

# 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.

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

**302-264-6630**

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC  
NEXT SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 15TH  
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 AM  
MASS

Parish  
Picnic



Fellowship! Food! Water Ice!  
Bounce House! Face Painting!  
A visit from Spiderman!

*23<sup>rd</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.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2024

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~ What signs have you seen of God's action in your life?  
~ How are you being invited to let go of distinctions and to embrace the marginalized in your community?  
~ Imagine Jesus saying, "Be opened!" to you. What is this new openness that he is inviting you to?

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



Calling all cooks! Have you decided yet what side dish you will be bringing to our Annual Parish Picnic next Sunday, September 15, after the 10:30 am Mass? Your food should be *pre-cooked* and brought to the picnic in *disposable containers*. We can provide serving utensils.

We will gather outside, behind the rectory, for Fellowship, Food, and Fun. Don't forget to bring a chair to relax on. Tell the kids there's a Bounce House, games, Face Painting by the Girl Scouts, and a visit from Spiderman. We will be selling 50/50 tickets so bring some cash. 1 ticket-\$1 or 25 tickets for \$20.

### ST. POLYCARP PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) Religious Education Classes - Grades PK – 9



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)



#### First Classes

Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm for grades 5-8  
Sunday, September 29 at 9:00 am for grades P/K – 4  
Keep an eye on your email for more information!

### LET US PRAY

### Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 7  
4 pm Frank & Jayne Marvian - Blessed Virgin Mary  
Bob Gallihar - The Marvian Family  
Living Intention- Elise Tappan - Carol Grove  
- The Marvian Family  
Sunday, September 8  
10:30 am Parishioners - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday, September 9  
No Mass - St. Peter Claver  
Tuesday, September 10  
8:30 am Michael Jock, Jr. - Michael Jock  
Charlotte Arcadia - Jack & Carol Molyneaux  
Wednesday, September 11  
8:30 am Debbie-Lynn Bryson - Michael Jock  
Reynaldo Rosales - Ruby Rosales  
Healing Intention for Kathy Watts - Sloven Family  
Thursday, September 12  
No Mass - The Most Holy Name of Mary  
Friday, September 13  
No Mass - St. John Chrysostom  
Saturday, September 14  
4:00 pm Bob Gallihar - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Margaret Anne Martin - Mary Grace & George Hutchinson  
Edward C. Fletcher - Robinson Family  
- Dianne Smith  
Sunday, September 15  
10:30 am Richard "Rusty" Arthur Chambers - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
- Paul Bonsignore & Michele Bonsignore  
Barbara Santiago - Joan Heller  
Diane Kravitz - John Kravitz

#### 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.

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 Gianjullo, J. R. Peck, Josefina Ocasio, Diana Bullins, Kenny Bullins, Bobby Bullins, Teresa Tier, Bridget O'Connell, Maureen Robinson, Robin Husman, Milli Burriss 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

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

### PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

**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.



**EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS  
OCTOBER 5, 2024**  
Ocean City (MD) Convention Center  
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>

**INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

*In addition to our own National Eucharistic Congress that recently occurred in July 2024, there is an International Eucharistic Congress occurring soon. The 53<sup>rd</sup> International Eucharistic Congress will take place in Quito, Ecuador from Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, to Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. EWTN will provide some coverage from this event. To view and check the latest times, visit <https://www.ewtn.com/tv>.*

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

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<sup>th</sup>, 2024, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church, 12 Winder Road, New Castle, DE. 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 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://facebook.com/CDOWMarianPilgrimage). A great way to prepare your heart for the October 5<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Congress in Ocean City!



**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
Use this QR code or visit  
<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

**LITURGY**

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Adoration, will take place, September 7<sup>th</sup>, following the prayer after Communion at the 4 pm Vigil Mass. All are invited to stay to pray and talk to God in your hearts.

**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

**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.

**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.

Family/Person	Weekend	Mass time
Barbara Kaczorowski	Sept. 8	10:30 am

## PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

### QUARTERS IN, PADDLES UP! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Join us for St. Polycarp's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quarter Auction on November 17<sup>th</sup> in Mother Drexel Hall.

🕒 Doors Open at 3:00 pm

Auction Kicks Off at 4:00 pm

Bring your quarters and get ready for an afternoon of fun, bidding, and great deals! Don't miss out on the excitement—it's going to be a blast!

See you there!

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### *Greetings from the CRE...*

Our PSR Faculty and all those in our parish involved in Faith Formation will receive a special blessing at Mass on the morning of our Parish Picnic. **September 15 is Catechetical Sunday!**

**The Catechetical Theme this year is: Matthew 25:37 – "Lord, when did we see you hungry?"** This verse from the Bible emphasizes the importance of compassion and kindness towards others. Jesus is teaching us that when we care for those in need, when we show love and support to others, it is as if we are doing the same for Him. This serves as a reminder that our actions towards others reflect our love for God.

