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Of
The Diocese of Wilmington**

Rev. James D. Hreha, Pastor

Deacon Frank Weber



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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, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 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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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

(302) 264-6630



Over 20 dogs, 4 cats, 2 turtles and a chicken were blessed by Deacon Frank at our Annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

The beautiful statue of St. Francis was won by Elly Wilson!

27th 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 god-parents. Contact the Parish Secretary to register.

RCIA (Rite 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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Saturday, October 7th,**

at the 4 pm Mass at St. Polycarp Church



Following the prayer after Communion, Fr. Jim will place the Blessed Sacrament (Host) in the Monstrance. The Blessed Sacrament is then incensed while the "O Salutaris / O Saving Victim" is sung. (Found inside the back cover of Breaking Bread.) Silent prayer then begins. (At this point, Fr. Jim leaves the Church. Please do not leave before Fr. Jim exits the Church. When you do leave, please leave silently.) At the end of the hour, one of our Eucharistic Ministers will transfer (repose) the Blessed Sacrament from the Monstrance to the Tabernacle. No Benediction will take place as there is no Priest present.

ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 14th, at 12 noon

in front of our Blessed Virgin Mary Statue

Please join our parish as well as thousands of Catholics, to publicly pray the Rosary during this annual event. Mary asked us at Fatima to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world and peace in our families. All are welcome as we publicly pray the Rosary at the Blessed Mother statue for our community to witness our faith.



Rosary Rally 2022

**YOUR INVITATION
TO PRAY THE ROSARY BY PHONE**



The Brother Vincent Columbiettes invite you to pray the **Rosary by Phone** every Tuesday at 11 am. Call (701) 802 - 5254 between 10:30 am and 11 am, which is our caring and sharing time, and enter this access code when prompted 1747300#. Then announce yourself, stay on the line and follow along as we pray the Rosary. It is easy and fun and you can do it from anywhere, as long as you have a phone. Please join us and tell us who we can include in our prayers.

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 7

4 pm Catherine Corso
Bill Haws
Peter Mooney

**Our Lady of the Rosary
/ First Saturday**

- Mary Grace & George Hutchinson
- Paulette & Janet
- George & Kathy Muller

Sunday, October 8

10:30 am Betty Bennett
John DeLargy
Anthony Cagayan

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- The Gibson Family
- Elizabeth Hazzard
- Josie & Rudy Cinco

Monday, October 9

**St. Denis and Companions;
St. John Leonardi**

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 10

8:30 am Healing/Living Intention for Janet Alexander
- Dan & Lorraine Marshalewski
Living Intention - Fr. Robert Lamirez - Dee Lim
Flora Sevillena - Dee Lim

Wednesday, October 11

8:30 am Parishioners

St. John XXIII

Thursday, October 12

NO MASS

Friday, October 13

NO MASS

Saturday, October 14

4 pm Edmund Callahan
Bonnie Thompson
Ronald Sylvester

St. Callistus I / BVM

- Cathy & Michael Burke
- Carol Grove
- Lee Sylvester

Sunday, October 15

10:30 am Gerald Brown
Norberto Casenas
Reynaldo Casenas

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Betty Sloven
- The Sloven Family
- The Sloven Family

Week of October 8th:

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for all who work tirelessly to spread the message of Respect Life.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for all priests of the Diocese of Wilmington.

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.

Robin Husman, Milli Burris Alvarez, Linda Montuori, Jack Barnas, Margaret Sevellina, Jean Blankenship, Lyllie Deter, Leon Walczak, Muriel Richards, John Ruane, Jill Mercer, 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

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, 9 am – 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

- ~ What can you do to be less anxious and more trusting in God?
- ~ How does what is in your heart govern how you live?
- ~ Where do you see the Church continuing to nurture people to produce good fruit?

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL?

According to a message from Sister Alicia Torres, who will be a speaker at the National Eucharistic Congress next July, "It is a movement inviting us to rediscover Jesus' desire to give us His flesh for the life of the world. It is sweet in its simplicity, intentional in its integrity, and heartfelt in its humanity. The world needs Jesus, and Jesus has entrusted Himself to the Catholic Church - in a way unlike any other - in the Holy Eucharist. Let's allow His Real Presence to draw us into this movement, His movement, our movement, so that we, with Christ, can offer our own flesh in loving service and passionate self-sacrifice for the life of the world."

