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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

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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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

302-264-6630



Congratulations to “Alfalfa” for winning the beautiful St. Francis garden flag at the Blessing of the Animals.

We’ve never had a duck win before!!

28th 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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2024

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER
 ~ Where do you look when you need wisdom in your life?
 ~ How has God's Word brought clarity during a time of personal discernment?
 ~ Why is following the commandments only the first step of following Christ? What comes next?

"ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS"

If you have difficulty maneuvering steps, we ask that you please try and use the side entrances when entering or exiting the Church. Within the past month, we have had two parishioners fall on the front steps leading into or out of the Church. We are asking this for your own safety and the safety of all our other parishioners. Thank you!

WATCH YOUR STEP

SPEND TIME WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday, October 12th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Adoration, will take place Saturday, October 12th, following the prayer after Communion at the 4 pm Vigil Mass.

JESUS' TRUE PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST

"Those who believe don't leave. Believe what? Believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. This single truth holds the power to change everything."

~ Matthew Kelly from *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*

TUESDAY ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

To adore God is to acknowledge, in respect and absolute submission, the "nothingness of the creature" who would not exist but for God. To adore God is to praise and exalt him and to humble oneself, as Mary did in the Magnificat, confessing with gratitude that He has done great things and holy is His name. The worship of the one God sets man free from turning in on himself, from the slavery of sin and the idolatry of the world. – CCC2097

Please consider visiting the chapel on Tuesdays between 11 am and 8 pm. It is ok to stop by to talk quietly to Jesus in your heart for only a moment or two.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION



We will be having a training session for new Altar Servers on October 19th, from 9:30 am to 12 pm, in the Church. At least one parent needs to attend with their child. We are looking forward to meeting everyone!

~ Jim and Fran Walls

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 12	Blessed Virgin Mary
4 pm Bob Gallihar	- Judy Lamborn
Edward C. Fletcher	- The Robinson Family
Gerri Nevins	- Maureen Robinson & Family
Father Tom Flowers	- Dieter & Joyce Raczkowski
Frances Miller	- Chuck Miller
Sunday, October 13	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Mary Ann D'Amico	- The Taylor Family
Janet Girello	- Bill Reece
Sally Hayes	- Lori & Mike Sanders
Monday, October 14	St. Callistus I
No Mass	
Tuesday, October 15	St. Teresa of Jesus
8:30 am Anniversary for Greg & Monica Haven	- Monica & Greg Haven
	- Betty Pingol
Arceli Darwin	
Wednesday, October 16	St. Hedwig/St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
8:30 am Baby Charles	- Taylor Family
Apolonia Powiecka	- Lori & Andy Ostrowski
Santos Moreno	- Epi & Marie Aboyme
Thursday, October 17	St. Ignatius of Antioch
No Mass	
Friday, October 18	St. Luke
No Mass	
Saturday, October 19	Sts John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions
4 pm Bob Gallihar	- Bob & Kathy Curlett
Charles Franklin Leverage	- Kathryn Duncan
Joseph Francis Duncan	- Kathryn Duncan
Maria Theresa Reyes	- William & Jessica Burke
Sunday, October 20	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Allen Huttick	- George & Kathy Muller
Stuart Ryan	- Larry & Kathy Borgman
Enrique Hemas Aguilar, Jr.	- Josie & Rudy Cinco

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.

Mike Bernardi Family, Cicero Family, Carol Donahue, ReAnna Hackett, Phyllis Fletcher, Jimmy Callahan, Jesse L. Brooks, Nancy Melville, Nick Sarro, Joe Wisnewski, Anne Borgman, Margaret Williams, Liam Travers, Henry Humphres, Jimmy Wiggins, William Neilson, William Green, Carol Timmons, Alison Seewald, Bob Reeder, Lauren Travers, Marguerite Maguire, Lisa Wisnewski, Kathleen Gianjulio, 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

Violet Farkas

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

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.

Prayer Chain: To request prayers or to be part of our Prayer Chain, contact Laverne at laverne427@icloud.com or call 302-653-8064.

LITURGY

All Saints & All Souls

**Mass Schedule - The Solemnity Of All Saints
November 1 - A Holy Day of Obligation**

St. Polycarp

Thursday, October 31st, at 5 pm (Vigil Mass)

Friday, November 1st, at 8:30 am

St. Dennis

Thursday, October 31st, at 7 pm (Vigil Mass)

Friday, November 1st, at 8:30 am

**Mass Schedule - All Souls' Day
November 2**

St. Polycarp

Saturday, November 2nd, at 8:30 am

This Mass does not satisfy the attendance of the Sunday Mass obligation.

ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA OF MASSES

Let us send our love and wishes to all those loved ones who are no longer on Earth hoping for peace and happiness. Time heals everything but it can never bring back the warmth and love of our dear ones who are no longer with us. The most powerful prayer we can offer for the holy souls in purgatory is to have the Holy Mass said on their behalf.

The All Souls Day Novena of Masses provides an opportunity for us to renew our hope in Christ's promise of eternal life. Please use the All Souls Day envelopes to list the loved ones you wish to be remembered at these Masses. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

FAITH WITH FRIENDS

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 AM IN THE LIBRARY

Faith with Friends kickstarted last week with a fantastic turnout! If you couldn't make it, don't worry — you were missed, and we would love to see you at our next gathering. Whether you are a regular or thinking about joining for the first time, there is always room for more friends at Faith with Friends. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Library. Coffee and donuts are available, so come hungry — both for breakfast and for faith! ☕🍩

ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING WELL

An evening grief support group will begin on Thursday, October 24th, at 7 pm in Classroom 8. It will meet weekly.

In the weeks before the group starts, a series from FORMED, "Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well", will be shown at 7 pm. The last of the series will be shown on this Thursday, October 17 in Classroom 8. All are welcome to attend. This series is separate from the group support group.

Each week, after the "Eternal Rest" video and discussion, information will be given about the upcoming grief support group.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

DELAWARE STATE COLUMBIETTES

invite you to their 2024 RETREAT.

"HISTORY & MYSTERIES" OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Saint Polycarp's Mother Drexel Parish Hall

8:45 am – 3:00 pm

Breakfast and Lunch will be served

Cost: \$15.00

RSVP: Anna Skinner 302-883-5647

Registration deadline is: Friday, October 18th

Our guest speaker will be Kathy Ebner MA

Kathy is the Spiritual Director at St Jude's Church in Lewes, DE.

SILVER ROSE

The **SILVER ROSE** pilgrimage will again come to St. Polycarp Church on Wednesday, October 30th after the 8:30 am Mass. Come join Brother Vincent Council in a rosary-centered service to Our Lady.



Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose pilgrimage demonstrates the unity between

Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States, and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Each year Silver Roses are stewarded by councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Knights of Brother Vincent Council look forward to seeing you at the 8:30 am Mass on October 30th.

QUARTERS IN, PADDLES UP!

Don't miss the excitement of our
2nd Annual Quarter Auction!

The countdown is on... QUARTERS IN, PADDLES UP! 🧑‍🦰

St. Polycarp's 2nd Annual Quarter Auction is almost here!

Sunday, November 17th

🎯 Don't miss out on the fun—scan the QR code to grab your paddles!



DIGITAL MINISTRY



The Digital Ministry meets on a monthly basis. We have had a busy spring and summer. Over the last several months we have worked on:

- the set up of new Smart TV's (and TV stands) in the PSR classrooms. All classrooms are now equipped with Smart TV's which will allow access to wonderful digital content for all the catechists and students as the new PSR year begins.

- updating Parish computers with the latest Windows operating system to ensure the most current security features, optimal functionality, and network compatibility are established.

- in the transition to Microsoft 365 applications, we are focusing on document storage to guarantee that files remain secure and accessible to office staff.

- preparing and scheduling training sessions in using Zoom and accessing the Smart TV's for ministry leaders' use for Parish committee meetings and events.

If you are interested in the Digital Ministry, scan the QR code below to discover more about this innovative ministry!



SOCIAL CONCERNS

DHCI Fall Ball

The Delaware Home for the Chronically



Ill has their ball and dinner for the residents next month. Part of the fun is for the residents "decking out" in party attire. To help with the fun, the staff are

seeking used fancy dresses, hats, costume jewelry, scarfs, and men's buttoned Shirts and ties. Individuals and groups can drop off their contributions by the first week of November at the main office at 100 Sunnyside Road, Smyrna, in the Prickett Building (the one with the Flag pole out front).



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 are available at the doors of the Church through October. We ask you to please take as many bottles as you would like and/or give it to a loved one.

Fill the bottle with loose change, cash or a check then please read the insert, fill it out as neatly as possible (if you choose to do so for a tax credit). Return the bottle(s) at the end of October.

Proceeds benefit pregnant women and their babies. On behalf of our mothers, Birthright staff and volunteers, we graciously Thank You!

CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Throughout October, the Christmas at Sea ministry will be collecting donations to create "ditty boxes."



Boxes will be delivered to the Seaman's Center in Wilmington and given to each seafarer who comes into the Port of Wilmington in December. Your donations of chapstick, comb, cough drops, deodorant, disposable razors, gloves, gum, candy, hand lotion, pens, stationery, playing cards, sewing kit, shampoo, shaving cream, soap, socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, hat, and scarf will help fill the boxes. Collection boxes will be in the hallway, under the coat rack. Monetary donations will be used to purchase items to fill the boxes. Monetary donations should be in an envelope marked "Christmas at Sea" and can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to St. Polycarp's office. Please contact Tracie Bruno with any questions: 302-242-4150. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

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

ST. DENNIS CHRISTMAS CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 9 AM TO 2 PM,
at St. Dennis Parish (Galena, MD)

This annual event features arts & crafts, lunch with Santa in his workshop, Christmas gifts for all ages, "12 Days of Christmas" decorations, silent auctions, raffle tickets, many vendors, and delicious treats. Lunch will be served all day. There will be cakes, pies, cookies, and other yummy goodies made by the parishioners of St. Dennis!

New Vendors are welcome to attend, if you are interested, please call Jim at 717-575-1235.

St. Dennis Parish
 153 N Main St, Galena, MD 21635
 410-648-5145 www.stdennischurch.org
stdennischurchoffice@gmail.com
https://www.youtube.com/@stdennisparish_galenamd/streams

FOOTPRINTS MASS



The Annual Footprints Mass will be held on Sunday, October 20th, at 9:30 am at St. John the Beloved Church in Wilmington, DE. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents, and siblings who grieve the death of a child as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, or early infant death. The loss may be recent or many years ago. As a Catholic community, all are welcomed to join us in prayerful support at this special healing Mass. It is a time when we come together to remember those who died too soon. This Mass is sponsored by the Offices for Marriage and Family Life and Respect Life of the Diocese of Wilmington.

DELAWARE PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL UPDATE

Delaware Governor John Carney has vetoed HB 140 that legalized physician assisted suicide in Delaware. You can be assured that physician assisted suicide will be back again next year, and we all must be ready to fight for the elderly, sick and disabled of our community. Prayers are still needed to change the hearts of our government minds and hearts. Please email Governor Carney, and thank him for vetoing HB 140!

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
October 6	\$3784	\$43	\$3827

SECOND COLLECTIONS - SEPTEMBER 1 & 8

SVDP/Poor Box	Holy Days	All Souls
\$114	\$95	\$190
World Mission	Parish Maintenance	Parish Utilities
\$55	\$165	\$15

MONTH TOTAL/YEAR-TO-DATE

Offertory	Received	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
September Total	\$30,035.50	\$29,887.41	\$148.09
Fiscal YTD	\$80,911.80	\$81,637.41	(\$725.61)

SECOND COLLECTIONS

The Second Collection this weekend (October 12th and 13th) is for our Parish Maintenance. This collection supports the preservation, upkeep, beautification, and the safety of our parish buildings and grounds. THANK YOU!

The Second Collection next weekend is for World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call - to bring the Gospel to all!

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, October 12 11 am Mass of Christian Burial for Gerald Mood (Church) 12 pm Rosary Rally (Grounds / Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm Mass 5 pm Adoration (Church)	
Sunday, October 13 9 am Faith with Friends Bible Study Meeting (Library) 9 am PSR ONLINE Grades P/K-4, No in-person class 10:30 am MASS	OFFICE IS CLOSED
Monday, October 14 12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library) 6 pm Girl Scout Volunteer Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)	
Tuesday, October 15 8:30 am MASS 9 am Adult Faith Formation Coffee - 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, October 16 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 2 pm Reserved (Library) 6 pm Columbiette Board Meeting (Library) 6:30 pm Baptismal Class Advance Registration Required (Room 7) 7 pm KoC Officers Meeting (Library)	
Thursday, October 17 10 am Pathway to Peace (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Digital Ministry (Library) 6:30 pm Parish & Family Life (Room 7) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 pm Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting (Library) 7 pm Grief Support Group - (Room 8)	
Friday, October 18 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)	
Saturday, October 19 9:30 am Altar Server Training (Church) 2 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Following Mass - Collecting at doors for St. Jude Hospital.	

Monday, October 14 - The office will be closed for the holiday.

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