~ Do you trust in the Lord as sheep trust in their shepherd?

~ What does it mean to see the face of Christ in the stranger, the hungry, and the thirsty?



The Sacrament of

Reconciliation

Will you choose to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation during one of the various opportunities during this second year of the Eucharistic Revival?

St. Polycarp – In addition to Saturdays from 2:30 – 3:30 pm, Confessions will be heard following the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays during Advent: December 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th.

Deanery Penance Service – Thursday, December 14th, at Holy Cross Church, Dover at 7 pm.

Reconciliation Monday – Monday, December 18th, from 3 pm - 5 pm and 6 pm - 8 pm, two priests will be present during each session. (St. Polycarp and St. Dennis)

St. Dennis – In addition to Sundays 7 – 7:30 am, Confessions will be heard 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 7th & 5:30 pm – 6 pm Thursday, December 21st.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th is both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve.

Masses for the 4th Sunday in Advent:
Saturday, December 23rd at 4 pm
Sunday, December 24th at 10:30 am.



Christmas Masses:

Sunday, December 24th at 4 pm and 9 pm
Monday, December 25th at 10 am.

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers will take place Saturday, November 25th at the 4 pm Mass.

THE VOCATION CHALICE

The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. The Chalice is taken home with a promise to pray for vocations during that week. Call or text Alice Gaston at (302) 670 –7924 if you can take home the vocation chalice for a week of prayer.

| Family/Person | Weekend | Mass time |
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| K. Kelvin | November 25 | 4:00 pm |
| D. Adams | Dec. 10 | 10:30 am |
| S. Roch | Dec. 24 | 4:00 pm |

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

Dear Parishioners of St. Polycarp Parish,

The Silver Lake Deanery is Church's administrative territory covering the areas overseen by St. Dennis (Galena), St. Polycarp (Smyrna), Holy Cross (Dover), Immaculate Conception (Marydel), and St. John the Apostle (Milford/Harrington). As part of the Diocesan Planning process, the various Deaneries of the Diocese of Wilmington, are seeking ways in which Parishes within a Deanery can more effectively work together to provide services to the faithful (and, conversely, identifying those areas where that is not practical).

To that end, as Dean of the Silver Lake Deanery, I have compiled a survey to get parishioner assessment regarding areas/topics that have been reviewed by our Deanery Committee or by the Diocesan Pastoral Planning process. The survey is fairly simple, and should take only a few minutes to complete.

I would like to compile the results of this survey to present to our Bishop and the steering committee of this Pastoral Planning process by early December. Thus, I would set the deadline for submissions to this survey at Tuesday, November 28th, 2023.

The survey itself is housed at the Immaculate Conception website, which provides a simple link for all to use: www.iccmarydel.org/survey – that survey will be open thru Tuesday November 28th.

On behalf of my brother priests in the Silver Lake Deanery, I thank you for your faithfulness and your participation. I remain,

Yours in Christ,
Vy, Rev. James Lentini, VF
Dean – Silver Lake Deanery

SOCIAL CONCERNS



THE 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 3rd**. Contact Fran Walls at (302) 653 - 1450, if you have any questions.

THANK YOU!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

2023 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM



The St Vincent De Paul Society, along with the Knights of Columbus, will be conducting the Annual Christmas Gift Program.

Parishioners are asked to donate a turkey or ham. Gift cards (not to exceed \$30.00) are also greatly appreciated. Kindly bring your frozen turkey, ham or gift card to St. Polycarp's Church parking lot on Thursday evening, December 7th between 6:30 to 7:30 pm. St Vincent de Paul members will deliver the turkeys, hams and gift cards Saturday morning, December 9th, between 9 am to noon, to those in need within the parish boundaries. Someone must be home to receive these gifts.

If you know of anyone who is in need of a turkey/ham/gift card, please call St. Vincent de Paul at (302) 264-6630.

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 thru Friday.

Here at St. Polycarp we

have bins under the coat rack in the hallway near the bathrooms to accept your donations.

Due to increased need in the community, the pantry is in great need of cereal, juice boxes or pouches, peanut butter & jelly, hamburger helper, tuna helper, canned tuna, sloppy joe sauce (Manwich), boxed spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, the pantry is also in need of vegetable beef and chicken noodle soups, macaroni and cheese and Chef Boyardee canned pastas. Please NO CANNED vegetables or beans are currently needed.