If you would like to learn more about this exciting Eucharistic Revival, visit www.eucharisticrevival.org

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

VOCATION CHALICE MINISTRY

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. The hope is that through prayer, our parish may become a source of vocations to serve the diocese and the Church. Call or text Alice Gaston if you can take home the vocation chalice for a week of prayer at (302) 670 – 7924.

Family/Person	Date	Mass Time
Maureen Naylor	October 21	4:00 pm
Christy Earl	October 29	10:30 am

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

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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



SOCIAL CONCERNS

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Please join Catholics worldwide in praying the Respect Life Novena from October 13th through October 21st.

Please see the insert in last weekend's bulletin or visit www.respectlife.org and subscribe. You will receive a different prayer in your email each day of the Novena.

If you have any questions, please contact Margie Eckard of the Respect Life Ministry by email at eckard.margie@gmail.com or by phone at (302) 505 – 6041.

BIRTHRIGHT'S ANNUAL

BOTTLES FOR BABIES FUNDRAISER



Throughout the whole month of October, "Respect Life month," Birthright of Delaware hosts its Annual Bottles for Babies Fundraiser.

Baby bottles will be available at all of the Church doors during the month. We ask you to please take as many bottles as you would like and/or give it to a loved one to fill and return.

Fill the bottle with loose change, cash or a check then please read the insert, fill it out as neatly as possible (if you chose to do so for a Tax credit). Return the bottle(s) at the end of October or sooner. Checks should be made payable to Birthright of Delaware. The proceeds benefit pregnant women and their babies. Thank you for your willingness to support and choose life!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ANNUAL BIKE-A-THON FOR ST. JUDE



Our PSR program organizes a Bike-a-thon every year to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which treats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Our Bike-a-thon is being

held next Sunday, October 15th, at 1 pm (rain date is October 22nd). Our Church, including both students and parishioners, raised over \$4,000 last year! We are asking for your help to meet our goal of \$4,000 once again. Please consider giving to this hospital where parents of very sick children never receive a bill.

Donations will be collected at each exit after Mass next Saturday, October 14th, and Sunday, October 15th. Your

generosity is greatly appreciated! (Please make checks payable to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.)





GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts is starting another year of Service, Skills, and Sisterhood. Do you know a girl (grade K through 12) who would enjoy Girl Scouts? We have troops that meet at St. Polycarp Church on

Thursday nights beginning at 6 pm. Contact Tracie Bruno for more information by contacting her at GSCBSU31@gmail.com or calling (302) 242 – 4150.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

Brother Vincent Columbiettes



are selling **Boscov Passes**. Your \$5 shopping pass buys a full day of 25% Off Discount Shopping and a chance to win

fabulous door prizes! Profits from these sales help Brother Vincent Columbiettes support our many charitable activities. If you'd like to purchase a pass, contact either Jill Mercer at (518) 795 – 7579 or MaryLois Barnas at (302) 388 – 3332.

This event is Wednesday, October 18th, at any Boscov store.

Parish & Family Life - 1st Quarter Auction Friday, October 27, 2023



Doors will open at 5 pm. Auction starts at 6 pm. Proceeds raised will benefit Parish operational expenses and Ministry needs. All-in Paddles are \$45. If you have any

questions, contact Darlene Sanphy at (302) 270 – 3915 or darpete87@comcast.net.

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

Faith



Fatima

Stories from the Heart

Guest Speaker Alice Reiss Israel
Following 10:30 Mass to 2:00 pm

St. Polycarp Parish Hall

OPEN AND FREE TO EVERYONE



HAPPENNING ELSEWHERE

PEACE WEEK DELAWARE ACTIVITY

The Ministry for Black Catholics is sponsoring as part of Peace Week Delaware, October 7th to 15th, an ecumenical candle-lighting service for the victims of Gun Violence in Delaware on Wednesday, October 11th, from 6 pm to 8 pm at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church (809 South Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19805).

PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SMYRNA

5048 Wheatley's Pond Road

Saturday, October 14th from 4 – 6:30 pm
Eat in or Take out.

For details call the Church at 302-653-4312

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF CLERGY, AS WELL AS, MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS

A Day of Prayer dedicated to the Health and Wellness of Clergy and Men and Women Religious will occur on Friday, October 20th. The purpose is to provide spiritual support to those who tirelessly serve the Church and the people of God. It also serves as an awareness campaign and reminder of the importance of self-care, healing, and maintaining a strong spiritual foundation.

