

# ST. POLYCARP CHURCH

*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.

[www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPolycarpSmyrnaDE)

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30–3:30 pm or by appointment

## PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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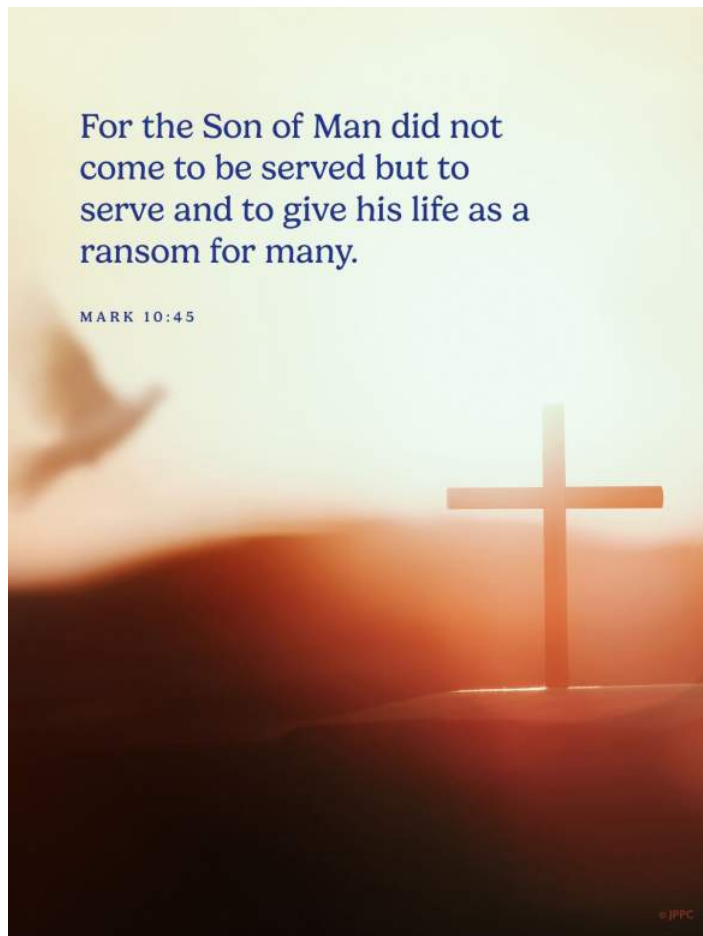
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*For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society*

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For the Son of Man did not  
come to be served but to  
serve and to give his life as a  
ransom for many.

MARK 10:45



## *29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Pinnacle, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time October 20, 2024

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ How have you experienced God's mercy recently?
- ~ What intention or request would you like to bring before God's throne today?
- ~ How would you describe the kind of servant leadership that Jesus is calling us to in today's Gospel?

### HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE



In 2007, "America Needs Fatima" started the October Rosary Rally Campaign asking people to pray a rosary for America in a public place at noon on the Saturday in October, closest to October 13<sup>th</sup>, when Our Lady performed the miracle of the sun. Our annual Rosary Rally took place last Saturday, sponsored by our Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING



The Pastoral Council invites parishioners with video production skills to assist in creating a video showcasing our parish campus. If you are able to help, please reach out to Ken Eckard, the Executive Officer, at 302-525-4447.

The Pastoral Council, Facilities Planning and Building and Maintenance Committees are sponsoring the Agape on Sunday, November 3. Please come out and meet the members and enjoy some delicious food.

The Wall Rack is almost finalized. We will soon have a wall rack in the hallway for brochures and flyers from different ministries.

### LET US PRAY

### Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 19	St. John de Brebeuf and Issac 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 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Allen Huttick	- George & Kathy Muller
Stuart Ryan	- Larry & Kathy Borgman
Enrique Llemas Aguilar, Jr.	- Josie & Rudy Cinco
Monday, October 21	
No Mass	
Tuesday, October 22	St. John Paul II
8:30 am Maryanne Stottman	- The Sloven Family
Jerry Costello	- The Sloven Family
Brendan Grady	- The Sloven Family
Wednesday, October 23	St. John of Capistrano
8:30 am Richard Malta	- John & Cookie Ruane
Maryjean Quinlan	- John & Cookie Ruane
Thursday, October 24	St. Anthony Mary Claret
No Mass	
Friday, October 25	
No Mass	
Saturday, October 26	Blessed Virgin Mary
4 pm Parishioners	
Sunday, October 27	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Preston Pendarvis	- Peters & Pendarvis Families
Lee McGill	- George & Kathy Muller
Gloria Ponsiek	- George & Kathy Muller

### 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](mailto: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.

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

### PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup>, at 5 pm (Vigil Mass)

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8:30 am

**St. Dennis**

Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7 pm (Vigil Mass)

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8:30 am

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

**St. Polycarp**

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

### **MEMORIAL CANDLES**



November, the month of All Souls, would be a perfect time to have a candle lit in memory of a loved one. The white memorial candles will be lit for an entire year, in memory of a loved one, for \$150.00. Please come to the office and fill out the form, or use Faith Direct. The blue candles are \$3.00, and are lit by you, after the \$3.00 donation.

