

# 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

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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

## PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

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

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Thank you to everyone who supported our 2024 Bike-a-thon for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Our goal was to raise \$5000. For more pictures, visit [www.saintpolycarp.org/category/photos/](http://www.saintpolycarp.org/category/photos/)

## *30<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 god-parents. 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.

# 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October 27, 2024

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ How might God be leading people back to faith?
- ~ What has God done in your life recently that has filled you with joy?
- ~ How can you set aside time this week to quietly consider what you would like Jesus to do for you?

### Mass Schedule For The Solemnity of All Saints 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



**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.

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

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

### LET US PRAY

### Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, October 28 SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles  
No Mass

Tuesday, October 29  
8:30 am Margaret & Kenneth Burke - Janice & Roy Arrighi  
Fran Brownlie - Joan Werres  
Healing Intention for Deacon Mike Boyd - The Sloven Family

Wednesday, October 30  
8:30 am Harry Graham - George & Kathy Muller  
Joan Seyer - Michele Coldiron  
Ann Comstock - Michele Coldiron

Thursday, October 31  
5 pm Mass - All Saints' Day

Friday, November 1 ALL SAINTS/ First Friday  
8:30 am Mass- All Saints Day  
John Fcasni, Sr. - John & Michele Fcasni

Saturday, November 2 The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed/ All Souls' Day  
8:30 am Mass - All Souls'  
4 pm All Souls' Novena

Sunday, November 3 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 am All Souls' Novena

### 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 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

### LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS



Here are a few items discussed at our October meeting:

- ~ We have a canopy for the Corpus Christi Procession, but there is a need for poles to be made to hold it up over Fr. Jim carrying the Monstrance containing our Lord.
- ~ Thanksgiving: We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry and Food Bank.
- ~ Annual Forum: a Sub-Committee was formed to discuss our presentation for the Forum to be held in January
- ~ Trunk or Treat will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

### VOCATIONS

“Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.” Will you share in Christ’s saving mission? He may be calling you to a beautiful and sacrificial life 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](mailto:vocations@cdow.org).

National Vocations Awareness Week begins next Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please pray for an increase in vocations. Also remember to pray for all who have chosen to answer God’s call that these men and women remain faithful and steadfast to their vocation despite whatever temptations or struggles they are facing.

### 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.

## 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. Fill the bottle with loose change, cash or a check. 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 – LAST WEEK TO DONATE

This is the final week that we will be collecting for the “ditty boxes” to be given to the seafarers at the Port of Wilmington in December. Items needed include: 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. Any 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.



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING WELL

An evening grief support group meets weekly on Thursday evenings at 7 pm in Classroom 8.

## PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

### NOVEMBER AGAPE

Come celebrate "God's Love" as we give thanks for our Blessings as we come together for Agape next Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the 10:30am Mass. Hosted by the members of Pastoral Council.



### BROTHER VINCENT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



#### PRETZEL SALE - This Weekend

Pretzels are back. Brother Vincent Council will be selling pretzels, after Mass this weekend. Pretzels are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.



#### COAT DISTRIBUTION - This Weekend

Cold weather is coming. To keep our youngsters warm, Brother Vincent Council will be distributing warm coats, free to our kids, while supplies last. Supplies are limited. Coat distribution will be in Mother Drexel Hall, after Mass on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Youth sizes, 7-18 for boys and girls, are available.

#### RECRUITMENT DRIVE - This Weekend

Brother Vincent Knights of Columbus, Squires and the Columbiettes are conducting a recruitment drive after Mass this weekend. Come meet everyone and enjoy some coffee and donuts and join!



#### SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE October 30<sup>th</sup>

The Knights of Columbus invite you to the Silver Rose Pilgrimage Prayer Service following the 8:30 am Mass on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program 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.

## 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.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

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.



## 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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### PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

**ITALY** Don't miss the pilgrimage of a lifetime. Join Bishop Koenig and fellow parishioners for a Diocese of Wilmington Pilgrimage to Italy for the Celebration of the Jubilee Year! The pilgrimage runs from October 26<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and will be spiritually led by the Most Reverend William E. Koenig, D.D., Tenth Bishop of Wilmington. Visit [www.cdow.org/JubileePilgrimage](http://www.cdow.org/JubileePilgrimage) for full details including itinerary, pricing and more. *Make your reservation before November 11, 2024.*

### SAVE THE DATE TO RUN/WALK IN NOVEMBER



The Bishop's 5K Run/Walk, benefiting Catholic Charities, is scheduled for Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9 am at St. Mark's High School. Registration starts at 8 am. [www.ccwilm.org/events/the-bishops-5k-runwalk/](http://www.ccwilm.org/events/the-bishops-5k-runwalk/)

