

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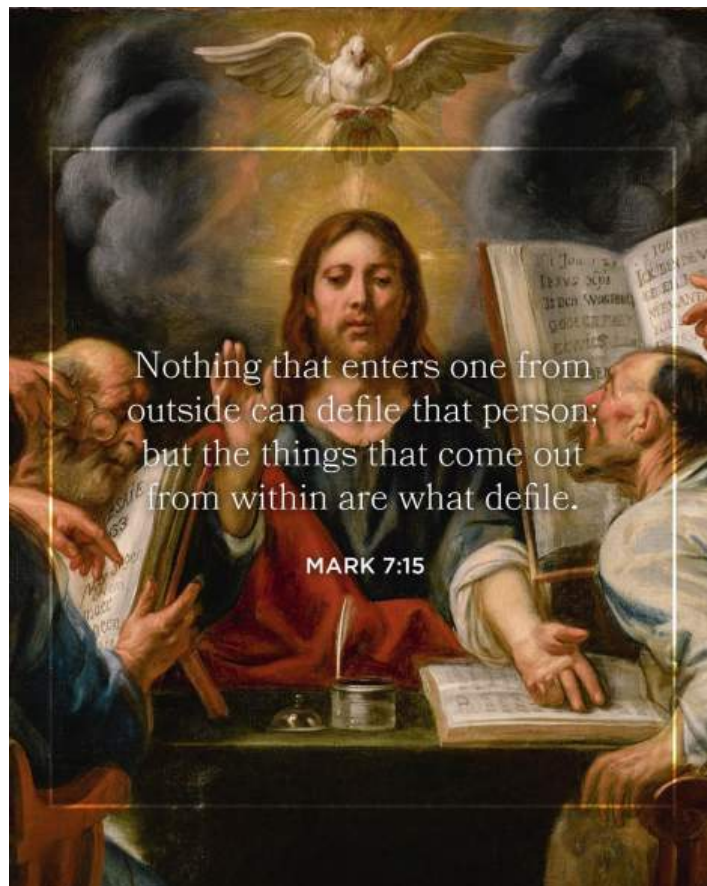
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For those in need—St. Vincent de Paul Society

302-264-6630



## 22<sup>nd</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.

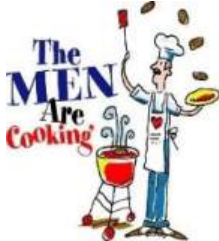
**For Funerals:** Contact the Funeral Home of your choice. They will then coordinate with the Parish Office.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1, 2024

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ What is your relationship to the commandments of God? How are they a source of guidance and wisdom in your life?
- ~ What good gift have you received from God recently?
- ~ How is holiness about more than compliance with rules? What else is needed?

### SAINT POLYCARP ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



The men are cooking so please join us on Sunday, September 15, after the 10:30 am Mass, for our Annual Parish Picnic. Please join us as we gather outside for Fellowship! Food! Water Ice! Bounce House! A visit from Spiderman! Face Painting! Please bring a side dish to share and a chair to relax on. We will be selling 50/50 tickets so bring some cash. 1 ticket-\$1 or 25 tickets for \$20.

### 2024 DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON MARIAN PILGRIMAGE Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

You are invited to join Bishop Koenig and parishioners from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore at the annual Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage on Saturday, September 28, 2024, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church, 12 Winder Road, New Castle,



Delaware. Come and hear keynote speaker, Father Sabastian White, O.P., Editor-in-Chief of Magnificat Magazine. The day includes morning Mass, Rosary, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration and Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. Visit the over two-story tall stainless steel Our Lady Queen of Peace statue created by master sculptor Charles Parks, which is located next to the church.

For more information visit [www.cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage](http://www.cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage) or [facebook.com/CDOWMarianPilgrimage](https://www.facebook.com/CDOWMarianPilgrimage). A great way to prepare your heart for the October 5<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Congress in Ocean City!



### LET US PRAY

### Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 31	Blessed Virgin Mary
4 pm Katherine Radl	- Dieter & Joyce Raczkowski
Kazimiera Chrzanowska	- George & Kathy Muller
Andrew Romano & Family	- Carol Grove
Sunday, September 1	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Father Tom Flowers	- BVM Sodality
Maureen Enright	- Kathy Donnell & Marge Collum
Virginia M. Tatu	- The Trainer Family
Monday, September 2	
No Mass	
Tuesday, September 3	St. Gregory the Great
8:30 am Miguela A. Duran	- Marie & Epi Aboyme
John Rolfe Skeels	- Josie & Rudy Cinco
Wednesday, September 4	
8:30 am Those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society	
Thursday, September 5	
No Mass	
Friday, September 6	First Friday
No Mass	
Saturday, September 7	Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 pm Frank & Jayne Marvian	- The Marvian Family
Bob Gallihar	- Carol Grove
Sunday, September 8	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Parishioners	

#### 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.

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 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, Violet Farkas, 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 Janet Girello

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](mailto:laverne427@icloud.com) or call 302-653-8064.