MASS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SHRINE

Bishop William Koenig will celebrate Mass at St. Francis Xavier Shrine on Sunday, October 22 at 4 pm. Considered the Mother Church of the Diocese of Wilmington, the address is 1640 Bohemia Church Rd, Warwick, MD. Contact OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com or 302.545.2126 for information.

EXPLORATION OF AMERICAN FUNERAL PRACTICES

Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 pm

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

invites you to join a fascinating exploration of American funeral practices as Todd Harra discusses his book "Last Rites". To register or for questions, please contact Rita McDowell at rmcdowell@ihm.org (4701 Weldin Rd. Wilmington, DE 19803)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! No group sharing required. The next weekend is November 3rd – 5th at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit <http://www.wwme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at (302)648 – 2228.

"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with His grace."

~ Pope Francis

PASTORAL COUNCIL



SAINT POLYCARP DIRECTORY COORDINATOR POSITION

The Pastoral Council is looking for a parishioner to coordinate the preparation for a new directory for Saint Polycarp. Our last directory was published in 2018 and we understand there may be an interest in producing a new directory. Please contact Kathy Curlett at (302) 222 - 9326 if you are interested.

FINANCE COUNCIL

NEWS FROM THE ST. POLYCARP GOLF TOURNAMENT



Thank you to everyone who supported our tournament and those 100 plus parishioners, friends, and golfers who made our 4th Annual Parish Dinner such a great success. It was an amazing

evening with great food, cupcakes to swoon over, prizes that really rocked, including many restaurant and great golf course gift cards and amazing baskets that just were tempting all of us.

Unfortunately, the weather did not permit the golfers to golf that day, so they golfed this past Sunday at Garrisons Lake Golf Course. For them the prizes were still available!

This dinner and tournament would not be the successful fundraiser without you: our supporters and our attendees. We thank you very much for all that you do and hope we can count on you in future events.

ST. POLYCARP PARISHIONERS ARE THE BEST !

COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
October 1	\$4,458.50	\$15.50	\$4,474

Collection	Poor Box	All Souls Day
	\$410	\$216

The Second Collection this weekend (October 7th and 8th) is for our Parish Maintenance. Thank you for your generosity regarding our Parish's ability to maintain the upkeep, appearance, and safety of our parish buildings and grounds.

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 can be made. Visit faith.direct/DE831. We now have Text-to-Give. Text "Enroll" to (302) 202 - 2251 or you can use this QR code for easy giving.



Thank you for your generosity and continued stewardship.



50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING!

SEPTEMBER WINNER – \$40.50

Congratulations to Stephanie Roch!!

\$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/>

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 am to 3 pm

Saturday, October 7

12 pm Environment Committee (Church)

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS

Immediately following Mass – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, October 8

9 am PSR ONLINE

10:30 am MASS

Immediately Following Mass - Columbiettes selling Bosco's passes at Church entrances

5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Hall)

Monday, October 9

OFFICE CLOSED

12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library)

6:30 pm RCIA Session (Hall)

Tuesday October 10

8:30 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 Liturgy Committee Meeting (Library)

7pm PSR ONLINE

Wednesday, October 11

8:30 am MASS

9:30 am Professional Staff Meeting (Library)

7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)

Thursday, October 12

10 am Seasons of Hope (Library)

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

6:30 pm Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting (Library)

Friday, October 13

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, October 14

12 pm Environment Committee (Church)

12 pm Sodality Rosary Rally (Church grounds)

2:30 pm Confession

4 pm MASS

Immediately following Mass - Bike-a-Thon collection at doors

OFFICE CLOSED – Monday, October 9

The Office will be closed on Monday, October 9th, in observance of the holiday.

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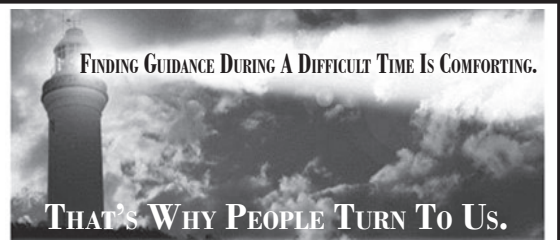
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