WHO IS ON THE PASTORAL COUNCIL?



Annemarie Hamilton is our featured council member. We welcome Annemarie to the Saint Polycarp Pastoral Council.

Annemarie Hamilton joined St. Polycarp Parish in 2022. Prior to that she attended Saint Joseph the Worker in Wheeling, Illinois where she sang in the choir. Her love for music and theater was solidified at an early age. She grew up with her mom playing the piano and singing, going to Broadway shows and the ballet. Despite her feet not touching the floor on those big theater seats, and her father carrying her up the steps of Radio City Music Hall, these are among her favorite memories. Although Annemarie had theater in her heart, she also loves science, so she gained a biology degree from Chestnut Hill College in Philly and pursued a career in medicine. She's dedicated her working life to clinical research with several pharmaceutical companies - but most recently had worked on oncology research, giving options to patients who think they've run out of them. She has also done volunteer work at Covenant House in New York. Annemarie still invests in shows in NY on Broadway, off-Broadway, and in the West End in London but here in Delaware she has a little farm - much like Old McDonald's. There are thirty ducks, twenty geese, 4, turkeys eight hens, four roosters, and 2 Australian swans. Many are rescues and she loves them all.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2023



~The Annual Forum is being planned for Sunday, January 21, 2024, following the 10:30 Mass. All parishioners are invited to join us to review all of the wonderful things our

Parish has been doing in the past year and to share ideas and dreams for our parish in the coming year.

~Our Annual Appreciation Dinner is on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Any parishioner who volunteers in our parish is invited to join us for this wonderful tradition. More information about signing up for this dinner will be in the bulletin soon.

We now have a regular representative from our Pastoral Council to the Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium, an organization of local churches, clergy, and lay leaders in Smyrna that meet monthly to improve communications among churches and organizations in our community.

VISIT BULLETIN OVERFLOW - For Details On Events & For Things That We Just Don't Have Room For In Our Bulletin.

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

**GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE
IT'LL BE GONE DECEMBER 1ST AT 3:01 PM!**



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 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

BREAKFAST WITH JESUS



Come join us, after Mass, on December 17th, for **BREAKFAST WITH JESUS**. Brother Vincent Knights of Columbus will be serving a pancake breakfast with scrambled eggs and sausage to all. Let us celebrate the pending birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

"SAVE THE DATE"



Come join us on January 13, 2024 to **ROCK** in the New Year. Brother Vincent Knights of Columbus along with our Columbiettes is sponsoring a **ROCK AND ROLL TRIBUTE** with an evening of dinner and dancing. Mr. Charisma will be back to entertain us.

COLLECTIONS

Figures for this week's collections were unavailable due to the early submission dates for the Bulletin. Figures will be reported at a later date.

Second Collection next week is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.



Please consider signing up for eGiving. 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.*

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

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| <p>Saturday, November 25 8:30 am Sodality Advent Retreat Mass (Church) 9 am Sodality Advent Retreat (Church/Hall/Kitchen) 9 am Fall Grounds Clean-Up 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS</p> |
| <p>Sunday, November 26 9 am NO PSR- NO CLASS, NO PSR ONLINE 10:30 am MASS</p> |
| <p>Monday, November 27 6:30 pm RCIA Session (Hall)</p> |
| <p>Tuesday November 28 7:30 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 Grade 2 & ISP Sacramental Prep. & Student Meeting (Church, Room 3) 6:30 pm Social Concerns (Library) 7 pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 3-6, 8, Hall)</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, November 29 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 am MASS</p> |
| <p>Thursday, November 30 7:30 am MASS 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)</p> |
| <p>Friday, December 1 7:30 am MASS 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)</p> |
| <p>Saturday, December 2 11 am First Reconciliation (Church) 12 pm Reception for First Reconciliation (Hall/Kitchen) 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS</p> |

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: NOVEMBER TO JANUARY

As we enter the busy holiday season, the bulletin is due earlier to the publisher. Therefore, all submissions that you would like to appear in the bulletin will need to be submitted earlier than usual.

| BULLETIN DATE | SUBMISSIONS DUE |
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| December 3 | November 21, by end of day |
| December 10 | November 29, by noon |
| December 17 | December 6, by noon |
| December 24 | December 12, by end of day |
| December 31 | December 19, by end of day |
| January 7 | December 26, by end of day |

Email all submissions to:
submission@saintpolycarp.org