**Will you help be the light in someone's life?** Many people in our community struggle to put food on their tables.

**Let's do our part and help feed those that are hungry!**

Our willingness to serve others shows God our willingness to serve Him. This is our duty and our responsibility!



students in PSR.

Our goal is to fill my car with food and bring smiles to those who need it! **Can you help us reach this goal next weekend?**

With sincere appreciation,

*Erica Taylor*

We will be collecting non-perishable food items at the picnic on **Sunday, September 15**. You'll find us along the tree line (near the dumpsters) where our catechists and assistants will be holding a Meet & Greet for their

## *Faith with Friends*

✨ \*\*Join Us for Faith with Friends!\*\* ✨ Looking for a way to deepen your faith and connect with a wonderful community? Come and join us for \*\*Faith with Friends\*\* on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am, right before the 10:30 am Mass! 🙏 Let's start our Sundays off with joy, inspiration, and friendship! See you on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in the Library! 🌿 ✨

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION UPDATES – AUGUST 2024

- Our Connected in Christ faith-sharing group that meets every Tuesday morning after Mass has been reviewing the FORMED series *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* with Bishop Cozzens. We have also been viewing many of the wonderful talks as presented at the National Eucharistic Congress. Those talks can be found on YouTube under *the National Eucharistic Congress*.
- St Polycarp's OCIA had its first meeting of the 2024-25 year on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. The Rite of Welcoming will be held on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- A new Girl Scouting year means new girls and new adult volunteers. Recruitment has begun. We are optimistic that we will have a Daisy, Brownie, Junior, and Ambassador troop meeting here at St. Polycarp. The Girl Scouts will be doing Face Painting at the Parish Picnic.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

An evening grief support group will begin here at St. Polycarp on Thursdays in October. Look for more information about the evening grief support group in future bulletins.

Before the support group begins, a series from **FORMED**, *"Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well"*, will be shown at 7 pm on four consecutive Thursdays: September 26 and October 3, 10, & 17. (Room location to be announced in future bulletin.)

In each of the four sessions -*The Story of Death, The Afterlife, The Hour of Our Death, and The Faithful Departed* – a half hour video will be shown, followed by reflective discussion. *"Eternal Rest"* presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness and compassion, so we can think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life.

The film series is separate from the grief support group and is not a prerequisite. Anyone interested in coming to all or any of the four "Eternal Rest" sessions is welcome!

## 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).

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

## FAITH & CHARITY APPEAL



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.cdown.org/FAC](http://www.cdown.org/FAC) to donate.



## COLLECTIONS

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the collection information for this past weekend will be in a future bulletin.

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

The **Second Collection next weekend**, September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, will be for our Parish School of Religion (PSR). The students enrolled in PSR are the future of our Church. Your generosity to this collection assists the Parish in providing the best possible religious education for our students. Thank you! Prayers for the students, parents, catechists, assistants, greeters, and hall monitors are always needed as well!

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, September 7

2:30 pm Confession

**4 pm MASS - ADORATION**

4 pm PSR Envelope Fundraiser Kick-Off (CRE announces at Mass) & Neda Biggs speaks briefly about National Eucharistic Congress

Sunday, September 8

**10:30 am MASS**

10:30 am PSR Envelope Fundraiser Kick-Off (CRE announces at Mass) & Neda Biggs speaks briefly about National Eucharistic Congress

Monday, September 9

11:30 am BVM Sodality (Church/Hall/Kitchen)

12 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Library)

6 pm Girl Scout Volunteer Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm OCIA Session (Hall)

Tuesday, September 10

**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)

6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Library)

6:30 pm PSR Faculty Meeting (Hall)

Wednesday, September 11

Patriot Day - Remembering 9/11

**8:30 am MASS**

9:30 am Professional Staff Meeting (Library)

6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Library)

Thursday, September 12

10 am Pathway to Peace (Library)

6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)

6:30 pm Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting (Library)

Friday, September 13

3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)

Saturday, September 14

2:30 pm Confession

**4 pm MASS**

**"You have all eternity to experience the presence of God, but you have a very short time to do something for Him."**

~ Mother Angelica, EWTN Foundress (1923-2016)

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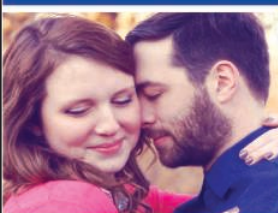
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