

# ST. POLYCARP CHURCH

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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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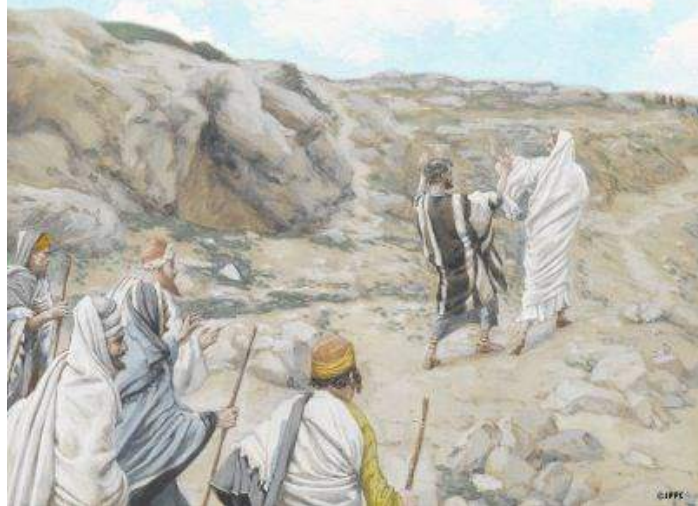
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me, Satan!  
YOU ARE AN OBSTACLE TO ME.

MATTHEW 16:23



## 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 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](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 3, 2023

**FAITH WITH FRIENDS**

*Would you like to learn more about Jesus?  
Come learn more about your faith with friends.  
Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6 pm - 8 pm in Room 7*

*Looking forward to seeing you!*

*Ashley Wilson (302) 535 – 4118*

*Join your friends for this*

*Adult Faith Formation Opportunity.*



**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

We're having a PICNIC at St. Polycarp!



Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 am Mass, is our Annual Parish Picnic! Please join us as we gather outside for:

**Fellowship! Food! Drinks! Water Ice!**

**Bounce House! And More!**

Please bring a side dish to share and a chair to relax on. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Curlett at (302) 222 – 9326 or Joyce Tolson at (302) 448 – 9678.

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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, CRE  
(Coordinator of Religious Education)  
(302) 653 – 4101 or  
[dre@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:dre@saintpolycarp.org)



**LET US PRAY**

*Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, September 2**

4 pm Lorraine Donnelly-Biggs  
Grace Howard  
Stephen Chambers

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

- Neda Biggs  
- Mary Grace Hutchinson  
- Carol Donahue

**Sunday, September 3**

10:30 am Wilbert R. Petrilla  
Vicente D. Lim, Jr.  
Barbara Dashiell

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Diane & Mike Dellinger  
- Dee Lim  
- Carol & Jack Molyneaux

**Monday, September 4**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, September 5**

8:30 am Aurelia Legayada - Dee Lim  
Linda Legayada - Dee Lim  
Living Intention - Dottie Patterson - SVDP

**Wednesday, September 6**

8:30 am Those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society  
Living Intention - Cathy Chambers - SVDP

**Thursday, September 7**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, September 8**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, September 9**

4 pm Larry Anderson  
Sylvia Vessels DuRoss  
Bonnie Thompson

**The Nativity of the**

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

**St. Peter Claver**

- Janet Anderson  
- James DuRoss  
- Theresa Dimeo

**Sunday, September 10**

10:30 am Parishioners

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church** burns in prayer for an increase in vocations.

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel** burns in prayer for all individuals heading to school.

**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 two months (eight weeks) unless other arrangements have been requested.

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

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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



**Prayer Chain** – To request prayers or to be part of our Prayer Chain, contact Laverne at [laverne427@icloud.com](mailto: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

- ~ Have you ever felt like God duped you? When?
- ~ How are you offering your life as a living sacrifice to God?
- ~ What crosses are you carrying as you seek to follow Jesus?

### COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES



After consultation with the Deans and the Presbyteral\* Council, Bishop Koenig is allowing the restoration of the practice of receiving from the cup. Father Jim, the Liturgy Committee, and the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are all discerning the best way to bring this back to St. Polycarp. Intinction (dipping The Eucharist into the Precious Blood) will still not be permitted in The Diocese of Wilmington. Please be patient as we prayerfully discuss the return of this reception of the True Christ Himself.

\*Presbyteral: a group of priests chosen to assist the local ordinary (Bishops and those who have certain powers of a Bishop in law) in an advisory capacity in the governance of a Roman Catholic diocese.



We are looking for more people to serve as sacristans! Sacristans have the duty to arrive early to the Church in order to unlock the doors and prepare the Church for Mass. Becoming a sacristan would be a great way to learn more about our beautiful liturgy and become more involved in carrying it out. No previous knowledge is required. If you are interested, please contact the head sacristan Adam Bauer at [ajpd.bauer@gmail.com](mailto:ajpd.bauer@gmail.com).

### CHALICE MINISTRY

The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. Sign up for a week by calling/texting Alice Gaston (302) 670 – 7924 or fill out the form (forms are located at all doors to the Church) and place it in the collection basket.

Family/Person	Weekend	Mass time
Irwin	Sept. 3	10:30

### FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – September 6<sup>th</sup> We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society



For all those who have no one to pray for them.

Jose Remigio	Flora Sevillena
Roberto Pingol	Petrilla Family
Robert H. & Carole D. Smith	Sylvia Vessels DuRoss
Delia Cantor	Amelia Ronquillo
William & Mary Etta Maycen	Joseph Gioiosa
Albino & Mary Gioiosa	Victor Chavez
Mary DePasquale	Kenneth & Margaret Burke
Louis & Angelina Arrighi	William E. Brown
Saber Family	Vicente D. Lim, Jr.
Sara Jean Brimson	Deacon Charles Robinson
Carmela Tupia	Walczak Family
Luigina & Preston Pendarvis	Rosina & Mario Chiusolo
Ponnampalam Sabanayagam	Jose Crisostomo
Sofia Crisostomo	Orlando Family
Lucita Dico	Camilo Arguelles
	Filomena Arguelles

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



This past June, we entered the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of the National Eucharistic Revival. This is the Year of Parish Revival. Last year was the Year of Diocesan Revival. The Year of Parish Revival will end with the culmination of the National Eucharistic Congress. This event will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Lucas Oil Stadium from July 17<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. They are expecting approximately 80,000 people to attend. The cost per person is \$375.00 (this does not include meals, lodging or transportation). If our parish can get 15 parishioners or more to attend, the cost drops to \$299.00 per person. **If you are interested in attending this magnificent event, please call Kathy MacDonald at (302) 653 – 8976 and leave me a voice mail or see Kathy after Mass.**

For more information, visit <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

## Saturday, September 9th

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, following Communion at the 4 pm Mass.

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.)

If you are concerned that this adds to the length of the Mass, it really doesn't. Instead of the closing hymn, the O Salutaris / O Saving Victim, is sung.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues for an hour. You do not need to stay for the entire hour. Spend some time with Jesus, as much or as little as you can, and when you are ready to leave, please leave quietly.

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.)

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### Greetings from the CRE...

As you can imagine, things are ramping up in the Christian Formation Office as preparations for the new PSR year are well underway. We are excited for the new year to begin!

As always, I am extremely blessed and grateful for all of you for your continued support and prayers. 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!



As you may remember, last year we introduced our "Envelope Fundraiser". This fundraiser is to raise funds to help support the rising costs of running our program and to aide in tuition assistance for our families in need. The support we received was magnificent!! We will kick off this fundraiser next weekend, September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. 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. What envelope will catch your eye this year?

With sincere appreciation,

*Erica Taylor*

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION MEETING NOTES - AUGUST 2023

- Catechetical Sunday is on the same day as our Annual Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Families will have the chance to meet their new PSR teachers and enjoy lunch, games, face painting, and dessert - Rita's Italian Ice!