Don't forget to check out our **Bulletin Overflow**  
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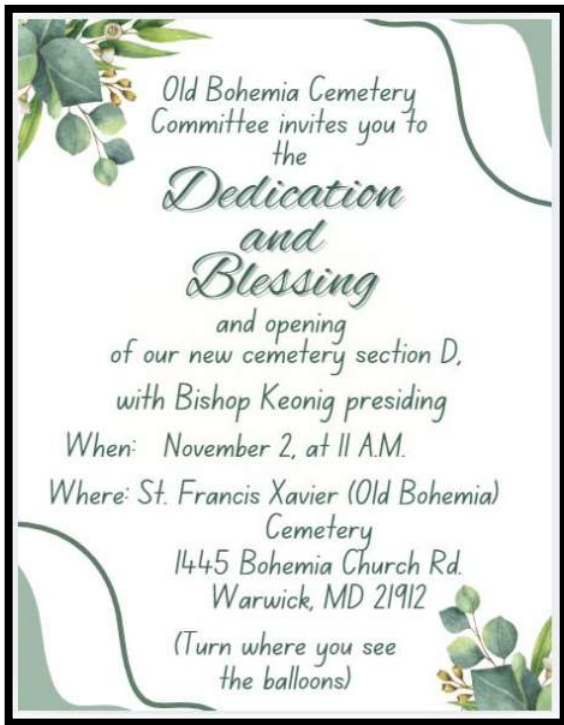
**SMYRNA-CLAYTON MINISTERIUM NEWS**



The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at Smyrna Elementary School the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 24<sup>th</sup>, from 2 pm to 5 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy the tasty dinner and the company of other community members. Youth volunteers will serve the dinner. Church members are asked to donate pies and bring them to Smyrna Elementary School that day.

The yearly interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held the evening before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at Asbury Methodist Church, with participation of pastors from local churches.

Donations of nonperishable food are always welcome and are regularly taken from St. Polycarp bins to the community food pantry at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Thank you for your acts of mercy by remembering others who need food.



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*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

<b>THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH</b>	
For the most up-to-date information Visit <a href="https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/">https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/</a>	
<b>Saturday, October 26</b> 9 am State Columbiette Retreat (Hall/Kitchen) 2:30 pm Confession <b>4 pm MASS</b> K of C/Squires/Columbiettes (Speak at Mass) Following Mass - K of C Pretzel Sale (Church Doors)	
<b>Sunday, October 27</b> 9 am Faith with Friends (Library) 9 am All Saints' Parade/Trunk or Treat (Church Grounds) 9 am PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1-6, 8) <b>10:30 am MASS</b> K of C/Squires/Columbiettes (Speak at Mass) Following Mass - K of C Pretzel Sale (Church Doors) 5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Library)	
<b>Monday, October 28</b> 6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)	
<b>Tuesday, October 29</b> <b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 7 pm PSR Grades 5-8, (Rooms 3-8)	
<b>Wednesday, October 30</b> <b>8:30 am MASS</b> Following Mass - Silver Rose Prayer Service (Church)	
<b>Thursday, October 31</b> 10 am Pathway to Peace (Library) 5 pm <b>MASS- All Saints</b> 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 7 pm Grief Support Group - (Room 8)	
<b>Friday, November 1</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></span> <b>8:30 am MASS - All Saints' Day</b> 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)	
<b>Saturday, November 2</b> <b>8:30 am MASS - All Souls' Day</b> 9 am Girl Scout Leaders First Aid Training (Hall) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm <b>MASS</b>	

**COLLECTIONS**

<b>OFFERTORY</b>			
Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
October 20	\$4825	\$66	\$4891

<b>SECOND COLLECTIONS - SEPTEMBER 1 &amp; 8</b>		
SVDP/Poor Box	Holy Days	All Souls
\$157	\$18	\$285
World Mission	Parish Maintenance	PSR
\$433	\$169	\$10
Share in the Spirit	Human Dev.	Parish Utilities
\$20	\$2	\$10

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
The Parish Office will be closed on All Saints' Day, (Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>) as we celebrate the Saints - our heroes and friends of the Catholic Church.

**TIME CHANGES NEXT WEEKEND.**  
**Remember to FALL BACK one hour.**  
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- a gift from God?*

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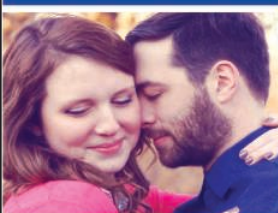
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