## 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.



### **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Use this QR code or visit

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

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### *Greetings from the CRE,*

PSR classes have started, and catechesis has begun! A BIG shout out to our PSR Team for their dedication and enthusiasm in answering God's call. PSR would be nothing without them!

Our **Envelope Fundraiser** was successful once again! We sincerely thank you for your constant support of our PSR Ministry. We couldn't do what we do without you!



Are you thinking about Christmas yet? We are! Our **Christmas Ornament Fundraiser** has begun! Please consider purchasing ornaments to help us decorate the Christmas Trees we display in Mother

Drexel Hall. After Christmas, you take the ornaments you purchased home. See insert for more details.



Plan on joining us **Sunday, October 27 at 9:00 am** to celebrate All Saint's Day! Our PSR students will proudly march around in their saint costumes as they collect goodies from our parish ministries at our annual **All Saint's Day Trunk or Treat!** If you would like to donate goodies or reserve a spot and be in on all the action, contact Erica Taylor, CRE at 653-4101. As always, thank you for your support and prayers!

**Fall Blessings,**

*Erica Taylor*

## ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING WELL

An evening grief support group will begin this coming Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm in Classroom 8. It will meet weekly.

## PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

### SILVER ROSE

The **SILVER ROSE** pilgrimage will again come to St. Polycarp Church on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### DHCI Fall DANCE

#### The Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill

is having a beautiful fall dance 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 at DHCI are seeking gently used

dresses (need sizes Large, XL, 2XL - 4XL and men's buttoned down shirts (need sizes Large - 4XL) and ties.

Individuals and groups can **drop off donations by November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Main Medical Building Lobby (the Prickett Building - the one with the flag pole out front). 100 Sunnyside Road, Smyrna** Help bring joy to the residents at their special fall dance!

Questions? Contact Tina Wagner at 302-223-1011 or [tina.wagner@delaware.gov](mailto:tina.wagner@delaware.gov)



### 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 for your generosity.

## 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.

## HAPPENING ELSEWHERE



### ST. DENNIS CHRISTMAS CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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  
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Don't forget to check out our **Bulletin Overflow**  
[www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow](http://www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow)

## COLLECTIONS

### OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
October 13	\$4194	\$16	\$4210

### SECOND COLLECTIONS – SEPTEMBER 1 & 8

SVDP/Poor Box	Holy Days	All Souls
\$108	\$90	\$181
World Mission	Parish Maintenance	PSR
\$60	\$1032	\$5
Share in the Soirit		\$10

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

The Second Collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is an effort of the entire Church to help over 1,100 dioceses that cannot sustain themselves because they are poor, young, or actively persecuted. Every Catholic regardless of geographical location, plays a pivotal role in embracing the missionary spirit.

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](http://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.*

## "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!



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

Saturday, October 19  
9:30 am Altar Server Training (Church)  
2:30 pm Confession  
**4 pm Mass**  
Following Mass - Collecting for St. Jude's Childrens' Hospital (Church Doors)

Sunday, October 20  
9 am Faith with Friends (Library)  
9 am Grade 2 and ISP Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting (Room 3)  
9 am PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1-6, 8)  
**10:30 am MASS** - Rite of Enrollment for First Reconciliation  
10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Hall)  
Following Mass - Collecting for St. Jude's Childrens' Hospital (Church Doors)

1 pm Bike-a-thon  
5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Library)

Monday, October 21  
6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)  
6:30 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes - Rosary (Library)  
7 pm Brother Vincent Columbiettes- Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, October 22  
**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)  
2 pm Reserved (Library)  
6:30 pm Social Concerns (Library)  
7 pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 3-8)

Wednesday, October 23  
**8:30 am MASS**  
2 pm Reserved (Library)  
6:30 pm Squires (Library)

Thursday, October 24  
10 am Pathway to Peace (Library)  
6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)  
6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)  
7 pm Grief Support Group - (Room 8)

Friday, October 25  
3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, October 26  
9 am Columbiette's - State Columbiette Retreat (Hall/Kitchen)  
2:30 pm Confession  
**4 pm MASS** - K of C/Squires/Columbiettes (Speak at Mass)  
Following Mass - K of C Pretzel Sale (Church Doors)

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