**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.



#### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

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

**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS, OCTOBER 5, 2024**  
**Ocean City (MD) Convention Center**  
**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**



**Register now for a Spiritual Journey!** Join Bishop Koenig and our diocesan family on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Ocean City Convention Center (MD) for the Eucharistic Congress, "The Eucharist: The Source and Summit." This day-long event will deepen our faith and strengthen our community through worship, reflection, and celebration. Don't miss this powerful opportunity to reconnect with the core of our Catholic identity!

Register now for this spiritually enriching event!  
 For additional information and to register, use this QR code or visit [www.cdow.org/EucharisticCongress](http://www.cdow.org/EucharisticCongress)



A special invitation from Bishop Koenig!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHcOBqsuV1o>

**OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>**

**NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS**

There will be no Saturday evening Mass here at St. Polycarp on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Bishop Koenig has asked that all Saturday evening Masses in the Diocese be cancelled that day so that Priests and parishioners can attend the Eucharistic Congress in Ocean City, MD.

**LITURGY**

**SPEND TIME WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Adoration, will take place next Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, following the prayer after Communion at the 4 pm Vigil Mass. All are invited to stay and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

**SEPTEMBER BLESSINGS**  
**AT THE 10:30 AM MASS**

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Catechetical Sunday  
 Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pastoral and Finance Councils  
 Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – Professional Staff

**FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – September 4**  
**We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society**

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May they rest in peace. Amen**



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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Albino & Mary Gioiosa    | William & Mary Etta Maycen        |
| Joseph Gioiosa           | Roberto Pingol                    |
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| Kenneth & Margaret Burke | Louis & Angelina Arrighi          |
| Barbara Hynson           | Victor Chavez                     |
| Joseph Maguire           | The Saber Family                  |
| William E. Brown         | Camilo Arguelles                  |
| Filomena Arguelles       | Lucita Dico                       |
| Serbolo Edward Ibao      | Win Him Eng                       |
| Sonja Ann Gilliard       | Eddie Robert Maycen               |
| Vicente D. Lim, Jr.      | Ponnampalam Sabanayagam           |
| Maureen McNamee          | Deacon Charles Robinson           |
| Charles Robinson, Jr.    | Jose Crisostomo                   |
| Sophia Crisostomo        | Mario & Rosina Chiusolo           |
| Stephanie McDowell       | Preston & Luigina Pendarvis       |
| Alexander & Agnes Peters | Walczak Family                    |
| Antanavige Family        |                                   |
- For all those who have no one to pray for them.  
 \* indicates final month enrollment

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

Altar servers are responsible for assisting the clergy in the celebration of the sacraments, in particular the Mass. They are representatives of the congregation in direct and public service at the Lord's altar.



If your child has expressed a desire to serve Jesus and St. Polycarp Parish at the altar and if they have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please contact: Fran and Jim Walls. Our contact information is: Cell Phone- 302-359-9152, Email- [SmyrnaWalls@gmail.com](mailto:SmyrnaWalls@gmail.com). There will be training for new altar servers this Fall.

Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, is designated by the Catholic Church as World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.  
 How are you taking care of God's Creation?

## VOCATION CHALICE MINISTRY

The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. The hope is that through prayer, our parish may become a source of vocations to serve the diocese and the Church.

It's easy:

- + Sign up for a week by calling/texting Alice Gaston 302-670-7924 or fill out the form and place it in the collection basket.
- + Arrive 15 to 10 minutes before Mass- let the sacristan (the person who sets up for Mass) know you will be taking the chalice.
- + Father will call you forth at the end of Mass to receive the chalice.
- + Take the chalice home and display it in a prominent place.
- + Dedicate a prayer for vocations each day.
- + When your week is complete, bring back the chalice and all accompanying materials to Mass and drop it off in the sacristy for the next person or family to host for the next week.

Sign up again!

Family/Person	Weekend	Mass time
Barbara Kaczorowski	Sept. 8	10:30
Arrive 15 minutes before your mass time and pick up (or drop off) materials in the sacristy.		



Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good. Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm.

Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end.

Amen.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### Greetings from the CRE...

We are working hard in the Christian Formation Office to make sure everything is ready for our students to return for a new PSR year. Classes resume on September 24 for grades 5-8 and September 29 for grades PK-4.

As always, I am extremely blessed and grateful to all of you for your continued support and prayers throughout the year. You are a wonderful example of what the *Body of Christ* exemplifies. Our faith tells us that God will always provide. He does and He did!! Alleluia!

- ALL PSR positions are filled! I am beyond grateful to those who answered God's call again to serve in our PSR ministry. With a few switcheroo's, everyone is returning!!
- We asked for "Wish List" items and within days they began showing up. Your generosity is overwhelming and always appreciated.

Now, we need to switch gears! Our "Envelope Fundraiser" kicks off September 7 & 8. This

fundraiser is to raise funds to help support the rising costs of running our program and to aid in tuition assistance for our families in need. We *never* turn away a family because they can't pay tuition. ALL students are eligible to receive Religious Education.



Keep an eye out for our display boards at all the entrances to church. Make sure to grab an envelope or two to help support religious education for our youth. Our Confirmation students decorated the envelopes again. What envelope will catch your eye this year?

With sincere appreciation,

*Erica Taylor*

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)



Religious Education Classes  
Grades PK – 9

**STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED  
BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS!**

Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/religious-education/> for information and/or to print the registration form or you can use this QR code.

For more information, contact Mrs. Erica Taylor, Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) at 302-653-4101 or [dre@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:dre@saintpolycarp.org)



## IN & AROUND THE DIOCESE



Even the unborn are *Children of God* and deserve to be remembered. Please join Erica Taylor for the **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children** on September 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at Holy Cross's Cemetery in front of the Memorial for the Unborn. If you would like to remember a child by name, please contact Donna Latteri (862-266-1099) or Erica Taylor (302-653-4101).

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD CATHOLIC RETREAT:

September 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget to check out our **Bulletin Overflow**  
[www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow](http://www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow)

## FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL



**UPDATE!** Thanks to your generosity, we have \$66,555.52 in pledges, surpassing our goal of \$61,500! Of that \$53,302.37 has been collected. It is important that everyone follows through with payments on pledges.

Once we reach our goal in collected donations, we will receive back half of the money collected above the goal for projects around our campus. Our parish is truly blessed by the generosity of our parishioners. For those who have not yet participated, we invite you to support the ministries of our Church community. Your donation, no matter the size, is a meaningful way to participate in our parish and diocese's life and mission. Visit [www.cdow.org/FAC](http://www.cdow.org/FAC) to donate.



## COLLECTIONS

### OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
August 25	\$3039.12	\$7	\$3046.12

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

SVDP/Poor Box	Holy Days	Parish Utilities
\$55	\$65	\$32
Cathedral of St. Peter	Share in the Spirit	PSR
\$50	\$12	\$2522

### AUGUST eGIVING

Offertory	Poor Box/SVDP	Holy Days	Cathedral of St. Peter
\$9,772	\$773.50	\$280	\$162

### MONTH TOTAL/YEAR-TO-DATE

Offertory	Received	Budgeted	Over/(Under)
July Total	\$25,625.18	\$26,500	(\$874.82)
Fiscal YTD	\$25,625.18	\$26,500	(\$874.82)

The Second Collection Next Weekend, September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, is for our Parish Utilities. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Did you miss a weekly offering while on summer vacation? eGiving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for our parish to receive your weekly offering and other Church support. eGiving through Faith Direct will also save you time while helping our parish reduce our expenses. Recurring, catch up and one-time gifts can be made.

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*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

Saturday, August 31

2:30 pm Confession

**4 pm MASS**

Sunday, September 1

**10:30 MASS**

Monday, September 2

**OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, September 3

**8:30 am MASS**

11 am – 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)

6:30 pm K of C 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Library)

Wednesday, September 4

**8:30 am MASS**

9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library)

1:15 pm Pinnacle Communion Service- Deacon Frank

6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)

Thursday, September 5

10 am Pathway to Peace (Library)

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

6:30 pm Facilities Planning Committee (Room 7)

7 pm K of C 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Business Meeting (Library)

Friday, September 6

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, September 7

2:30 pm Confession

**4 pm MASS - ADORATION**

4 pm PSR Envelope Fundraiser Kick-Off (CRE speaks at Mass)

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