- Girl Scout membership recruitment is underway. They will be holding an information night at St. Polycarp on September 7<sup>th</sup> during their regular troop meeting time (6 pm - 8 pm). If anyone is interested in joining Girl Scouts, please contact Tracie Bruno @ GSCBsu31@gmail.com or (302) 242 - 4150.

- All PSR positions have been filled. The first faculty meeting of the year is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>.

- PSR classes will begin on September 24<sup>th</sup> for Sunday morning classes and Confirmation; September 26<sup>th</sup> for Tuesday evening classes.

## PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

**Brother Vincent Columbiettes** will be selling **Boscov Passes** after Masses on **September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Profits from these sales help Brother Vincent Columbiettes support our many charitable activities. If you miss us on September 30<sup>th</sup> or October 1<sup>st</sup>, feel free to contact either Jill Mercer at (518) 795 - 7579 or MaryLois Barnas at (302) 388 - 3332.



**This event is Tuesday, October 18-2023 at any Boscov store.** Your \$5 shopping pass buys a full day of 25% Off Discount Shopping and a chance to win fabulous door prizes!

## Parish & Family Life - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Auction Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Doors will open at 5 pm. Auction starts at 6 pm. Proceeds raised will benefit Parish operational expenses and Ministry needs. Discounted advanced purchase of All-in Paddles will be \$40 through Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. All-in Paddles will be \$45 after Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to make a discounted advance purchase, contact Darlene Sanphy at (302) 270 - 3915 or [darpete87@comcast.net](mailto:darpete87@comcast.net) or Linda Montuori at (302) 270 - 5347 or [lindamontuori@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamontuori@yahoo.com).

## HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

### 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NUN RUN/WALK - SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

Little Sisters of the Poor - Jeanne Jugan Residence  
185 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713) For more information or to register, visit

<https://www.nunrun5k.org/>.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATES 75 YEARS!**

If you are a former parishioner, a Fatima alumni or friend of Fatima please join us for our Closing Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm with Bishop William Koenig presiding or make a reservation to attend our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner banquet. For more information, visit [www.olfnewcastle.com](http://www.olfnewcastle.com).



**50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING!**  
**AUGUST WINNER – \$35.00**  
**Congratulations to Dianne Rodney!!**

**\$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!**

**FAITH AND CHARITY APPEAL**

*It is important that everyone follows through with payments on pledges. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your payment reminder mailings.*

If your household has not participated, it's not too late! *Please prayerfully consider a donation and help Shine the Light of Christ throughout our Diocese. (Pledge cards can be found in the pews and at the doors of the Church.)*

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE**

**RESTROOMS**

The old bathrooms in the hallway outside of the Church will be getting some updates. The bathrooms will become single occupancy use. The partitions will be removed; chair height toilets and grab bars will be installed. There may be times that the bathrooms will be closed and you will need to use the bathrooms on the far side of the hall, near the classrooms or the bathroom in the cry room. We'll keep you updated as to when this will happen! **Thank you for your cooperation.**

**COLLECTIONS**

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
August 20	\$3305		\$3305
August 27	\$4223	\$35	

Collection	Poor Box SVDP	The Assumption
August 20	\$211	\$6051
August 27	\$2525	

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](http://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.*

The Second Collection next weekend, September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, will be for our Parish Utilities. Please be as generous as your means allow.



**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, September 2	12 pm Environment Committee 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS
Sunday, September 3	10:30 am BVM Corporate Communion 10:30 am MASS
Monday, September 4	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tuesday September 5	<b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 9 am Adult Faith Formation- Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 6:30 pm K o C 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree (Library)
Wednesday, September 6	<b>8:30 am MASS</b> 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 1:15 pm Pinnacle – Communion Service 6:30 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)
Thursday, September 7	10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6 pm Adult Faith Formation / Faith with Friends (Room 7) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 7 pm K of C 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Business Meeting (Library)
Friday, September 8	3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, September 9	12 pm Environment Committee 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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